

**Regular Meeting #07-05  
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office  
January 30, 2007**

**Meeting with Dave Burgei, GIS Manager re: 2010 Census Update – Consolidated Approach for Reporting**

At 9:00 a.m., the Board of Commissioners met with Dave Burgei, GIS Manager, and Ed Laramée, Chief Deputy County Auditor. Mike Kiger, Judith K. Shupe, Jon D. Myers, Carri L. Brown, Ed Laramée, and Dave Burgei attended the meeting.

For the 2010 Census Update, Dave Burgei and Ed Laramée presented the advantages of the Board of Commissioners naming the Manager of GIS as the first point of contact, for all subdivisions and entities of the county. This would be a new process for the county and will be referred to as the consolidated contact approach.

All of the subdivisions of the county would need to be approached about this designation, and Ed Laramée and Dave Burgei will be in contact with each entity.

At this time, the U.S. Census Bureau has no specific form for a consolidated designation. Delaware County is a county that has named a single point of contact, and Fairfield would join Delaware as one of the first to organize itself with a single point of contact. The federal government does recommend consolidating in this manner. The single point of contact will be helpful to smaller entities which could be receiving requests for information for the first time this year.

Ed Laramée reported that much of what is accomplished in government is dependent upon the accuracy of census data, and it is important to make sure that the information is correct. Commissioner Jon Myers asked if there was a form or letter from the federal government that would support the single point of contact or the consolidated contact. Commissioner Myers believed this document from the federal government would be helpful. No specific form is now available.

After additional discussion, the Board of Commissioners agreed to place on the next agenda a resolution to approve the authorization for the GIS Manager (Dave Burgei) to serve as the point of contact for the County and to approve the endorsement for the consolidated contact in the future. Dave Burgei reported that he has approached Delaware County for the forms or process that they are using and will model those forms. The consolidated agreement would reduce a duplication of effort and would help ensure that the information is accurate and complete, in a digital format whenever possible.

The U.S. Census Bureau has begun to request information regarding the boundary and annexation survey. Also in the beginning stages is the data gathering process for the Local Update of Census Address, LUCA. Carri Brown reported that there is a LUCA meeting scheduled on April 25, 2007, at Liberty Center.

Prior to forwarding the information as the single point of contact, Dave Burgei will make sure that all entities have the opportunity to review the information.

Ed Laramie reported on the requirements to destroy certain data used in the preparation of the Census documents. He commented on the annexation issue from the past that caused problems and confusion, and he believed that a consolidated approach would help avoid such problems in the future.

### **Data Board Meeting Update from Commissioner Mike Kiger**

Following the meeting with Dave Burgei and Ed Laramie, Mike Kiger, Judith Shupe and Jon Myers met with Carri Brown for a general review and update of the Data Processing Board meeting held last week.

Mike Kiger reported that county judges desired to increase data management processing support staff by a full-time person, paying for the employee from the existing county court budgets. The new employee would fulfill the needs the courts are experiencing with respect to data management support and technological changes the courts are experiencing.

The Board believed it was a good idea for Carri Brown to develop a template to be used by department leaders whenever a change to the general fund budget was being proposed. A draft template will be prepared and reviewed by the Board prior to introduction to the elected officials and department heads. Elected officials and department heads will also have input to the template or form as it is introduced.

### **A Review of a Letter from David Fey of the Fairfield County Historical Parks Commission**

Mike Kiger, Judith Shupe, Jon Myers, and Carri Brown reviewed a letter dated January 29, 2007, from David Fey. The Board instructed Carri Brown to contact David Fey about the immediate needs of the Fairfield County Historical Parks Commission and to follow-up with the Board.

### **Update from Commissioner Judy Shupe regarding the 33 Alliance Project**

Commissioner Judy Shupe provided an update to Commissioners Mike Kiger and Jon Myers & Clerk/Manager Carri Brown about the meeting held last week with the 33 Alliance Project. Commissioner Shupe commented that there was discussion about the Fairfield County Economic Development Department becoming the central hub for the overall economic development of the area. A survey conducted of county business leaders indicated that a more cohesive plan coordinating all economic professionals in the county would be helpful and appreciated. There is a need for additional communication among the entities in order for the strategic plans to move forward.

## **Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2007, beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Mike Kiger, Jon D. Myers, and Judith K. Shupe. Also present were: Carri L. Brown, Mary-jane Gard, Don Sherman, Robert Stebelton, Scott Thompson, Mark Heister, and Tim Claypool. Mr. Stebelton, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Heister, and Mr. Claypool provided their addresses to the Clerk/Manager.

