

**Regular Meeting #24 - 2014**  
**Fairfield County Commissioners' Office**  
**June 3, 2014**

**Review**

The Commissioners met at 9:02 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jeff Porter, Branden Meyer, Lisa Notestone, Jeff Barron, Ray Stemen, Jim Bahnsen, Barrett Lawless, Jon Slater, David Miller, and a representative from the State Auditor.

**Executive Session to hold a Non-Public Meeting with the State Auditor's Office in accordance with ORC 121.22(D)(2)**

On the Motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to hold a non-public meeting with the State Auditor's Office in accordance with ORC 121.22(D)(2) at 9:03 a.m.

Discussion: Commissioner Davis stated that the following be present: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Levacy, Commissioner Kiger, Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Branden Meyer, Jon Slater, representatives from the Prosecutor's Office, and Representatives from the State Auditor's Office.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 9:03 a.m.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger

**Review Continued**

The Commissioners met at 9:08 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jeff Porter, Branden Meyer, Lisa Notestone, Jeff Barron, Ray Stemen, Jim Bahnsen, Barrett Lawless, Jon Slater, Aunie Cordle, Tony Vogel, David Miller, and a representative from the State Auditor.

- **Legal Update**

Mr. Porter stated he did not have a legal update.

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- Administration and Budget Updates/Carri's List

- a. Tussing Road Building Update

Ms. Brown reported that the review packet included some pictures of the Tussing Road Government Services Center. She thanked Mr. Vogel, Mr. Keller, Mr. Barker, Mr. Carter and their teams for the work they accomplished to prepare the Tussing Road Government Services Center for its first operations as a shared building. Juvenile Court, Job and Family Services, and others will be the first service providers in the newly prepared building. In fact, Juvenile Court has conducted its first business at the building yesterday. Ms. Brown reported that she received a nice email from Michael Orlando, Court Director, who reported that the court officials were thrilled with the opportunity and looked forward to increasing services at the building.

Further, on Friday last week, Ms. Brown had a teleconference with Health Department officials who are interested in the satellite location for WIC operations on Fridays. They would share office space with others for the remainder of the week. She also received a call from Mike Gavin with Veteran Services who reported interest in the building for Veteran Services. Many other departments, including the ADAMH Board, report a high degree of interest in the conference space, which should be available around the end of the year. All of the work for the conference space will be done in-house. The overarching goal is to use existing building assets to improve customer service for the people we serve, saving some travel time for some customers in the Violet Township and Pickerington area. This improves our collective customer service. Groups who are located in that area may want to use the conference space, too. Ms. Brown has received a lot of positive feedback about this effort and she encouraged everyone who was working on this project noting that much has been accomplished while managing multiple responsibilities.

Mr. Levacy asked if the signage was done and if there would be scheduling to use the building.

Ms. Brown stated that Mr. Keller would be working on the sign which would say "Fairfield County Tussing Road Government Service Center." An electronic scheduling system will be implemented and used.

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On the Motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to hold a non-public meeting with the State Auditor's Office in accordance with ORC 121.22(D)(2) at 9:14 a.m.

Discussion: Commissioner Davis stated that the following be present: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Levacy, Commissioner Kiger, Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Branden Meyer, Jon Slater, representatives from the Prosecutor's Office, and Representatives from the State Auditor's Office.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 10:03 a.m.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger

**Review continued**

The Commissioners met at 10:03 a.m. to continue review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Jeff Porter, Branden Meyer, and Jon Slater.

Commissioner Kiger stated at 10:03 a.m. that the Commission would take a six minute recess before the Regular Meeting.

**Commissioners' Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 3, 2014 beginning at 10:07 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Dennis Keller, Jeremiah Upp, Jim Bahnsen, Jeff Barron, Barrett Lawless, Ed Laramée, Jon Slater, Donna Fox-Moore, Todd McCullough, Paul Kemmer, Tony Vogel, Aunie Cordle, Ray Stemen, Jeff Porter, and Lisa Notestone.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Kiger asked everyone to rise as able, and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Announcements**

Commissioner Kiger asked Ms. Elsea if there were any announcements. There were no announcements.

**Public Comment**

Commissioner Kiger asked if anyone from the public who would like to speak or offer comments.

Mr. Paul Kemmer of 2659 Elder Road B, Lancaster, Ohio stated that he supports public health in the county and the strengthening of the Board of Health. He spoke at the last Board of Health meeting and stated the board members were more concerned with getting popcorn than hearing what he had to say. He continues to be concerned with public health of the community.

**Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, May 27, 2014**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for Tuesday, May 20, 2014.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

**Approval of the Commissioners' Office Resolutions**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners Office resolutions:

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| 2014-06.03.a | A resolution to ratify the approval authorizing the signature of application forms for the Community Housing Improvement Project Grants and authorizing the Board President to sign future related CHIP documents. [Commissioners]                              |
| 2014-06.03.b | A resolution approving authorization to submit the Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program Grant Application to the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development for the FY 2014 two-year funding period. [Commissioners] |
| 2014-06.03.c | A resolution authorizing the award of contract, notice to proceed and notice of commencement for a CDBG Formula FY2012 project for the Village of Pleasantville Community Center Emergency Generator Project [Commissioners]                                    |

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- 2014-06.03.d      A resolution authorizing the County Auditor to assess and place on the tax duplicate delinquent sewer rentals for the Buckeye Lake Sewer System for the dates of February 15, 2014 through March 15, 2014 [Commissioners]
- 2014-06.03.e      A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]
- 2014-06.03.f      A resolution approving and authorizing the Fairfield County Commissioners to sign the PUCO Certification Application for Governmental Aggregators and Fairfield County Electric Power Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance. [Commissioners]
- 2014-06.03.g      A resolution to authorize a disbursement from fund #2804, the Treasurer's DTAC fund, for the Fairfield County Land Reutilization Corporation, the Land Bank [Commissioners]

Discussion: Ms. Brown reported that the Land Bank resolution was a disbursement to the Land Bank from the Treasurer's DTAC fund, documented in the Land Banks minutes, by a letter of the Treasurer, and with financial records.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:  
Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

**Approval of the Dog Shelter Resolution**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Dog Shelter resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer; see resolution 2014-06.03.h.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:  
Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

**Approval of the EMA Resolution**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the EMA resolution to amend the certificate & request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts for EMA funds 2723 SHSP Grant FY09; 2774 Hazard Mitigation Grant FY10; and SHSP Grant FY09; see resolution 2014-06.03.i.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:  
Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

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**Approval of the Engineer's Office Resolutions**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Engineer's Office resolutions:

- 2014-06.03.j      A Resolution to set a Commissioner's viewing date of June 24, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. and a final hearing date of June 24, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. to determine the necessity for establishing, altering, and widening of Pleasantville Road, Greenfield Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. [Engineer]
- 2014-06.03.k      A resolution of amended certificate, update receipt, increase appropriations, appropriate from unappropriate, account to account and fund to fund transfer for FAI-CR71-0.93 Julian/Strickler intersection improvement project [Engineer]
- 2014-06.03.l      A resolution to amend the certificate, update receipt line item & request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts of memo receipts and memo expenses for fund 3445 MAD-34 Bridge Replacement Project [Engineer]
- 2014-06.03.m      A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for an overnight stay for a CEO traffic and roadway conference [Engineer]
- 2014-06.03.n      A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for the FAI-CR71-0.93 Julian/Strickler Intersection Improvement Project. [Engineer]

Discussion: Mr. Upp stated that resolution J was for a bridge replacement and resolution K was additional expenses needed for a project that will be awarded to the Shelly Company. He added that resolution L was for another bridge replacement and resolution M was for a conference he attended for continuing education.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

**Approval of the JFS Resolutions**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following JFS resolutions:

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- 2014-06.03.o      A resolution to amend the certificate, update receipt line item & request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts for fund 2599 WIA, JFS. [JFS]
- 2014-06.03.p      A resolution regarding a Purchase of Service Contract between Fairfield Information Services & Associates, LLC, d.b.a. American Court Services and Job & Family Services [JFS]
- 2014-06.03.q      A resolution regarding a Purchase of Service Contract between Community Action program Commission of the Lancaster-Fairfield County Area and Job & Family Services [JFS]

Discussion: Ms. Cordle stated that resolution O was for a work incentive program. The agency was fortunate to receive additional funding from other counties who were not able to use all of their allocations from the state. JFS is thankful for the opportunity to grow their program.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

**Approval of the Payment of Bills Resolutions**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Payment of Bills resolutions:

- 2014-06.03.r      A resolution to approve the payment of a vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders for all Departments that are approved by the Commissioners [Auditor- Finance]
- 2014-06.03.s      A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval [Commissioners]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

Ms. Elsea announced that the next regular scheduled meeting for the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Kiger stated at 10:15 p.m. the Commission would take a short recess.

