

**Regular Meeting #11-2012
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
March 6, 2012**

**Work Session
March 9, 2012**

Meeting with Jeanette Addington

The Commissioners met with Jeanette Addington to discuss the budget projections. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe. Also present were Jeff Barron, Jason Dolin, Shane Farnsworth, Staci Knisley, Ed Laramée, Dave Levacy, Branden Meyer, David Miller, Lisa Notestone, Jon Slater, and Tony Vogel.

Ms. Addington discussed the sales tax revenue, interest income and conveyance fees.

She stated that good strategic planning has allowed the county to be in this good shape. She stated that the casino revenue, a new revenue stream will be received. She used conservative numbers in her projections.

Commissioner Davis asked whether 2014 is the first year that the Local Government Fund (LGF) has been eliminated.

Ms. Addington stated yes.

Commissioner Davis asked what amount she used for the Engineer's allocation.

Ms. Addington stated that she used a reduced amount.

Commissioner Kiger asked whether the projections included the sales tax.

Ms. Addington stated that she has not removed the sales tax from either projection.

Commissioner Shupe asked for Ms. Addington's thoughts regarding the casino revenue.

Mr. Laramée stated that he believes the money will "come with strings." He stated that the State may direct where the money can be spent.

Ms. Addington asked whether this money will come in as special revenue money.

Mr. Laramée stated yes, possibly.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Engineer's allocation should be \$160,000 for 2013 and \$80,000 for 2014.

Ms. Addington stated that she would make changes to the projection if needed. She asked whether the casino revenue should be left in or taken out.

Ms. Knisley stated that David Conley recommended that it be left in.

Commissioner Davis stated that he does not want to have a projection that shows the LGF "wiped out," which is not a fact yet. He prefers that the rating agency not see this type of result that is an unknown.

Ms. Addington stated that she will use conservative figures for the casino revenue.

The meeting concluded at 9:29 a.m.

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, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe. Also present were Jeff Barron, Jason Dolin, Shane Farnsworth, Staci Knisley, Ed Laramée, Dave Levacy, Branden Meyer, David Miller, and Jon Slater.

Legal Questions Under Review and Prosecutor's Pending Items

▪ Lease for Humane Society

Mr. Dolin stated that he had spoken with Stephen Brown. He stated that Corey Schoonover will be bringing in plans for expansion later today.

Pending Items

▪ Public Safety Facility

Commissioner Kiger stated that the Commissioners need to start having a further discussion about this.

Commissioner Davis stated that the need is not immediate because of opening the facility at SCI.

▪ 2012 State of the County

The State of the County is scheduled for March 27.

Commissioner Davis stated that Commissioner Kiger will discuss the "Year in Review," Commissioner Shupe will discuss the collaboration and Commissioner Davis will discuss the look forward and finance.

Commissioner Kiger stated that the lunch will start with the program beginning at noon.

Commissioner Davis stated that the attendance at the State of the City Address was well attended.

Mr. Meyer asked Mr. Barron to place an announcement in the Lancaster Eagle Gazette regarding the State of the County.

▪ Request from Art Brate, re: Request for benches and trash containers

Mr. Meyer stated that Tony Vogel reported the inventory as follows: 3 trashcans, 5 benches and 6 picnic tables be given.

Because of the limited inventory, Commissioner Shupe stated that the Commissioners should not give out the entire inventory so there will be some left for any other requests that may come before the Commissioners.

Commissioner Davis suggested 1 trashcan, 2 benches and 2 picnic tables.

Commissioners Shupe and Kiger agreed.

Items that Need New Action/Attention- Requests and Review

▪ State Grant for Probation Department

Commissioner Kiger stated that he had spoken with John Baus from the Probation Department. He stated that Mr. Baus wants to apply for a grant, a dollar for dollar match and would like a letter of support. He stated that this is to purchase a new van. They last purchased a van 10 years ago.

▪ Request from Judge Laura Smith, re: Request to Reapply for Safe Havens Grant

Mr. Meyer stated that he had spoken to Judge Smith last week. She indicated that she would like to reapply for this grant. They had applied last year and were unsuccessful in obtaining the grant.

Commissioner Davis asked whether there is a match required with this grant.

Mr. Meyer stated that there is no match required.

The Commissioners agreed to provide a letter of support to include with the grant application.

Invitations

- None received.

Informational

- **Letter received from the Ohio State Beekeepers Association, re: Response to letter received from Mr. Brian Farmer.**

Commissioner Davis requested that Mr. Meyer schedule a meeting with the County's Apiary Inspector.