## **Announcements and Public Comment**

### **Announcement**

Carri L. Brown, Fairfield County Clerk/Manager, reported an item had been added to the regular meeting agenda: the approval of a contract between the Board of Commissioners and MegaPath, a new agreement to replace Greenapple, on the recommendation of the Data Processing Manager and due to changes occurring at Greenapple. The item will be noted as resolution 07-01.30.kk., attached.

### **Public Comments**

Mr. Tim Claypool, a Hocking Township Trustee and a farmer & landowner, provided public comment: Mr. Claypool requested that the Board of Commissioners to take a "good hard look at the things going on" in the county. He was concerned about access management issues. He reported that there were a lot of situations where the county will be making decisions that impact the townships and the taxpayers. He urged the Board to examine the review process and public hearing process, noting who shows up to voice concerns – and recognizing the participants who are taxpayers versus those who "work for the county and have agendas of their own". Mr. Claypool expressed remorse in going through a process with the access management committee where a "majority of people are not aware of what will be happening". He expressed concern in feeling personally mistreated about a lot he had for sale. He reported that he went to the zoning commission and received proper zoning approvals. In the end, the stumbling block for development was the sight distance for the highway. He was directed to the Regional Planning Commission for an appeal process. At the time, he reported that he talked with Brooks Davis, but he was not informed that the Regional Planning Commission did not vary from the state regulations, and he wondered why there would be a variance process within the county if there was a policy to not vary from the state law. He expressed that he would have liked to have known of this fact from the beginning. He expressed that he desired to have agencies and departments working together to help taxpayers, rather than simply operating as a government that follows all of the rules, many of which are created by the local government itself. Mr. Claypool offered thanks to Commissioner Judy Shupe for her request to Brooks Davis with Regional Planning to look at the big picture and help answer questions that township representatives were having with the access management plan and various subdivision regulations.

Mr. Robert Stebelton offered public comment: He questioned the consistency in the application of the rules and questioned the Engineer's implementation of various rules about driveway management. He stated that he was aware that Barbara Curtiss was working with the Prosecutor to answer a question about Amanda Northern and Marcy Roads.

Mr. Stebelton indicated his opinion that the Engineer was not applying the rules consistently and that rather than working to make roads safer, the “end result is that many people are having trouble with splits and it is just messing with their lives”. Mr. Stebelton provided various examples of trouble he had experienced on Pickerington Road, Coonpath Road, and Lithopolis Road.

Mr. Mark Heister offered public comment. Mr. Heister stated that he owned land on Amanda Northern Road. This land was to be an investment for his retirement. He checked with the county to see if driveways could be put in many years ago, and at that time, there was no problem for placing driveways. However, now, there have been several difficulties to surface. Mr. Heister questioned the rationale of the rules and the application of the rules.

Mr. Heister commented that that Board of Commissioners needed to be aware of what was happening in order to help develop ways to work through these issues in a practical manner. He stated that he felt “trampled upon” and that if all of these new rules were specifically a statute of law, then that was okay – but it did not seem to be this way in his opinion. It seemed to be more like different people were “pulling a rabbit from a hat”.

Commissioners Jon Myers asked for clarification. Was the concern Mr. Heister was expressing with the County Engineer in his denial of driveway permits? Mr. Heister responded that this was the concern. He also expressed a need for the government departments to work together to make things more practical for the landowners.

Mr. Stebelton added his opinion that “raising conveyance fees could be avoided if developments were not stopped short” and that the county should work together to make splits and obtaining permits for driveways a smoother process. Mr. Stebelton also stated that “we all knew there were people serving their country in Iraq, fighting for freedom”. He believed that there were “landowners who would return from Iraq to find their own freedoms diminished and their own rights taken away”.

Mr. Stebelton further stated that the Board of Commissioners was required to live in Fairfield County, and he also believed that the head of the Regional Planning should also be required to live in Fairfield County. He stated he had a problem with the Regional Planning Executive Director living in Canal Winchester outside of Fairfield County.

Commissioner Mike Kiger suggested an additional meeting time be set aside for the property owners, the Board, the Engineer and the Regional Planning Executive Director.

With the public comment concluded, the regular meeting proceeded.