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The Commissioners met at 10:20 a.m. to continue review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jeff Porter, Branden Meyer, and representatives from the State Auditor's office.

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On the Motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to hold a non-public meeting with the State Auditor's Office in accordance with ORC 121.22(D)(2) at 10:21a.m.

Discussion: Commissioner Davis stated that the following be present: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Levacy, Commissioner Kiger, Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Branden Meyer, Jon Slater, representatives from the Prosecutor's Office, and Representatives from the State Auditor's Office.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 10:45 a.m.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger

**Meeting with Bill Bradish**

The Commissioners met with Bill Bradish, with Palmer Energy, at 10:46 a.m. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Staci Knisley, Bob Snaveley, Bill Bradish, Ray Stemen, Dennis Keller, Ed Laramée, Jon Slater, Jeff Barron, Barrett Lawless, and Todd McCullough.

Mr. Bradish stated the next step in the energy aggregation process would be for the Commissioners to become a certified aggregator through the PUCO. The application must be signed and notarized. It also includes a governance plan. Once received, the PUCO has 30 days to approve. Once the application is approved, Palmer will issue an RFP (which should be around July 4<sup>th</sup>).

Mr. Levacy asked if Fairfield County would be advertised with other counties.



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Mr. Bradish stated they would as there is power with numbers. They are still on a timeframe for savings to be realized by October/November.

Ms. Brown asked if the Commissioners would need to go through the process again if other entities were to join.

Mr. Bradish stated that they would not need to go through the process again and the new entities would just be added in the new RFP.

Ms. Brown asked if a link could be put on the Commissioners' site linking to the RFP.

Mr. Bradish stated that Palmer would be sending the RFP to all PUCO certified vendors and that the Commissioners would not advertise.

Mt. Kiger asked how the proposed rate drops from AEP affected this.

Mr. Bradish stated this was just on generation costs, but that he believed AEPs rate drops would be on transmission costs.

Ms. Brown asked if the Commissioners should issue a press release about the RFP.

Mr. Bradish stated that would be great and that they should wait until the RFP dates are established.

**Review continued**

The Commissioners met at 10:50 a.m. to continue review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Staci Knisley, Ray Stemen, Dennis Keller, Ed Laramée, Jon Slater, Jeff Barron, Barrett Lawless, and Todd McCullough.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Land Bank – Resolution/Moving Ohio Forward

- Ms. Brown reported that the voting pattern included a resolution that follows up on the Land Bank action of approving a withdrawal from the Treasurer's DTAC fund for \$100,000. The warrant of the County Auditor once prepared should be held for Treasurer Bahnsen, who will pay the check into the segregated account of the Land Bank. The formal name of the Land Bank, the Fairfield County Land Reutilization Corporation, is noted on the Commissioners' resolution.

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Ms. Brown reported that the next Land Bank meeting is June 10 at 2 pm.

On Wednesday of last week, we received notice that the Attorney General's office had approved an extension of the Moving Ohio Forward phase 1 funds through September 30, which is helpful in providing some additional time for complex demolition projects.

**b. Clarence E. Miller Building Update**

Ms. Brown provided an update on the Clarence E. Miller building question. The Facilities Operations Management crew and law enforcement have been monitoring the building and doing what they can to secure the unoccupied building. The Board of Commissioners has a summary of the steps that would need to be taken if there is consideration given to selling or transferring the property. We are in the process of acquiring a quote for services from a specialist who can identify boundaries of the cemetery.

Ms. Brown showed some pictures of equipment that would potentially be used in this effort. She indicated that in the future, there would likely be a need for a new fence for the cemetery along with a new memorial or marker prior to the potential transfer of any property.

For the parcel correction that came to the attention of the Board following the public meeting about the Clarence E. Miller building, we believe that the Land Bank can serve as a "straw man" for the correction, and that will be a subject for the next Land Bank meeting.

**c. Jail Project – Final Report expected July 7<sup>th</sup>**

Ms. Brown reported that the final report from Bennett and Williams is expected on or about July 7. The vendor is working with various departments of the EPA, and that agency's availability is a factor in the time for the report.

