

**Regular Meeting #07-18
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
April 24, 2007**

9:00 a.m. Viewing of Babbert Road

At 9:00 a.m., the Board viewed Babbert Road relating to a petition to vacation portions of Babbert Road. Attending the viewing were: Commissioners Kiger, Myers, and Shupe. Also attending were Carri Brown, Frank Anderson, Jeff Camechis. E.C. Babbert, Louis Haines, and Terry Dunlap.

Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers, and Judith K. Shupe. Also present were: Carri Brown, Michele Thomas, Jennifer Boggs, David Landefeld, Michael Orlando, and Nikki Bannister.

Announcements

Carri Brown reported that the May 1st meeting for the Board of Commissioners will begin at 1:00 p.m.

There were two proposed resolutions to add on to the agenda. The first add-on was for appropriations from unappropriated funds for the Fairfield County Family, Adult, and Children First Council. The second add-on was an additional bill list.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes of Tuesday, April 17, 2007 and Approval of Minutes of Friday April 20, 2007 – Bond Rating Review

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith K. Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes of April 17, 2007, and April 20, 2007.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Proclamation of Recognition

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to Approve a Proclamation of Recognition for Fairfield County Victims Rights Week; see item 07-04.24.a.

Discussion: David Landefeld was present to receive the proclamation. David also presented a certificate of appreciation to the Board of Commissioners to thank the Board for their support of the VOCA grant and Victims' Rights.

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

Approval of items relating to the County Engineer

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Judy Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve several resolutions relating to the operations of the County Engineer as noted below.

- 07-04.24.b Approval of Emergency Weight reduction for the BER-19 Bridge – Fairfield County Engineer

- 07-04.24.c Approval of the Construction Drawings for the 2007 Resurfacing Project – Fairfield County Engineer

- 07-04.24.d Approval of contract with Eagle Bridge Co. for the BER-20 Maple Street over Rush Creek Bridge Replacement Project – Fairfield County Engineer

- 07-04.24.e Approval of Notice of Commencement – Maple Street over Rush Creek Bridge Replacement Project – Fairfield County Engineer

- 07-04.24.f Approval of advertising for the 2007 Chip and Seal Project – Fairfield County Engineer

- 07-04.24.g Approval of advertising for the 2007 Resurfacing Project – Fairfield County Engineer

07-04.24.h Approval of hiring M E Companies Inc. to perform Professional Engineering Services for the Valentine Road Phase 1 Project – Fairfield County Engineer

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Personnel Policy Manual for Fairfield County employees

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to *Table* the Personnel Policy Manual for Fairfield County employees; see resolution; see resolution 07-04.24.i.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval to dispose of a vehicle from the fixed asset and insurance records of the county – Fairfield Juvenile Court/Fairfield County Board of Commissioners

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the disposal of a vehicle from the fixed asset and insurance records of the county – Fairfield Juvenile Court/Fairfield County Board of Commissioners; see resolution; see resolution 07-04.24.j.

Discussion: Mike Kiger asked if the resolution was to clean up paperwork, and Carri responded affirmatively. The resolution was to clean up the records of a stolen vehicle.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of an appointment of a Board Member of the Fairfield County District Library Board of Trustees – Mr. Ronald L. Keaton

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an appointment of a Board Member of the Fairfield County District Library Board of Trustees – Mr. Ronald L. Keaton; see resolution 07-04.24.k.

Discussion: Jon Myers stated that Mr. Keaton would be a great addition to the Library Board.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of an extension of a lease agreement between the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners and the State of Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction – Fairfield County Hall of Justice

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an extension of a lease agreement between the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners and the State of Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction – Fairfield County Hall of Justice; see resolution 07-04.24.l.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of an extension of a lease agreement between the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners and the Ohio Department of Public safety, Bureau of Motor Vehicles District 2 Office, Deputy Registrar Office and Ohio State Highway Patrol Drivers' Examination Station – Title/License One Stop, 980 Liberty Drive

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an extension of a lease agreement between the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners and the Ohio Department of Public safety, Bureau of Motor Vehicles District 2 Office, Deputy Registrar Office and Ohio State Highway Patrol Drivers' Examination Station – Title/License One Stop, 980 Liberty Drive; see resolution 07-04.24.m.