### **Approval of Minutes of Tuesday, January 23, 2007**

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and second of Jon D. Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes of January 23, 2007.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of an amendment to Wastewater System O & M Agreement with the Village of Carroll – Fairfield County Utilities**

On motion of Jon D. Myers, and second of Judith K. Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an amendment to Wastewater System O & M agreement between the Board of Fairfield County Commissioners and the Village of Carroll – Fairfield County Utilities. (See Resolution 07-01.30.a attached)

Don Sherman reported that this resolution was simply part two to the resolution approved passed last week.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of the appointing an authorized signature for a segregated account for the County Building Department**

On motion of Jon D. Myers and second of Judith K. Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the appointing an authorized signature for a segregated account for the County Building Department. (See Res Resolution 07-01.30.b attached)

Don Sherman reported that there had been personnel changes within the department.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of various items relating to the operations of the County Engineer**

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and second of Jon D. Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following items relating to the operations of the County Engineer. The resolutions are noted below and attached.

07-01.30.c

Approval of contract bid award for the West Rushville Road Profile Improvement Project to Maiden & Jenkins – Fairfield County Engineer

07-01.30.d

Approval of contract bid award for the Winchester Road over Tributary of Little Walnut Creek Bridge Replacement Project to Litter Construction – Fairfield County Engineer

07-01.30.e

Approval of hiring MasterMind Systems, Inc to perform professional engineering services for a no-passing zone study – Fairfield County Engineer

07-01.30.f

Approval of the installation of "Do Not Enter" signs on Columbus-Lancaster Road – Fairfield County Engineer

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of request for payment and status of funds report – FY2005 CDBG Formula Program – Draw Down # 144**

On motion of Jon D. Myers and second of Judith K. Shupe , the Board voted to approval the request for payment and status of funds report – FY2005 CDBG Formula Program – Draw Down # 144. (See resolution 07-01.30.g)

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of the update to the Community Housing Improvement Strategy S-2 Table completed - January 23, 2007 – Fairfield County Community Action**

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and second of Jon D. Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the update to the Community Housing Improvement Strategy S-2 Table completed - January 23, 2007 – Fairfield County Community Action. (See Resolution 07-01.30.h)

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of allocations**

On motion of Jon D. Myers and second of Judith K. Shupe, the Board voted to approval two General Fund allocations as noted below and attached.

07-01.30.i

Approval of allocation to the Fairfield County Humane Society, 2007

07-01.30.j

Approval of allocation to the Lancaster Festival, 2007

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of signature on the Budget Certification for Emergency Management Agency, 2007**

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and second of Jon D. Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the signature on the Budget Certification for the Emergency Management Agency. (See Resolution 07-01.30.k attached.)

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of appropriations from unappropriated funds– Fairfield County Commissioners/Real Estate tax appraisal**

On motion of Jon D. Myers and second of Judith K. Shupe, the Board voted to approve appropriations from unappropriated funds for the Fairfield County Commissioners for the Real Estate tax appraisal. (See Resolution 07-01.30.l)

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of two financial related resolutions**

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

07-01.30.m

Approval of fund to fund transfer – 1<sup>st</sup> quarter operational funding – Fairfield County Commissioners/Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center

07-01.30.n

Approval of fund to fund transfer – GIS Allocation - Fairfield County Commissioners

Discussion: Commissioner Jon Myers reported that the fund to fund transfers were common transfers that happened at the beginning of a new year.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of additional financial related resolutions**

On motion of Jon D. Myers and second of Judith K. Shupe, the Board voted to approve financial-related resolutions as noted below and attached.

07-01.30.o

Approval of amended certificate & request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts of Memo Expenditure – Fairfield County Engineer

07-01.30.p

Approval of appropriate from unappropriated – Fairfield County Engineer

07-01.30.q

Approval of appropriate from unappropriated – Fairfield County Engineer

07-01.30.r

Approval of appropriate from unappropriated – Fairfield County Engineer

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of various transfers, for Fairfield County Utilities**

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and second of Jon D. Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve transfer resolutions for the Fairfield County Utilities, as noted below and attached.

07-01.30.s

Approval of account to account transfer & fund to fund transfer – Fairfield County Utilities

07-01.30.t

Approval of account to account transfer – Fairfield County Utilities

07-01.30.u

Approval of account to account transfer – Fairfield County Utilities

07-01.30.v

Approval of account to account transfer – Fairfield County Utilities

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of appropriations from unappropriated funds, Fairfield County Utilities**

On motion of Jon D. Myers and second of Judith K. Shupe, the Board voted to approve two resolutions to appropriate monies from unappropriated funds; see the resolutions noted below and attached.

07-01.30.w

Approval of appropriate from unappropriated & fund to fund transfer – Fairfield County Utilities

07-01.30.x

Approval of appropriate from unappropriated – Fairfield County Utilities

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Additional approval for two financial related resolutions**

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and second of Jon D. Myers, the Board voted to approve two Financial related resolutions; see the resolutions noted below and attached.

