

**Regular Meeting #10-36  
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office  
August 31, 2010**

**9:00 Meeting with Greg Eyerman**

The Board of Commissioners met with Visitor & Convention Bureau Director Greg Eyerman for a quarterly update. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Mr. Eyerman provided an update on the recent lodging tax revenues that fund the activities of the VCB, stating the numbers for the first two quarters of 2010 are down approximately 12%, but are still better than the 2009 numbers. As a result, the VCB reduced some expenditures but has continued to aggressively market Fairfield County to visitors.

Commissioner Myers asked how many employees were with the VCB, and Mr. Eyerman stated there are only two – himself and Kathy Laveck. Mr. Eyerman stated they have been actively utilizing volunteers, and the Lancaster Eagle Gazette printed the 2010 Visitor's Guide for the VCB, although it was about 3 months late. On the positive side, the guide has lead to over 5,000 direct contacts from individuals, and they are trying to direct interested visitors to the VCB website for additional information.

Commissioner Shupe asked what the overall budget for the VCB was, and Mr. Eyerman stated it is pretty much was they take in through the lodging tax revenues, and they are hoping the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter numbers will be better – the third quarter is traditionally the best period.

Commissioner Myers asked how much impact the Lancaster Festival has for the VCB, and Mr. Eyerman stated for the VCB the impact is not great, but it is very beneficial for Lancaster area businesses. Most festival attendees are not overnight guests, unlike the recently relocated State American Legion baseball tournament, which lasted several days and sold out nearly all area hotel rooms.

Mr. Eyerman stated the Festival was somewhat nervous about the potential conflict the tournament would have since they both occurred during the same time, but the Festival was not impacted since the bulk of the baseball games occurred during the weekdays.

Commissioner Myers noted the Gus Macker tournament was down somewhat this year, and Mr. Eyerman stated it may have been due to the date change and it being held over Father's Day weekend. Commissioner Myers asked if there would be an Air Show this year, and Commissioner Kiger stated the Airport Board decided not to hold one this year due to weather concerns.

Mr. Eyerman noted one disappointment was the move of the Jazz & Ribfest from Pickerington to Canal Winchester due to alcohol concerns, and Commissioner Shupe stated she had received feedback that it was still a good event.

Mr. Eyerman noted that hotel stays in Pickerington are doing OK, but those hotels mostly cater to transient travelers along the I-70 corridor. He did note the American Legion Tournament was a big boost for Lancaster hotels.

Commissioner Shupe stated that ball tournaments to seem to fill up hotel rooms, and asked if there had been any reconsideration for constructing fields near Carroll on the Utilities property. Commissioner Myers stated he had recently spoken with Dave Fey about the proposal and Mr. Fey told him if he could finish Smeck Farm and Rock Mill he believes he could bring in \$400 million of economic activity to the county, which seemed to be a very high estimate.

Mr. Eyerman noted another new event is the Ohio Municipal League is holding their state convention in Lancaster this year. Commissioner Myers noted that Mayor Bob Kalish of Baltimore is the League's President this year, which certainly had to have some influence.

Commissioner Myers asked Mr. Eyerman if he believed a countywide transit system would have a positive impact on travel and tourism, and Mr. Eyerman stated if Lancaster had a convention center it would probably have a greater impact.

Mr. Eyerman noted the Ohio Barn Conference is also coming to the county, and would bring in approximately 100 visitors in April of 2011. Commissioner Myers asked if the lodging tax revenue was tracked per hotel, and Mr. Eyerman stated he has asked the Auditor for such information, but has been unable to obtain a breakout. Commissioner Myers suggested he take that issue up with Mr. Slater once he takes office.

Mr. Eyerman stated the VCB has developed a new mobile website for folks with smart phones to take advantage of – it is much easier to navigate with a smart phone than the traditional website, and currently 25% of the cell phones in use are smart phones, and the estimate is that number will increase to 50% by the end of 2011.

Commissioner Shupe asked if there is an extra cost for the website, and Mr. Eyerman stated there is, but they have a very good working relationship with the VCB webmaster so the cost is reasonable, plus they partnered with the state when they created theirs, which also helped keep costs down.

Commissioner Shupe asked who maintains the website, and Mr. Eyerman stated Carol Swinehart, and the VCB was one of her initial clients back in 2001, so they have a very good relationship. All the VCB does is update their calendar of events, and Carol does the rest.