Discussion: Judy Shupe reported that the One Stop has been a tremendous win-win situation. Jon Myers agreed.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of two resolutions relating to parking space leases

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe , the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an amendment to a lease for parking spaces with Lancaster Glass Corporation – Fairfield County Commissioners (see resolution 07-04.24.n) and approve an amendment to a lease for parking spaces with the Fairfield County Municipal Court– Fairfield County Commissioners (see resolution 07-04.24.o.).

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Provider Contract by and between Fairfield County Job and Family Services and Lisa Wells

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a provider contract by and between Fairfield County Job and Family Services and Lisa Wells; see resolution 07-04.24. p.

Discussion: Michael Orlando reported that the independent contractor route was being used in order to contain costs and still complete quality adoption assessments.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Quarterly Report for the 2007 OCJS Grant Award – Fairfield – Hocking Major Crimes Unit

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Quarterly Report for the 2007 OCJS Grant Award – Fairfield –Hocking Major Crimes Unit; see resolution 07-04.24.q.

Discussion: David Landefeld reported that the Major Crimes Unit has been very successful and productive. David had concerns about the grant funding being reduced, and he hoped that the program would continue.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of various financial related resolutions

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve various financial related resolutions as noted below.

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| 07-04.24.r | Approval of account to account transfer – Fairfield County Engineer |
| 07-04.24.s | Approval of account to account transfer – Fairfield County Engineer |
| 07-04.24.t | Approval of Amended Certificate & increase receipt account and reduction of appropriations – Fairfield County Engineer |

- 07-04.24.u Approval of Memo Expenditure – Fairfield County Engineer
- 07-04.24.v Approval of fund to fund transfer – 2nd quarter General Fund allocation – Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center
- 07-04.24.w Approval of partial repayment of an advance to the General Fund – FY05 CDBG Formula Fund # 2647
- 07-04.24.x Approval of repayment of an advance to the General fund – FY05 CHIP Fund # 2661
- 07-04.24.y Approval of account to account transfer – Fairfield County Auditor
- 07-04.24.z Approval of account to account transfer – Fairfield County Auditor
- 07-04.24.aa Approval of account to account transfer – Fairfield County Commissioners/Maintenance
- 07-04.24.bb Approval of account to account transfer – Fairfield County Commissioners/Electronic Monitoring
- 07-04.24.cc Approval of account to account transfer – Fairfield County Clerk of Courts
- 07-04.24.dd Approval of account to account transfer – Fairfield County Clerk of Courts
- 07-04.24.ee Approval to appropriate from unappropriated – Fairfield County Data Processing
- 07-04.24.ff Approval of Memo Expenditure – Fairfield County Job and Family Services
- 07-04.24.gg Approval of Memo Expenditure – Fairfield County Job and Family Services
- 07-04.24.hh Approval of account to account transfer – Fairfield County Job and Family Services

- 07-04.24.ii Approval to appropriate from unappropriated, fund to fund transfer – 2006 payin correction Police Revolving fund – Fairfield County Sheriff/Commissioners
- 07-04.24.jj Approval of account to account transfer - Fairfield County Sheriff
- 07-04.24.kk Approval of account to account transfer – Fairfield County Emergency Management
- 07-04.24.ll Approval of account to account transfers – Fairfield County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities
- 07-04.24.mm Approval of payment of a voucher without an appropriate carryover purchase order – Fairfield County Coroner

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

Approval of the payment of bills

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the payment of bills, for the bill list dated April 27, 2007; see resolution 07-04.24.nn.

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

Approval of appropriations from unappropriated funds for the Fairfield County Family, Adult, and Children First

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve appropriations from unappropriated funds for the Fairfield County Family, Adult, and Children First; see resolution 07-04.24.oo.