07-01.30.y

Approval of appropriate from unappropriated – Fairfield County Adult Probation

07-01.30.z

Approval of fund to fund transfer – General Fund to JFS Special Revenue Funds  
1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2007

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval to ratify previously approved bill list (Check Date 1/26/07)**

On motion of Jon D. Myers and second of Judith K. Shupe, the Board voted to approve to ratify a previously approved bill list, with a check date of January 26, 2007. (See resolution 07-01.30 aa attached.)

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval to ratify previously approved resolutions for payment of invoices without an appropriate carry-over purchase order**

On motion of Judith K. Shupe and second of Jon D. Myers, the Board voted to approve to ratify Two previously approved resolutions for payment of invoices without appropriate carryover purchase orders, noted below and attached.

07-01.30.bb

Approval to ratify approved resolutions for payment of invoices without appropriate carryover purchase orders – Fairfield County Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities

07-01.30.cc

Approval to ratify previously approved resolutions for payment of invoices without appropriate carryover purchase orders – Fairfield County ADAMH Board

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of the authorization to pay bills for the check date of February 2, 2007, and the approval of the payment of invoices without an appropriate carryover purchase order**

On motion of Jon D. Myers and second of Judith K. Shupe, the Board voted to approve the authorization to pay bills for the check date of February 2, 2007, and to approve the payment of invoices without an appropriate carryover purchase order, as noted in the following resolutions and attached.

07-01.30.dd

Approval of authorization for payment of bills, January 30, 2007 – check date February 2, 2007

07-01.30.ee

Approval of payment of invoice without an appropriate carryover purchase order – Fairfield County Major Crimes Unit

07-01.30.ff

Approval of payment of invoices without appropriate carryover purchase orders – Fairfield County Commissioners' office

07-01.30.gg

Approval of payment of an invoice without an appropriate carryover purchase order – Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council

07-01.30.hh

Approval of payment of invoices without appropriate carryover purchase orders – Fairfield County Job & Family Services

07-01.30.ii

Approval of attached requests for payment of invoices without appropriate carryover purchase orders – Fairfield County Job & Family Services

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval to apply for the 2007 ODNR/Division of Recycling and Litter Prevention Scrap Tire Grant with the Community Action as the Cooperating Enterprise**

On motion of Jon D. Myers and second of Judith K. Shupe, the Board voted to approve to apply for the 2007 ODNR/Division of Recycling and Litter Prevention Scrap Tire Grant with the Community Action as the Cooperating Enterprise. (See resolution 07-01.30.jj attached.)

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

## **Approval to enter into a contract between the Board of Commissioners/Data Processing and MegaPath**

On motion of Jon D. Myers and second of Judith K. Shupe, the Board voted to approve to enter into a contract between the Board of Commissioners/Data Processing and MegaPath. (See resolution 07-01.30.kk attached.)

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

## **REVIEW SESSION**

The Board of Commissioners met for a review session at 10:35 a.m. Members present were Mike Kiger, Jon D. Myers, and Judith K. Shupe. Also attending were Carri Brown, Robert Stebelton, Scott Thompson, Mark Heister, and Tim Claypool.

Mr. Stebelton asked if the Commissioners were aware of the issues the townships were having with the access management plan. Mike Kiger responded that the Commissioners were indeed aware of concerns and that is why the Board has suggested additional meetings for the townships to connect about access management. After some discussion, where there were questions for the County Engineer and Regional Planning, a meeting was set for February 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. for a roundtable discussion about the township concerns.

Mr. Scott Thompson reported that as a developer, it was getting more and more difficult to develop land in the county. He expressed frustration, commenting that he sometimes considered discontinuing new business in Fairfield County.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the process was more difficult in Fairfield County as compared to the processes in other counties in which Mr. Thompson was working. Mr. Thompson responded that the process was harder in Fairfield County because of the lack of communication among departments and how one had to go from one department to another to get answers. It also seemed as if there were many new rules being created by the government in Fairfield County, as compared to other counties.

Mr. Stebelton and Mr. Claypool commented that meetings were good to have, but sometimes it is important for the Board to simply move forward with a decision. Mr. Claypool suggested that action be taken as soon as possible, with the action being supported by sound reasoning. He also commented that he understood that there was initially a great deal of opposition to the access management plan and that the opposition was still in existence, yet the opposition was not as strong as it once was.

## **11:00 a.m. Public Hearing, Blacklick Road and Emswiler Road Profile Improvements**

At 11:00 a.m., a public hearing for the Blacklick Road and Emswiler Road Profile Improvements were held. Attending the public hearing were: Mike Kiger, Judith K. Shupe, Jon D. Myers, Carri L. Brown, Jeff Baird, Terry Dunlap, and Richard Scheidegger.