While the bidding documents are not yet prepared, we have enough information about the project to believe that our projected timeline is still on target. The three commissioners, the executive director, the county auditor, and potentially the county treasurer should plan to travel to New York for a rating conference with Moody's sometime between September and November of this year. Subject matter experts within the offices should plan to be available by telephone when the rating conference occurs. As information solidifies, we will share that with everyone. Yesterday, in a meeting with Rockmill Financial, Ms. Brown and Ms.

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Knisley (and Mr. Slater for a portion of the time) reviewed the process for issuing financing instruments. There is a complex process coordinating the issuance of debt with the multiple steps relating to the construction process.

During the administrative meeting with Rockmill Financial, the concept of a "not to exceed" resolution for issuing bonds was discussed. The resolution would be for the Board of Commissioners to authorize the issuance of bonds in an amount not to exceed \$29,500,000 (for example). Such a resolution could be amended, and the resolution would not require the issuance of bonds ultimately. The timing is right for such a resolution, as it would effectively preserve millage within the ten mill limit. There would be less than a single mill needed (as an estimate) for the project, and there are 2.8 mills of the 10 mill limit available at this time. During the administrative meeting yesterday, Jon Slater agreed that such an action should be explored. Ms. Brown requested authorization to move forward with a draft.

**Public Hearing – Energy Aggregation**

The Commissioners held a Public Hearing to discuss Energy Aggregation at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Holly Mattei, Bill Bradish, Bob Snavelly, Jeff Barron, Barrett Lawless, Dennis Keller, Ray Stemen, and other interested members of the public.

Mr. Bradish stated the hearing was the next step as a result of four entities (Walnut and Richland Townships and Millersport and Rushville) passing Energy Aggregation Ballot issues. The hearing was required by the Ohio Revised Code and was to explain the next steps and answer any questions. The Board of Commissioners will become a certified aggregator through the PUCO. This is expected to take roughly a month.

Once the certification is approved Palmer will issue RFPs to get the best energy rate. Mr. Bradish expects this step to take place in early July. At that point they will know the energy rate and term. Once a supplier is selected that supplier will collect the database and contact all eligible household giving them an opportunity to opt-out of the program. A second letter will then be sent as a final opt-out option. Once the supplier has the list of participants the participants will start seeing the savings (expected in October/November).

Those serviced by REAs or already in a contract will not receive the letter and will not be included in the program. They can, however, join if they are on another contract, but should wait until the end of their current contract to avoid an early termination fee. Participants can opt-in at any time at no charge. If someone wants to opt-out once the

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program has started they will have to pay a fee (probably around \$50-\$75). This is an opportunity to get a better rate than the rate you'd have if you didn't do anything.

A participant asked how long the term would be and what happens if the supplier has to buy more energy.

Mr. Bradish stated that they are usually two years in length and that the participants will have the same rate no matter how much energy is consumed or if the supplier exceeds the capacity.

Commissioner Kiger closed the hearing at 11:17 a.m.

**Review continued**

The Commissioners met at 11:18 a.m. to continue review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin, Jeff Barron, Barrett Lawless, Dennis Keller, Ray Stemen, Ed Laramée, and Jon Slater.

- **Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List**

- a. **Announcements/Highlights of any Proclamations or Resolutions**

BRAVO to CPS and all of the hard work they did to provide a celebration at Liberty Center for foster, adoptive, and kinship parents. They performed a short play, a murder mystery. Everyone had a good time engaging with one another and acknowledging the common purpose of improving the quality of life for abused and neglected children. A community partner, Victory Hill church provided a treat – a coupon for babysitting sponsored by their youth group. Victory Hill also came forward in an effort to support Anchor Hocking employees, as many people read in the article in the Eagle Gazette. Thanks to everyone for building strong communities by caring.

BRAVO to the Facilities Operations Management team. Ms. Brown reported that Branden Meyer reported how diligent the team was in answering multiple requests. Further, Rhonda (the I-Force worker) has received two written compliments relating to the cleanliness of the Ag Center. These compliments came within a week of one another, and there seems to be a high degree of satisfaction in the cleanliness of the building.

On the voting agenda for June 10, there is a proclamation proposed to honor Adult Protective Services and to bring awareness to the importance task of protecting our older citizens and preventing elder abuse.

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- Old Business

- a. Energy Aggregation

Ms. Brown stated the Board of Elections re-count saw no changes in the results of the energy aggregation votes. Millersport, Rushville, Richland Township, and Walnut Township passed their issues for energy aggregation. Public hearings were set for June 3 at 11 am and 6 pm to discuss the electric power aggregation plan of operations and governance. Representatives from Palmer Energy will lead the meetings.