- **Letter received from Meals on Wheels, re: Levy Budget for 2013**

Commissioner Davis stated that this was provided for informational purposes only.

- **Referral letter received from Congressman Austria's office, re: Mr. James George**

Mr. Slater stated that Mr. George had requested exempt status as a church through the IRS, transferred his personal property into this entity. Mr. George complained to the Fairfield County Treasurer, but no application for exemption was filed with the county. He stated that there is a very large amount of delinquent taxes. He stated that the Treasurer and Prosecutor will be starting foreclosure action.

Mr. Laramee stated that no by laws for a church and no 501(c)(3) status have been filed with the county.

Commissioner Shupe asked what is located at the address of record.

Mr. Laramee stated that the listed address is Mr. George's house.

- **Email received from Ed Mohler, Fairfield County Veterans Service Commission**

Commissioner Davis stated that this email was regarding a potential change in funding from the State to the county VSOs.

Commissioner Shupe stated that the Commissioners usually have not cut funding to the Veterans Service Commission.

Informational

- **Request from Patty Bratton**

Commissioner Davis stated that Ms. Bratton requested Commissioner Davis to testify at the State House regarding House Bill 290. He stated that he was not prepared to testify on this matter and stated that the opposition hearings were not scheduled on the date that she wanted him to testify.

Review Session ended at 9:51 a.m.

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 beginning at 10:06 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe. Also present were Jeff Barron, Aunie Cordle, Jason Dolin, Linda Kauffman, Dave Levacy, and 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, February 21, 2012 and the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, February 28, 2012

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to table the approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, February 14, 2012 and the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, February 28, 2012.

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

Approval of Construction Drawings for the FAI-CR33A-0.00 Sign Upgrade Project [Fairfield County Engineer]

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of Construction Drawings for the FAI-CR33A-0.00 Sign Upgrade Project [Fairfield County Engineer], see Resolution 2012-03.06.a.

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

Approval of Establishment of Sanitary Sewer Easement- Election House Road [Fairfield County Engineer]

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of Establishment of Sanitary Sewer Easement- Election House Road [Fairfield County Engineer], see Resolution 2012-03.06.b.

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

Approval of a Service Agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and The Blair Foundation- New Wilmington, PA [Fairfield County Job & Family Services]

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of a Service Agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and The Blair Foundation- New Wilmington, PA [Fairfield County Job & Family Services], see Resolution 2012-03.06.c.

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

Approval of 2012 OCJS DLEF Grant Award for the Major Crimes Unit [Major Crimes Unit]

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of 2012 OCJS DLEF Grant Award for the Major Crimes Unit [Major Crimes Unit], see Resolution 2012-03.06.d.

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

Approval of Request for Payment and Status of Funds Report- FY 2010 CDBG Funds- DRAWDOWN for \$5,013 [Fairfield County Commissioners]

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of Request for Payment and Status of Funds Report- FY 2010 CDBG Funds- DRAWDOWN for \$5,013 [Fairfield County Commissioners], see Resolution 2012-03.06.e.

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

Approval of Advance from the General Fund to the ODOT- FY2010 Fund #3034- Subfund #8002- Fairfield County Airport/Commissioners [Fairfield County Commissioners]

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of Advance from the General Fund to the ODOT- FY2010 Fund #3034- Subfund #8002- Fairfield County Airport/Commissioners [Fairfield County Commissioners], see Resolution 2012-03.06.f.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Job and Family Services Resolutions

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

- 2012-03.06.g Approval of Payment of Invoices without an Appropriate Carryover Purchase Order for the ADAMH Board [Fairfield County ADAMH Board]
- 2012-03.06.h Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated for Department 1230- EMA- Fund 2707 Emergency Management Performance Grant [Fairfield County EMA]
- 2012-03.06.i Approval of Account to Account Transfer of Appropriations- Major Object Expenditure Category (2024- Motor Vehicle) [Fairfield County Engineer]
- 2012-03.06.j Approval of Account to Account Transfer of Appropriations- Major Object Expenditure Category (2024- Motor Vehicle) [Fairfield County Engineer]
- 2012-03.06.k Approval of Amended Certificate & request for Appropriations for Additional Unanticipated Receipts of Memo Expenditure- 3434 OPWC Payments [Fairfield Engineer]
- 2012-03.06.l Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated Funds, Motor Vehicle Fund 2024, the County Engineer [Fairfield County Engineer]
- 2012-03.06.m Approval of Amended Certificate & Request for Appropriations for Additional Unanticipated Receipts of Memo Expenditure- 3445 ODOT Payments [Fairfield County Engineer]
- 2012-03.06.n Approval of Payment of Invoices Without an Appropriate Carry Over Purchase Order, Fairfield County Job & Family Services [Fairfield County Job & Family Services]
- 2012-03.06.o Approval of Appropriate from Unappropriated Money (Fund #2377 Alt. School) [Fairfield County Juvenile Court]
- 2012-03.06.p Approval of Request for Voucher Payment Outside of Normal Processing for FUND #2394- CFLP Litter Enforcement [Fairfield County Sheriff]
- 2012-03.06.q Approval of Account to Account Transfer of Appropriations- Major Object Expenditure Category (2042- Enforcement & Education) [Fairfield County Sheriff]