Mr. Eyerman stated they recently ran into a conflict involving a publishing company out of Geneva in Ashtabula County that was selling unauthorized Visitor's Guides and soliciting area businesses for ads similar to what the Fairgrounds encountered.

Commissioner Shupe stated those businesses should be contacted and advised not use that company.

#### **9:30 a.m. Meeting with Tony Vogel**

The Board of Commissioners met with Utilities and Facilities Director Tony Vogel for an update on various projects. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Jon Kochis, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Mr. Vogel provided an update on the Prosecutor's continued request to address parking issues at the Government Service Center (GSC) and Hall of Justice, stating that Mr. Landefeld is now asking about parking for the Grand Jury members. Commissioner Kiger asked how many members were on the Grand Jury, and Mr. Dolin stated 9, but there would also be witnesses and others.

Commissioner Shupe thanked Mr. Vogel and his staff for the work in completing the move of the Prosecutor's Office, and Mr. Vogel stated everything went smoothly. Commissioner Shupe asked when the building would be officially renamed and dedicated, and Commissioner Myers stated like several other buildings, locals have just come to call it the JFS Building. Commissioner Shupe stated she thought all had agreed to call it the Government Center, and Mr. Zody stated the Board had previously agreed to call it the Government Service Center. Commissioner Shupe asked how the building signage would be changed, and Mr. Vogel stated his thought was to change the signage at ground level rather than on the building itself as that would be more cost effective and easier to maintain.

Regarding the parking situation, Mr. Vogel stated that he had informed Mr. Landefeld that he would provide him a map of available parking for the Grand Jury and also provide certain "in & out" parking for all employees in the building, including JFS and EMA employees as well as Prosecutor employee – it would be first come, first served for all. Commissioner Kiger expressed concern over how that would be enforced, and Mr. Vogel stated the agencies would need to cooperate and self-enforce the policy.

Mr. Vogel noted that the previous day he had been down at the building and noticed that Mr. Landefeld had parked in a visitor's parking spot, and he is working on a repaving project for the lot.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the "in & out" spaces would be marked, and Mr. Vogel stated they would. Commissioner Myer asked how the Grand Jury parking would be addressed, and Mr. Vogel stated they could use the visitors spots, which would be a much better situation than they currently face with parking around the Hall of Justice.

Mr. Zody noted that Mr. Kochis would like to have one spot reserved for the EMA SUV, and Commissioner Kiger stated he thought the Board had previously OK'd that request. Mr. Kochis stated his office uses the vehicle, and is concerned about parking it across the street where security is not as efficient – the vehicle is a \$75,000 piece of equipment, and contains the control panel for the county warning sirens.

Commissioner Myers asked if there was any space in the former car wash for the vehicle, and Mr. Kochis stated that facility is already full with trailers and other equipment. Commissioner Kiger asked if the vehicle could be parked in the Maintenance Garage, and Mr. Zody noted it might be in the way after hours with the housekeeping staff and other maintenance vehicles. Mr. Vogel stated it is not that far if the vehicle is parked across the street, and Mr. Kochis noted that in the event of threatening weather, he would want the vehicle close by. The Board approved assigning one space for the vehicle in the GSC lot.

Mr. Vogel stated he would like to address the cleaning contract with a Prosecutor's Office employee. The employee has a contract to conduct periodic cleaning in the Wilson Building, but Mr. Vogel does not believe that arrangement is needed with the Prosecutor now being in the GSC, especially since the Board recently hired Bob Holland to do housekeeping in the building in addition to doing the mail.

Commissioner Kiger noted that the employee was being paid \$135 per week, which is not insignificant. Commissioner Shupe asked if the arrangement with Mr. Holland was working, and Mr. Vogel noted he had just begun his dual duties, but his hope is that it will work, or if Mr. Holland needs assistance, Mr. Vogel would assign some of the night crew to assist and finish what Mr. Holland is unable to accomplish.

Mr. Dolin stated the only issue might involve sensitive documents being left on desks where they could be compromised. Commissioner Myers asked how often the employee cleaned the Prosecutor's Office, and Mr. Dolin stated he believed she cleaned once per week. Commissioner Kiger asked what time the Prosecutor's Office employees come to work, and Mr. Dolin stated most come in between 6 and 7 a.m.