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

Approval of the payment of bills

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the payment of bills, for a bill list dated April 27, 2007; see resolution

07-04.24.pp.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Review Session

The Board of Commissioners met at 10:15 a.m. to review correspondence, pending items, and future action items. Present at the review session were Judith Shupe, Mike Kiger, Jon Myers, and Carri Brown, David Landefeld (for a portion of the meeting), and Nikki Bannister (for a portion of the meeting).

Topics discussed included: pending items with the County Prosecutor, access management & the composition of an appellate board, CCAO conference dates, budgetary issues, parameters to communicate to all departments and offices, proposals for consideration, and correspondence from the Board of Commissioners.

The meeting with the Prosecutor originally scheduled at 2:30 p.m. was moved up because David Landefeld was available for the review session at 10:15 a.m.

David reported that the Wilson building was not ADA compliant, based on feedback received from an audit of the VOCA program. The lease for the building is a work in progress. David wondered if it was worth the investment of the structural upgrades, even if there were grants to subsidize the upgrades. To make a ramp would also likely need cooperation with the City of Lancaster, regarding the impact to the sidewalks. The services of the Prosecutor's Office are provided to everyone, and there have been no customer service issues. No one has been turned away from service. Mike Kiger reported that he had no trouble accessing the building.

David also reported that the request for this year's allocation for the VOCA program was made to the Commissioners. There is some question about whether additional grant funds would be available for the program. Some of the grant funds are at risk with pending legislation relating to an increase for judges' salaries. If there are grant funds available, David reported that he was in favor of the matching amounts of the GRF, in order to acquire grant funds. If the grant funds were not available, personnel moving to full time based on grant funding would need to return to part time status.

David commented that he while he does favor the use of the GRF for grant matches, without the grant match, he is more in favor of GRF funds being used for attorney staff. He is working on using an attorney as an independent contractor to help fill some gaps.

Judy reported that Mike Miller, the Dog Warden, was bit in the face by a dog. The dog has unfortunately been redeemed to the owner. David reported that a search warrant for search and seizure was possible. Mike Miller was filing a report with the City Prosecutor today. Judy reported that she believed that Mike had suffered deep puncture wounds. Judy stated that she believed that the dog was with its owners visiting from Miamisburg, Ohio.

David reported that he received a call from Carri this morning, while Carri was at the viewing of Babbert Road. David reported that the methods of selling the Commissioners' owned parcels, individually or separately, are by auction or sealed competitive bidding process.

Jon Myers reported that a business owner was concerned about this process, not wanting to pay more than the property was worth and wanting to be sure that he obtains the property. David reported that the county is not obligated to sell it – but a private entity could not build on public property.

Mike Kiger asked if there was any way to avoid this trouble in the future by more proactively working with the state when exchanges are placed. There were no ideas on how to manage this concern more proactively with the state.

Jon Myers asked if it would be appropriate to continue the hearing until the action plan for selling the property was outlined and until a new legal description of the area to be vacated was acquired. David believed that continuing the hearing was probably needed in order to obtain additional information.

A general discussion was had about access management. David reported that the townships have concerns, and being sensitive to those concerns is important. However, following the statute of access management will help avoid major problems in the future.

The 911 Coordinator position and the EMA Director position were generally discussed. The thought of formally connecting these two positions or at least considering this option was reviewed, given the pending vacancy of the EMA Director position.

Approval of the Personnel Policy Manual for Fairfield County employees

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to no longer table the Personnel Policy Manual for Fairfield County employees; see resolution 07-04.24.i.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Personnel Policy Manual for Fairfield County employees; see resolution; see resolution 07-04.24.i.

Discussion: The Board decided to approve the manual, which no longer includes the sick leave donation program and now formalizes cell phone reimbursements for personal calls.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

11:30 a.m. Public Hearing regarding the petition to vacate Babbert Road

The Board of Commissioners held a public hearing regarding a petition to vacate portions of Babbert Road. Attending the hearing were: Commissioners Kiger, Myers, and Shupe. Also attending were Carri Brown, Frank Anderson, E.C. Babbert, Louis Haines, Bill Yaple, and Jeff Camechis.

Carri Brown read resolution 07-03.27.b into the record. This was the resolution establishing the viewing and public hearing.