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, March 6, 2012 [Fairfield County Commissioners]

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of Authorization for Payment of Bills, March 6, 2012 [Fairfield County Commissioners], see Resolution 2012-03.06.r.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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The Regular Meeting ended at 10:08 a.m.

Meeting with Carri Brown

The Commissioners met with Carri Brown to discuss the grant that was submitted. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe. Also present were Carri Brown, Jason Dolin, Shane Farnsworth, Ed Laramée, Dave Levacy, Branden Meyer, and David Miller.

Ms. Brown stated that she submitted the grant on time. She thanked Branden Meyer, Randy Carter, David Miller and Mark Conrad for their assistance in writing and compiling the grant. She stated that there will be about an 83.48% return on investment with this grant. She stated that the county will lose points because we have not had a performance audit that we can use. She stated the sewer/jet vacuum loan will be submitted in August.

Commissioner Shupe expressed her thanks to Ms. Brown for her work on this project.

Commissioners Davis and Kiger thanked Ms. Brown.

The meeting concluded at 10:24 a.m.

Meeting with David Conley

The Commissioners met with David Conley and Michael Burns to discuss the Commissioners' presentation to Moody's for the bond rating upgrade. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 10:39 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe. Also present were Michael Burns, David Conley, Aunie Cordle, Jason Dolin, Shane Farnsworth, Brian Kuhn, Ed Laramée, Dave Levacy, Branden Meyer, David Miller, Lisa Notestone, and Jon Slater.

Mr. Conley stated that the presentation needs to give the rating agency a feel of what Fairfield County is.

Mr. Farnsworth gave his "elevator speech" of Fairfield County. He stated that the businesses focus on advanced manufacturing, food processing, biomedical and energy.

Mr. Burns asked what types of energy companies are here.

Mr. Farnsworth stated they are suppliers.

Mr. Burns asked for examples.

Mr. Farnsworth stated Westerman Companies in Bremen has expanded; they make storage tanks and gauges. He stated that B. Hubbard has come back from Oklahoma, bringing more than 40 new jobs.

Mr. Conley asked for companies new and old.

Mr. Farnsworth stated SRI, which etches bottles and U.S. Corrugated which makes specialized packaging.

Mr. Conley stated that a company that plans to expand and a company that was planning to move, but decided to stay. He stated that Commissioner Shupe will discuss this.

Mr. Farnsworth stated that the workforce in Fairfield County is diverse laborers to PhDs.

Mr. Conley stated that “here’s where we are and here’s where we are going” needs to be discussed.

Commissioner Shupe stated that the county’s land use plan, which makes sure certain land be maintained for agriculture use is important.

Mr. Conley stated that the 45 minute drive time to major parts of central Ohio is important and the large number of college graduates is also important.

Mr. Conley suggested that the following new companies be used: B. Hubbard, SRI, and U.S. Corrugated and the following expanding companies: Westerman Companies, Diley Ridge Medical Center, Manifold Phalor, and Toxco.

Mr. Slater mentioned that Taylor Chevrolet just went through a major expansion.

Mr. Conley stated that retail expansion be discussed: Taylor Chevrolet, Taylor Square and Ety Road. He stated that many photos need to be used for a 15 minute presentation.

Commissioner Davis stated that a discussion about the 4 year term tax, then discuss making it permanent should be discussed.

Mr. Conley stated that this will take place during the budget process discussion. Fairfield County has a lower tax base than other places around; Fairfield County is the best option for people in Central Ohio.

The meeting concluded at 1:49 p.m.

Meeting with Corey Schoonover

The Commissioners met with Corey Schoonover Executive Director of the Fairfield Area Humane Society to discuss a lease amendment for the Humane Society. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 1:54 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe. Also present were Jason Dolin, Dave Levacy, Branden Meyer, and Corey Schoonover.

Ms. Schoonover stated that the current plans are for the quarantine building and the wooded area for a dog park. He stated that the woods need to be cleared for the building. He stated that AEP has cut down many trees between the land and the neighbor.