Commissioner Kiger asked if notice needed to be provided to the employee, and Mr. Vogel stated he was not sure, since the contract was specific to cleaning the Wilson Building. Commissioner Kiger stated he believed that it would still be proper to provide notice, and Mr. Dolin agreed.

Commissioner Myers suggested the Board could provide the 30 day notice and continue to pay the employee. Commissioner Kiger asked when the cleaning usually occurred, and Mr. Dolin stated he believed she cleaned on the weekends.

Commissioner Myers stated he did not view this as a large issue, and Commissioner Shupe suggested terminating the contract at the end of September. Ms. Krisley noted

that she did not believe the employee would ask to be paid if she was not expected to clean during the 30-day period.

Commissioner Kiger asked how many hours the employee works during the week, and Ms. Knisley stated she was not sure. Commissioner Myers stated he had a concern about cleaning while people were in the office, as it could be a disruption, and Ms. Knisley noted that Mr. Holland's hour could be adjusted.

Mr. Vogel stated he would also like to move forward with filling Wayne Dwyer's position, now that Mr. Dwyer has taken a disability separation, and noted he has a good candidate for the position.

Mr. Vogel stated he would like to approach the fairgrounds relative to reclaiming some of the buildings on county property that the fair uses for equipment storage. Right now, they are open face sheds and he would like to install doors on a few of them and store county equipment in them. Commissioner Myers stated the county has allowed the fair to use the buildings, and the Board directed Mr. Vogel to contact Dave Benson and explore possibilities.

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

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 31, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Ritta Seitz, Jon Kochis, Carl Burnett Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

#### **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

#### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

#### **Approval of Minutes of Tuesday, August 24, 2010**

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for Tuesday, August 24, 2010.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

#### **Approval of Authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$3,300,000 of bonds for the purpose of paying part of the cost of a Utilities Department Administration building and matters related to such bonds**

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve Authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$3,300,000 of bonds for the purpose of paying part of the cost of a Utilities Department Administration building and matters related to such bonds, see resolution 10-08.31.a

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

#### **Approval of request for payment and status of funds report – FY2008 NSP1 Funds – Drawdown #225**

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a request for payment and status of funds report – FY2008 NSP1 Funds – Drawdown #225, see resolution 10-08.31.b

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

**Approval of Delinquent Sewer Rentals – Licking County Water & Wastewater**

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve Delinquent Sewer Rentals for Licking County Water & Wastewater, see resolution 10-08.31.c

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

**Approval of grant agreement – Fairfield County Airport – Airport Development and Acquisition of Land – Grant #3-39-0044-2010 – FY2010**

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a grant agreement – Fairfield County Airport – Airport Development and Acquisition of Land – Grant #3-39-0044-2010 – FY2010, see resolution 10-08.31.d

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

**Approval of authorization to accept the FY2010 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) Grant Award from the Ohio Department of Development Office of Housing and Community Partnerships**

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the authorization to accept the FY2010 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) Grant Award from the Ohio Department of Development Office of Housing and Community Partnerships, see resolution 10-08.31.e

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

**Approval to Certify Drainage Maintenance Districts to the Fairfield County Auditor**

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to certify Drainage Maintenance Districts to the Fairfield County Auditor, see resolution 10-08.31.f

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

**Approval of Engineers resolutions**

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve resolutions for the Engineer as follows:

10-08.31.g                      Approval of Contract with the Shelly Company for the 2010 Resurfacing Project -  
Engineer

10-08.31.h                      Approval of Notice of Commencement for the 2010 Resurfacing Project -  
Engineer

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

**Approval of Software Maintenance Agreement by & between Fairfield County Job & Family Services and Maximus, Inc.**

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a Software Maintenance Agreement by & between Fairfield County Job & Family Services and Maximus, Inc., see resolution 10-08.31.i

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

**Approval of Job & Family Services resolutions**

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve resolutions for Job & Family Services as follows:

10-08.31.j Approval of a Contract Amendment by & between Fairfield County Job & Family Services and Tiffany Lyons

10-08.31.k Approval of a Purchase of Service Contract by & between Fairfield County Job & Family Services and ETAT Enterprises, LLC

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

**Approval of Amended Certificate resolutions**

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve amended certificate resolutions as follows:

10-08.31.l Approval of amended certificate, update receipts, increase appropriations, account to account and fun to fund transfers – Motor Vehicle Fund #3434

10-08.31.m Approval of amended certificate and request to appropriate from unappropriated for additional unanticipated receipts – Engineer #3434 – OPWC Payments

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

10-08.31.n Approval of Advance from the General Fund – NSP1 Grant Fund #2748

10-08.31.o Approval of Advance from the General Fund – FY2008 HOME Fund #2731

10-08.31.p Approval of Fund to Fund Transfer – Insurance/General

10-08.31.q Approval to Account to Account Transfer - Auditor

10-08.31.r Approval to Account to Account Transfer - FACFC

10-08.31.s Approval to Account to Account Transfer - Airport

10-08.31.t Approval to Account to Account Transfer - ADAMH

10-08.31.u Approval to Account to Account Transfer – Treasurer

10-08.31.v Approval to Account to Account Transfer - Treasurer

10-08.31.w Approval to Appropriate from unappropriated – GIS/Auditor

10-08.31.x Approval to Appropriate from unappropriated – Juvenile Court

10-08.31.y Approval to Appropriate from unappropriated – Engineer

10-08.31.z Approval to Appropriate from unappropriated – JFS

10-08.31.aa Approval to Appropriate from unappropriated – Adult Probation

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of Authorization for Payment of Bills, August 31, 2010, check date September 3, 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, August 31, 2010, check date September 3, 2010, see resolution 10-08.31.bb

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voiting 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 Tony Vogel, Jon Kochis, Carl Burnett, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Mr. Vogel reported that he, Mr. Zody, Mr. Dolin and others will be meeting with the Health Department later in the day to discuss housing options. Commissioner Kiger stated he would strongly advocate finding a location within the Health District, and not necessarily within the city, since they will no longer be a member. Mr. Vogel noted it may be difficult to find a good location, and Commissioner Shupe suggested looking in the Coonpath Road area or Carroll. Mr. Kochis noted there is a small strip center across Route 33 from the Tractor Supply store that is currently vacant.

Commissioner Myers asked about the current facility, and noted that the Board has had some discussions on the Miller Building and are not sure if they want to take it back. Commissioner Shupe stated it would be good to know what it might cost to demolish the building. Mr. Dolin stated the Combined District could sell or lease the facility but one of the unknowns would be what to do with the proceeds from a sale or lease – they might have to be used for District purposes.

Commissioner Myers asked what happens after January 1, and Mr. Dolin stated he is not exactly sure, as that is one area of the Attorney General's opinion that was silent. Commissioner Kiger asked if the Health District would still own the building, and Mr. Zody stated they would not – the building was transferred to the Combined District, which will cease to exist after December 31<sup>st</sup>, and the property could not be transferred to the General Health District because it would not be reconstituted until after January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Dolin stated the AG opinion suggested that some solution be derived and the Health Department could determine what to do with the property prior to dissolving.

Commissioner Myers asked if the District could sell the building and Mr. Dolin stated they could. Commissioner Shupe asked if the proceed would have to be used for District purposes, and Mr. Dolin stated that it would appear so, or they could use the proceeds for new housing.

Commissioner Myers stated that at one time OULancaster had expressed an interest in the building but with their current budget situation they may not have any resources to

purchase the structure, let alone renovate or demolish it. Commissioner Myers asked if the Board should consider accepting the building, and Mr. Zody suggested allowing him to get some input and feedback from the meeting with the Health Department later in the day that he could bring back to the Board.

Mr. Kochis requested the Board consider allowing him one assigned parking space at the Government Service Center for the EMA Suburban. Commissioner Myers asked Mr. Kochis if he drove his personal vehicle to work, and Mr. Kochis stated all of the EMA employees drive their personal vehicles to work, and from time to time all four employees may take the Suburban to meetings or other EMA functions. Currently, the EMA has 4 spaces assigned to them for their use.

Commissioner Shupe noted the plan is to designate a certain number of spaces for employee-only "in & out" parking, and Mr. Kochis stated he believes that will be difficult to manage and suggesting assigning agency specific "in & out" spaces. Commissioner Myers stated he was not opposed to assigning one space for the Suburban, but had concerns relative to agency specific spaces, noting that on some days, those spaces would be empty and unused.