The County Engineer, Frank Anderson, reported that a portion of the land petitioned for vacation is owned by the County Commissioners as fee-simple, and if vacated, it would not be a matter of simply splitting the vacated property down the middle and returning the land to the adjoining property owners. In this situation, the land would likely have to be auctioned to the highest bidder.

There are two separate parcels to sell, if someone other than the property owners were to be the highest bidder, than there could possibly be access issues for the existing drives, including the back entrance to the E.C. Babbert Company.

Frank Anderson also reported that he believed that the road, if vacated, should begin in the area of Station 15+10 in order to afford an adequate T-type turn around. This would allow Violet Township to continue to oversee the proper drainage through a culvert that current drains under Babbert Lane. Otherwise, property owners will have to arrange for maintenance of this culvert under the newly created private road.

Frank Anderson also reported that in July of 2005, it was decided that E.C. Babbert would continue to use their existing Diley Road mailing address until such time that the property sells, and then the address would change to what the Engineer said at the time should be Babbert Lane NW, due to construction of the Diley-Hill Interchange. Mailboxes cannot be located on a private road.

Frank Anderson also reported that the regulatory signs might remain as they exist, as the private road traffic would have to stop before entering Babbert Lane toward Diley Road.

Frank Anderson reported that he learned at the viewing there was a property owner to not yet have stepped forward with how he feels about the potential action. This is a concern to Frank.

Bill Yapple stated that his concern was that if the property was vacated, and E.C. Babbert was not able to purchase the property, that would be a problem. The purpose of the vacation was to allow for additional economic development.

Judy Shupe reported that the Board has connected with the Prosecutor, and the only options for the sale of the land is by public auction or sealed bid.

Jon Myers asked if another property owner, Mr. Thompson, was notified. Carri Brown reported that the property owner, Mr. Thompson, was notified by first class mail. Louis Haines reported that he knew Mr. Thompson, and Mr. Thompson was not in favor of the petition. He did not sign the petition when asked and believed his property was worth more now, without the vacation of the property. Mr. Haines confirmed the address for Mr. Thompson.

Frank Anderson suggested a modified petition and description of the land to be vacated.

Bill Yapple again mentioned his concern about Mr. Babbert not being able to get the property, if vacated. Mr. Babbert stated that he needed to reconsider the whole thing, given that the land would need to be auctioned or sold by competitive bidding.

Louis Haines stated that he would provide a new legal description for the smaller area to vacate. He stated that he could accomplish this within three-four weeks.

Judy Shupe made a motion to continue the hearing to Tuesday, May 22, at 9:00 a.m. The motion was seconded by Jon Myers.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

After lunch, a contract approved to form by the Prosecutor was received by interoffice mail. The contract was for the purchase of a postage meter and maintenance services with Pitney Bowes.

Approval of a purchase of a postage meter and a contract for maintenance services with Pitney Bowes – Fairfield County Commissioners

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and second on Jon Myers, the Board voted to approve a purchase of a postage meter and a contract for maintenance services with Pitney Bowes; see resolution 07.04.24.qq.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

1:00 p.m. Meeting with Christine Brown, advocate with People First

At 1:00 p.m., the Board of Commissioners met with Christine Brown, an advocate with People First. Present at the meeting were: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers, Judy Shupe, Carri Brown, and Christine Brown.

Christine Brown wanted to let the Board of Commissioners know that there is legislation proposed that would require a person with disabilities to be appointed on the MRDD Board. She supports the idea of self-advocates having membership on Boards of MRDD.

In accordance with current legislation, the Board of Commissioners appoints members to the Board of MRDD. The Probate Court Judge also appoints members to the Board of MRDD.

Christine reported that she would like to be a part of the Board of MRDD. She attends the meetings and experienced in self-advocacy.

Jon Myers asked if Christine has talked to members of the legislature. Christine reported that she has talked with Gerald Stebelton.

Christine reported that she has talked to more than 22 counties of Ohio at this time.

Christine reported that she has received reports from MRDD clients that there is a great need for transportation. She stated that she uses Community Employment Services transportation. CES transportation charges a sliding scale based on income.