- New Business

- a. ADAMH Board Reappointment

Ms. Brown reported Pat Marshall is the current ADAMH Chair, and the ADAMH director indicates a desire for the reappointment for Mr. Marshall, and even though he will likely retire in the midst of his new term, the continuity for a period of time is a good thing. Rachel Elsea will prepare a resolution for the reappointment for June 10.

- b. Walnut Township into Thurston Annexation

Rachel Elsea reported receipt of a Walnut Township annexation into Thurston. There is no contest surrounding this particular annexation.

- c. Request from the Humane Society

On Friday, May 30, Commissioner Kiger met with Corey Schoonover with the Humane Society. Mr. Schoonover proposed two letters to be signed by Commissioner Kiger before June 7. The letters are in the review packet just as they were presented to Commissioner Kiger. They were drafted by Mr. Schoonover to show support for a PetSafe Bark contest. The review packet also includes screen shots from the PetSafe website. The letters were adjusted to suit needs and were placed on letterhead.

Mr. Levacy stated there was opposition to cutting down the trees at the top of the hill.

Ms. Brown stated that she would have Mr. Keller connect with Mr. McCullough and Mr. Schoonover.

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**Motion to authorize Commissioner Kiger to sign letters of support for Bark in the Park.**

On the Motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board voted to authorize Commissioner Kiger to sign letters of support for Bark in the Park.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

- General Correspondence Received
  - a. Regional Planning Commission Agenda (packets in your boxes)
  - b. Thank you recognizing clean facilities (Ag Building)
- Calendar Review/Invitations Received
  - a. Lancaster Chamber Business After Hours – Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
  - b. gratzi a tutti Grand Opening – Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. in Pickerington
  - c. Ohio AG's Drug Abuse Community Forum – Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. in Grove City
  - d. Adult Workforce Recognition Ceremony at the Eastland Career Center – Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Eastland Career Center.
- FYI
  - a. Annexation Received – Expedited Type 2 – Liberty Township to Baltimore
  - b. Thank you from Perry Orndorff
  - c. Upcoming Master Gardeners Events
  - d. ODSA Monitoring Report
  - e. Pickerington Senior Center Newsletter – June 2014
- Issues Bin – n o items

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- Open Items

At 12:00 p.m. Commissioner Kiger stated the Commission would be in recess until the 1:00 p.m. public hearing.

**Meeting with Veterans Services**

The Commissioners met with Veterans Services at 1:05 p.m. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Staci Knisley, Mike Gavin, Debra Snoke, Park Russell, Al Mohler, Ken Gregg, Chuck Keller, and Mayor Dave Smith.

Mr. Gavin stated the VSC was concerned with the building across the street and feel that the Ag Center is too far. They found 601 West Fair Avenue that meets their needs. They like the privacy it would provide for the veterans. The property is listed at \$179,999 recently dropped from \$199,000. Some remodeling will need to be redone. They have already spoken to Randy Carter about IT issues. There is plenty of parking for both their vans and veterans. The VSC wanted to meet with the Commissioners prior to speaking to Mr. Keller about the property. They also looked at space next to the Community Based Outpatient Clinic but the rent was \$4,000 a month and major renovations would be required. He asked the Commissioners for their thoughts.

Mr. Russell added that the Ag building was a good building but the location was less than ideal. They need to be close to the clinic as veterans regularly frequent the clinic. The location is critical due to veterans' transportation issues. They realize the property is pricey, but their budget can handle it. The building is very accessible and has a great conference space. The building is, however, in a floodplain.

Mr. Levacy stated his number one objective is to support the veterans and added that if the building meets their needs, he supports it.

Mr. Kiger asked what their timeline was.

Mr. Gavin stated they didn't really have one, but hoped to be moved by the first of next year. He added that they had also looked at a handful of other properties.

Mr. Russell added that they wanted to be close to the bus lines.

Mr. Kiger asked how the parking was.

Mr. Russell replied that there were at least 17 spots.

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Ms. Brown asked who owned the property.

Mr. Gavin stated a gentlemen who does medical billing owns it.

Mr. Davis stated he appreciated the VSC's due diligence and added that a move may be necessary regardless. The building looks good and he encouraged the VSC to proceed with their analysis.

Mr. Levacy added it would be prudent to do an appraisal.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Dolin is the Commissioners would take ownership of the building and the land as opposed to the VSC.