Regarding the proposed back up generator for the Courthouse, Commissioner Kiger stated the Board would need to make a decision soon. Mr. Zody stated that he, Ms. Knisley, and Mr. Vogel would be meeting on Thursday to discuss the capital budget and prioritizing projects. Commissioner Kiger stated his concern is the loss of productivity of employees every time the power goes out. Commissioner Myers asked if Mr. Zody would be bringing a list of priorities back to the Board, and Mr. Zody stated he would bring back a list for the Board to review and approve.

Commissioner Kiger if the Personnel Policy Manual addressed employees driving county vehicles to lunch, noting that last week he witnessed a Maintenance employee at a local restaurant with a county vehicle. Mr. Vogel stated that the policy has varied in the past, and the direction he has given the Maintenance staff is that if they are close to the location they are planning to eat at, it is OK to take their county vehicle and eat rather than driving all the back to the Maintenance Shop for their personal vehicle. That saves time. Commissioner Shupe asked if there was a problem, and Commissioner Kiger stated not at this time, but he wanted to have clarification on what the policy or guidance was for these situations.

Mr. Kochis asked if the sheds at the Fairgrounds were obtained for county use, that he be involved and consulted prior to any items being moved from the former car wash building to the Fairgrounds. Mr. Vogel stated he would not relocate any items without seeking Mr. Kochis' input.

Commissioner Myers asked Mr. Vogel if the plans were finished for the Utilities Administration Building, and Mr. Vogel stated they were.

Commissioner Shupe noted the Board had met with the Visitor's and Convention Bureau earlier in the day and the question came up relative to the ball diamonds in Carroll, and asked if Mr. Vogel was aware of any new developments. Mr. Vogel stated he would be willing to revisit the issue, but had not heard any recent news.

Mr. Dolin reported that he has been working on the Election House Road property acquisitions and legal descriptions with Greg Heaton, as well as revising the rules for the Board of Revision.

The Board directed Mr. Zody to work with Tammi Jo's catering for the upcoming Budget Retreat, and they would consider Blue Moon Catering the following year.

The board discussed a letter from David & Laura Karch relative to a leaking septic system in their neighborhood that is causing problems with their property. Commissioner Kiger stated he is somewhat familiar with the issue, and what happened

is when the subdivision was built, lines were put in to empty the sewers into a creek and the line has been cut and is interfering with some of the homeowners septic systems.

Commissioner Shupe stated this appears to be a Health Department issue, and suggested directing the Karch's to the Health Department or Paul Martin.

**11:30 a.m. Meeting with Bill Vance**

The Board of Commissioners met with Pickerington City Manager Bill Vance to discuss issues of mutual concern. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carl Burnett, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Mr. Vance introduced himself and thanked the Board for the opportunity to meet. Mr. Vance began his duties on July 1<sup>st</sup>, and has been in local government since 1994. He has worked in communities in North Carolina, Virginia and Florida prior to coming to Ohio. Commissioner Myers asked where in Florida, and Mr. Vance stated he was the City manager for Lady Lake, which is a small city adjacent to The Villages retirement community.

Mr. Vance stated he was there in 2004 when the community took two direct hits and one partial hit from hurricanes, plus a tornado in 2007, so he obtained some very good emergency management experience. In fact, after the hurricanes of 2004, the city had contracted in advance with companies to respond in the event of a natural disaster, and it paid off in 2007 when the tornado struck.

Mr. Vance reported that he has overseen over \$100 million in commercial developments and over \$75 million residential development. He stated he is enjoying working in Pickerington, and his two top priorities are customer service and accountability.

Commissioner Shupe asked if Mr. Vance has had an opportunity to be involved with the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance, and Mr. Vance stated he has met with Shane Farnsworth on a couple of occasions already and believes that Pickerington and Fairfield County provide many opportunities for each other. One area Mr. Vance is exploring is growth management opportunities, and he working to set up opportunities for developers and businesses to come in a meet with various city officials in "one-stop" meetings to discuss needs and enhance customer service.

Commissioner Myers asked if Pickerington had had any thoughts of rejoining the health District, and Mr. Vance stated that Pickerington is committed to Franklin County for 2011, but he would be open to exploring possibilities for 2012. Commissioner Shupe stated a concern she has is that Pickerington sees themselves as more of Franklin County than Fairfield County, and Mr. Vance stated he believes that Pickerington associates itself as part of Fairfield County.