Commissioner Davis asked what is on the land now.

Commissioner Kiger mentioned the tree line bordering the Humane Society and the neighbor. He stated that he preferred if some of the trees remain along the edge of the property.

Mr. Schoonover stated that there is 30-40% of mostly dead fall.

Commissioner Davis asked whether Mr. Schoonover has heard anything negative regarding clearing the trees.

Mr. Schoonover stated no.

Commissioner Davis asked whether the lease is final.

Mr. Schoonover stated there are concerns.

Commissioner Davis asked whether the issues are legal or policy.

Mr. Dolin stated policy.

Commissioner Davis asked whether two weeks hurts his time schedule.

Mr. Schoonover stated yes, he would like the agreement approved soon.

Commissioner Davis asked whether the agreement could be approved next week.

Mr. Schoonover stated yes. He stated that he would provide landscape architect plans to the Commissioners by the end of the week.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Commissioners will approve the agreement next week and Mr. Schoonover should have someone could pick up the signed agreement after next Tuesday's meeting.

Mr. Schoonover agreed.

Commissioner Davis suggested that Mr. Schoonover be courteous and neighborly to the neighbors.

Mr. Schoonover stated the border fence is a split rail fence, not chain link so it will fit in with the woods. He thanked the Commissioners. He asked about having advertising spots for donors along the fence line.

Commissioner Davis stated that the messaging needs to be aesthetically pleasing.

Mr. Schoonover agreed that he would make sure that anything advertising would look nice.

The meeting concluded at 2:19 p.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 2:20 p.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, March 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Work Session- March 9, 2012

Meeting with David Conley

The Commissioners met with David Conley and Michael Burns to discuss the Commissioners' presentation to Moody's for the bond rating upgrade. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe. Also present were Michael Burns, David Conley, Aunie Cordle, Jason Dolin, Linda Kauffman, Brian Kuhn, Ed Laramee, Dave Levacy, Branden Meyer, David Miller, Lisa Notestone, and Jon Slater.

Mr. Conley stated that the Commissioners will need to explain how eminent the \$40 million problem is and how the jail will be paid for. He suggested having a follow up story to put structure to the topic, there is no organization to the story. The county needs a jail, but is it needed in the short term?

Mr. Laramee stated that he does not think that a jail will be built without going to the voters.

Commissioner Davis stated that if a plan is developed in the Commissioners' meeting, then the plan is ignored, what is the point to discuss anything if the agreed plans are not followed outside of the meeting.

Mr. Laramée stated that he does not expect anything to happen for 5 years.

Mr. Conley stated that his goal is to get the best outcome for the county and make Fairfield County look good from a financial perspective.

Commissioner Davis asked whether there is a risk of a downgrade.

Mr. Conley stated no. Fairfield County is the strongest Aa2 in the state.

Commissioner Davis stated that Commissioners Kiger and Shupe will most likely not agree on a location for the public safety facility.

Commissioner Shupe stated that the sales tax could be renewed with a portion dedicated to the public safety facility. She stated that location is the hurdle.

Mr. Laramée stated that sometimes the second news story isn't helpful or "gets rid of the problem."

Commissioner Shupe stated that all studies have shown that the Liberty Center is the best location for this.

Commissioner Kiger stated that the last study found the downtown site as the best location.

Mr. Laramée stated that the judges and attorneys have stated that state sentencing guidelines will change and the jail population could increase.

Mr. Conley stated that the process for determining location will take time. The Auditor's office will decide on the type of tax that will pay for this.

Mr. Laramée stated that the tax will be a voted tax.

Mr. Conley suggested that the Commissioners must agree that the public safety facility will not be built next year, one is needed in the future and the cost will be as low as possible. He suggested that a new revenue stream be created to pay for the facility, not use an existing revenue stream. He said that Moody's wants to know that this will not diminish the current financial outlook of the county.

It was noted that in an earlier newspaper article, Commissioner Kiger stated that an order could be issued by the state mandating that the county build a new facility. Mr. Conley stated that a judge would have to issue the order.

Commissioner Davis stated that the litigation track is 18 months and the likelihood of a case addressing all three existing facilities is not high. He stated that it would take many years.

Mr. Dolin agreed. He stated that this process would take years and it would be a rare occurrence for a federal court to take action. He stated that the SCI lease process with the state was cooperative.

Commissioner Shupe stated that the Commission President has written a monthly column for the newspaper.

Commissioner Davis asked whether Commissioner Shupe and Kiger want him to write one.