Christine reported that she owns a business; she is a consultant and advocate. She has an office at the MRDD building. Christine reported that Ohio as a state is considering disconnecting the Mental Retardation portion of MRDD and remaining as the Developmental Disabilities agency.

Jon Myers suggested that Christine draft a letter indicating that she has an interest in serving on the MRDD Board. Mike Kiger suggested that Christine include her background and work experience in the letter of interest.

Christine reported that People First desires to grow. She was excited about the People First logo and its use on t-shirts and posters. The MRDD and ADAMH Board are going to place posters in their offices. She has organized conferences and seminars to increase awareness. She indicated that different counties have different MRDD funding sources for advocacy groups. Delaware County budgets \$9,000, while Fairfield County budgets \$3,000.

Christine reported that she is engaging self-advocates to address MRDD Boards in order to ensure the Boards' strategic plans include the interests of self-advocates.

Jon Myers asked if Christine knew John Pekar, and Christine reported that she was well acquainted with John Pekar. She works closely with John Pekar in her consulting business. Jon Myers asked how many people were members of People First. Christine reported that fifteen people were members of People First. Regular meetings are held at the Opportunity Center at MRDD. Christine reported that her website is: www.browncooley.com.

Christine reported that one of her top goals is to increase transportation services for persons with disabilities.

1:30 p.m. Meeting with Brad Shull, Mel Meloy and Rob Cooley

At 1:30 p.m., the Board of Commissioners met with Brad Shull, Rob Cooley, and Mel Meloy to discuss 911 operations and potential grants. Present at the meeting were: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers, Judy Shupe, Carri Brown, Brad Shull, Rob Cooley, and Mel Meloy.

Brad Shull reported that the fire administration grants have been moved into FEMA. There is an opportunity to apply for a regional grant, and there is a need for a local match. The grant deadline is May 4, 2007.

The region is being defined as all fire departments within Fairfield County at this time. The objective of the grant project is to improve communications, with an update of the county/EMS communication system and a proposal to put a MARCS capable radio in every fire and EMS vehicle in the County.

The maximum grant amount that a region can apply for is \$1M. The 20% match of the maximum limit is, therefore, \$200,000. The May 4 deadline is making it difficult to obtain grant matches from the other 13 entities. Judy reported that she wished there was an extra \$200,000 available for the project. Mel Meloy asked if financing or leasing was a possibility. It was thought that the grant match would need to be certified as *available* as a match.

Jon Myers asked if there was an opportunity to apply for the grant in the future. Brad stated that there would likely be additional grant application opportunities. Brad stated that the environment was competitive. The match for the grant needed to be local dollars.

Judy asked if Brad thought that the fire departments could contribute a portion of the local match. Brad intuitively believed that there was no possibility of obtaining funding from other entities. At this time, Richland Fire Department is considering serving as the administrative agent. Mike Kiger asked what would happen if the county would be able to come up with a portion of the match, rather than the full match. Brad reported that the grant would have to be adjusted.

Brad also stated that he believed that the property would be county property. He is conducting research in order to determine if the county would be the fiscal agent. He stated that the county might be the grantee. Brad reported that the regional concept is somewhat new.

Jon asked if May 1, the next Board of Commissioners' meeting, was too late for the grant deadlines. Brad reported that May 1 for a decision would be fine. The grant year would begin the day in which the funds are released from the federal government.

Jon asked what the grant would accomplish. Brad stated that the grant would provide increased communications and a back-up system, both statewide and countywide. This would increase the ability to respond to emergencies.

Judy asked if some of these expenditures were to be made with 911 operations anyway. Brad and Mel stated that even without the grant, a good portion of the money would need to be spent anyway, and there needed to be plans in place to accommodate 911 needs, too. Jon asked if the grant application could be reviewed prior to actually approving the match. Brad reported that he understood this desire on the part of the Board. Jon stated that the County Prosecutor would need to look at the grant contract, as well. Judy stated that in light of the fact that Mel might need to come to the Board and request money for these kinds of purposes anyway, she was interested in looking at the grant application. The match allows for a good ability to draw down federal dollars for the community.