Commissioner Shupe noted that over the years the county has located several facilities in Pickerington, including a Sheriff's substation and Clerk of Courts satellite office. Mr. Vance stated there have been some issues prior to his arrival with the Health Department and getting responses, and he is intending to explore service levels.

Mr. Vance asked if there is anything he could do to work with the county, and noted that economic development talks are going well and there is a disaster planning exercise scheduled for the Spring of 2011. Commissioner Myers stated he would like to know why the Violet Festival is always scheduled at the same time the Lancaster Festival is scheduled, as that seems counter-productive. Commissioner Shupe stated that is just more of the mentality that Pickerington is not part of the county.

Mr. Vance stated he was not aware of the history of the issue, but sees the potential benefit to both communities by having separate dates for the festivals – in fact, one issue Pickerington ran into this year for the Violet Festival was that they were unable to contract with the Sheriff for additional law enforcement officers because they were

already committed to the Lancaster Festival. Commissioner Myers stated it is in both entities best interests to support each other.

Mr. Vance stated he would be interested in working with the Utilities Department, and Commissioner Myers stated there are both formal and informal agreements with Pickerington. Commissioner Shupe noted that Pickerington and Violet Township have also had a history of disagreements, and Mr. Vance stated he has a good working relationship with Bill Yaple and the trustees thus far.

Mr. Vance stated his number one priority for this year is job creation, and Commissioner Shupe stated the Revolving Loan Fund Committee just added a Pickerington attorney to the Board. Commissioner Myers suggested Mr. Vance contact Tony Vogel to set up a meeting and tour of the County utility facilities in the area.

Mr. Vance stated he would keep the Board informed in the event of any Health Department changes or updates, adding the main concern he was hearing was level of service. The city is trying to focus on bringing office and professional service businesses to the city.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the city had any "job-ready" sites, and Mr. Vance stated a lot of that depends on resources, and the city was too generous in the past with some incentives but is still well-positioned to attract new businesses.

Commissioner Shupe asked if sufficient utilities are available at the sites the city is attempting to develop, and Mr. Vance stated there is water and sewer infrastructure in place.

Commissioner Myers asked if the city had received any stimulus funding, and Mr. Vance stated he was aware of a road paving project, but that was it.

Commissioner Myers asked Mr. Vance for his thoughts on expanding the Lancaster Public Transit system to a county wide system, and Mr. Vance stated the city is interested and is contributing \$10,000 to LPT to help out, and Violet Township is also contributing. Commissioner Shupe stated the subsidy helps reduce costs, and Commissioner Myers stated coordination seems to be the biggest concern.

**Review, cont.**

The Board discussed a recent meeting of the county Public Safety Committee with Mr. Zody. Commissioner Shupe asked if a funding proposal had been worked out, and Mr. Zody stated he has some questions pending with Dave Conley of Baird and needs to speak with Ed Laramee when he returns from medical leave about the county debt limit. Mr. Zody stated the consensus of the committee remains to locate the facility downtown and there was no desire to go to the voters with any levy or ballot proposal for funding, so the question remains how to fund it.

Commissioner Shupe stated she would not support a downtown site, and Commissioner Kiger stated he would not support the Liberty Center if a downtown site is viable. Commissioner Myers stated he is not ready to make any decision on a site until funding options are provided.

Commissioner Shupe asked how the facility would be funded without new revenue or a levy, and Mr. Zody stated that is what he needs to discuss with Mr. Laramee and Mr. Conley is working on some options that might allow the Board to defer debt service payments until a new facility is opened and the monies being spent to house inmates in other counties could be diverted to debt service and the county would be in a position to sell bed space and use those funds for debt service as well.

Commissioner Shupe stated that if the facility needed to be built utilizing existing funding, then the other county elected officials and department heads would have to

face having less funding for the foreseeable future. Commissioner Kiger stated that is what he had stated in the meeting, and noted that all county agencies would need to be cut back, and Commissioner Shupe agreed.

**For the Record**

Mr. Zody reported that he had received a petition for annexation from the Village of Millersport to annex a portion of county owned land known as Lancaster Street into the village. The petition was submitted under ORC Section 709.16. Mr. Zody will forward the petition to the County Engineer for review, and prepare a resolution for the Board to consider for approval of the annexation.

**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 11:55 a.m.

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voiting 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, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010 AT 10:00 A.M.**