Mr. Dolin stated that was correct.

Mr. Gavin stated that they have also thought about having a satellite office at the Tussing Road building to serve veterans in the northern part of the county as demand is high there. They hope to have office hours on Tuesdays and Thursday.

Ms. Brown stated that may also present other opportunities to integrate with multiple agencies.

The Commissioners were in consensus of reviewing the option further and instructed Ms. Brown to guide Mr. Keller in this effort. Each of the Commissioners thanked the Veteran Services Commission and employees for their service.

At 1:25 p.m. Commissioner Kiger stated the Commission would be in recess until the 6:00 p.m. public hearing.

**Public Hearing – Energy Aggregation**

The Commissioners held a Public Hearing to discuss Energy Aggregation at 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Holly Mattei, Bill Bradish, Bob Snavelly, Rayna Moellendick, James Snyder, and Jim Wallace.

Mr. Bradish stated the hearing was the next step as a result of four entities (Walnut and Richland Townships and Millersport and Rushville) passing Energy Aggregation Ballot issues. The hearing was required by the Ohio Revised Code and was to explain the next steps and answer any questions. The Board of Commissioners will become a certified aggregator (hold the paperwork) through the PUCO. This is expected to take roughly a month. Once the certification is approved Palmer will issue RFPs to get the best energy rate. RFPs will be sent to the certified PUCO suppliers (12-13 in all). Mr. Bradish expects this step to take place in early July. At that point they will know the



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energy rate and term (typically two years). Once a supplier is selected that supplier will collect the database and contact all eligible household giving them an opportunity to opt-out of the program. A second letter will then be sent as a final opt-out option. Once the supplier has the list of participants the participants will start seeing the savings (expected in October/November). Those serviced by REAs or already in a contract will not receive the letter and will not be included in the program. They can, however, join if they are on another contract, but should wait until the end of their current contract to avoid an early termination fee. Participants can opt-in at any time at no charge. If someone wants to opt-out once the program has started they will have to pay a fee (probably around \$50-\$75). This is an opportunity to get a better rate than the rate you'd have if you didn't do anything.

Mr. Wallace asked what happens if someone is in a contract with AEP Energy.

Mr. Bradish stated that if AEP retail is the chosen supplier they should be allowed to change programs. If they are not selected those individuals would need to opt-in. He added that budgeting can also be an issue and if AEP win they can do both, if not, then you can only budget your transmission costs, not generation costs. He also stated that suppliers are looking at correcting this so that budgeting can still be done. Those on assistance programs would not be eligible and would not receive a letter.

Mr. Levacy asked what the current rates are.

Mr. Bradish replied that governments are seeing roughly \$0.07 per kilowatt hour which is higher than households see.

Mr. Snyder asked if the process is different for entities who are just now putting issues on the ballot.

Mr. Bradish stated that it was as the county would not need to apply to be an aggregator or hold the hearings. They would see a much shorter process and would go straight to the RFP. The new entities would also see shorter terms so that their contracts expire with the rest of the entities in the Commissioners program.

Commissioner Kiger closed the hearing at 6:19.m.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, on the motion of Dave Levacy and a second of Mike Kiger the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn 6:20 p.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger

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The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

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Motion by:

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Seconded by:

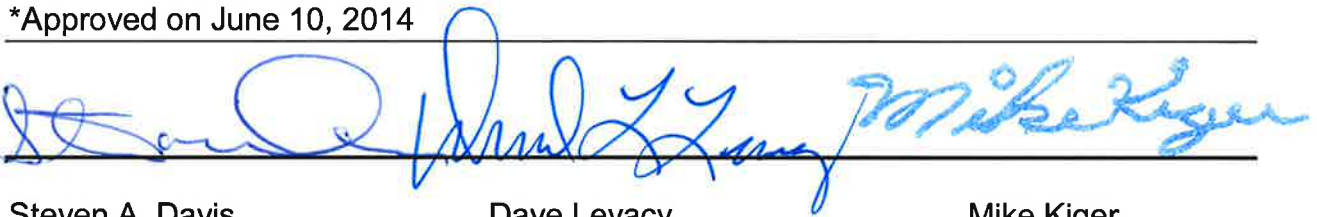
that the June 3, 2014, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

\*Approved on June 10, 2014

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Steven A. Davis  
Commissioner

Dave Levacy  
Commissioner

Mike Kiger  
Commissioner

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Rachel Elsea, Clerk