Mike Kiger asked if the MARCS system would solve the dead spots in the county. Brad reported that there is good mobile coverage – it is not the best alternative for inside building coverage. It was designed for the State Highway Patrol. It is, however, a cost effective option.

Brad also reported on a proposed resolution for the Board of Commissioners regarding Fire/EMS licensed frequencies. Brad is proposing the resolution as the Communications Coordinator of the Fairfield County Firefighters' Association. Brad reported that this proposed resolution is not a time sensitive action. Jon Myers reported that he would like to review the matter in conjunction with the Board's review of the position description of 911 Coordinator, as this topic has recently been under review.

Brad reported that there continues to be an ongoing issue with dispatching. Brad stated that there was a need for specific fire dispatching personnel. Brad stated that if fire dispatching was accomplished separately, this would amount to more than \$1M in labor annually and an additional investment of about \$800,000. There are other options. A third party, secondary center would cost around \$500,000. There is complexity in joining the volunteer and career departments.

Judy asked if Brad had any thoughts about how a levy could be passed for a public safety facility. Brad suggested that the jail focus of the last attempt was disappointing. He was also disappointed with the turnout of the support of fire departments. Brad also wondered about legislative changes to acquire funding within charges of the cellular phone industry. Brad also suggested that there needed to be legislative changes to the local taxing structure. He stated that he has been in discussion with Rep. Larry Flowers about these matters.

3:00 p.m. Teleconference with Aundrea Cordle, HR Director, and EMA officials

The Board of Commissioners met with EMA officials to discuss the EMA vacancy. Attending the meeting were Commissioners Shupe, Myers, Kiger and Carri Brown, Bob Clark, and Tom Moe. Aundrea Cordle joined the meeting by teleconference.

Bob Clark provided some updates for a suggested position description for the EMA Director position. The thought of combining the 911 Coordinator and the EMA Director was discussed. Bob Clark believed that Delaware and Gallia County might have a model of this nature in place. Tom Moe stated the Delaware's model is working very well for them. The transition to an emergency operations center has been smooth with this kind of model. There are several different models in place in various counties. Tom stated that he was not opposed to 911 being under EMA, but he was concerned about the combined position of an EMA Director and a 911 Coordinator. He thought there could be merit to having one supervisor, with the EMA Director serving as the supervisor. He did not believe that the 911 Coordinator should have the same status as the EMA Director.

Aundrea Cordle reported that she agreed that it would take a discussion among a number of people to define the roles. Bob reported that a good time might be when the functions are co-located.

Jon Myers asked how much time is available prior to making a decision about the posting. Bob Clark reported that the Board needed to appoint an acting EMA director within 30 days.

Tom Moe reported that he believed that posting the position at \$50,000 or above would attract a professional candidate.

The range of \$44,000 - \$52,000 was approved by the Board of Commissioners.

The wording of the posting is okay with some minor adjustments.

Bob Clark will e-mail to Carri an updated position description. He will also send contact information for the emergency management professional associations. The posting will be placed at www.myworknet.com, the professional associations, the Eagle Gazette and the Columbus Dispatch in order to obtain a broad search as quickly as possible.

3:30 p.m. Meeting with Tony Vogel

The Board of Commissioners met with Tony Vogel to discuss general personnel matters. Attending the meeting were: Commissioners Kiger, Shupe, and Myers, and Carri Brown and Tony Vogel. There will be a resolution on the Commissioners' agenda next week regarding Don Sherman's questions about serving in an unclassified position. The assistant director position need not be appointed at the beginning of the year, and the position itself is recognized as an unclassified position based on its fiduciary nature.

Tony Vogel also reported that he, Don Sherman, and Aunie Cordle would meet tomorrow to discuss the office manager position vacancy.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Jon Myers and on the second of Judy Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 4:10 p.m. Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows: Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers, Judith K. Shupe, and Mike Kiger.

Mike Kiger
Commissioner

Jon D. Myers
Commissioner

Judith K. Shupe
Commissioner

Carri L. Brown
Clerk/Manager

THE NEXT REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' MEETING IS SCHEDULED TUESDAY, May 1, at 1:00 p.m.