Carri Brown read into the record the wording of Resolution 06-11.28.c.

Jeff Baird, from the County Engineer's Office reported that the area under review is an area growing in traffic. The Engineer's Office desires to help correct the site distance and improve the safety of the area. The Engineer desires a right of way.

Richard Scheidegger, a property owner, was concerned that he received his notice about the public hearing later than expected. Commissioner Mike Kiger reported that because of an incorrect address, the original mail was returned, and the public hearing originally held on January 16<sup>th</sup> was continued to January 30<sup>th</sup> in order to accommodate notice for Mr. Scheidegger, allowing enough time to reasonably permit his attendance at the public hearing held today.

Jon Myers asked if there had been accidents at the location, and Jeff Baird reported that there had been accidents. Jeff Baird reported that the profile corrections were needed in order to maintain appropriate sight distance and improve safety of the area.

Jon Myers asked if the improvements would improve the property value, and Jeff Baird reported that it was a possibility, yet the main concern was to improve the safety of the road. Mr. Scheidegger reported that he did not believe that the improvements would result in an increased property value. He stated that the whole thing just made him mad, and he recounted experiences he had with the previous Engineer that were unsatisfactory to him: He was not able to have dirt hauled or clay moved the way he had expected when another project had occurred. Mr. Scheidegger also reported that he did not like the idea of having to pay taxes to the center of the road and did not like the idea of some land being taken away from him.

Jeff Baird reported that in many cases, landowners donate the right of way in order to improve safety and possibly save lives. In this particular case, what is needed is a temporary easement. There was no desire to "take property away" - the slope of the property will extend out. If there was a need to take a permanent right of way, that route could be taken.

Jon Myers commented that Jeff Baird with the Engineer's Office worked very hard to work with many different property owners with various concerns, and Mr. Baird always took the time needed to offer information and coordinate fair agreements.

Jeff Baird reported that the issue with the top soil and clay could be worked out with a work agreement. Mr. Scheidegger asked if he could get a copy of the plans, and Mr. Baird replied that he could have his own set of the plans. Mr. Baird stated that he would explain the process throughout the project. Mr. Scheidegger responded that he (Mr. Baird) might be an okay fellow - but "the other guy" was not. Mr. Baird reported he would be happy to schedule a time with Mr. Scheidegger to show him what was going on with the improvement plans.

Terry Dunlap was also in attendance for the public hearing. Mr. Dunlap reported that the road conditions in the area were harrowing, and he was happy to see a project to improve the safety. He commented that it was encouraging to her Mr. Scheidegger and Mr. Baird would be working together for the project to move forward. Mr. Dunlap was concerned about the safety in the area, noting that he was nearly in an accident in the area on two occasions, and he had witnessed other unsafe travels on the roads. Mr. Scheidegger commented that the area was very unsafe. He agreed that there were concerns with the sight distance.

Mr. Dunlap commented that he was pleased to see a win-win situation evolving, and that for the sake of saving lives, the improvements really did need to be made.

Mr. Scheidegger commented that the Engineer was only fixing the road for "city people" – and Mr. Baird responded that the improvements were for everyone's safety: the desire is to help all people using the roads.

Mr. Scheidegger reported that he had trouble with his mailbox being damaged and with deer carcasses not being disposed of in the proper manner. He commented on the lack of police protection. Judy Shupe reported that she would inform the County Sheriff of this concern, and Mr. Scheidegger stated that it was not necessary to do so. Mr. Scheidegger stated that he felt as if the Sheriff spent all of his time in the Pickerington subdivisions.

Mr. Dunlap again commented that he was pleased to see a win-win situation evolving, and that for the sake of saving lives, it was good to see the problems of the past being corrected. Commissioner Mike Kiger asked if Mr. Baird and Mr. Scheidegger would be meeting with one another, and each responded that they would be meeting.

At 11:38 p.m., Jon D. Myers made a motion to adjourn the public hearing. Judith K. Shupe seconded the motion.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

### **At 12:00 noon, The Board of Commissioners attended the John Deere Governmental Day**

#### **1:00 p.m. Review with Mike Miller, Dog Warden**

Mike Miller joined the Board of Commissioners and Carri Brown for an update at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Jon Myers reported that Mary-jane Gard reported earlier about her desire to rescue dogs. Mike Miller reported that Ms. Gard often adopts dogs. Commissioner Myers reported that Ms. Gard desired to be part of the solution for rescuing dogs and not just complain. She reported a concern about chemical spraying negatively impacting the health of puppies, and Mike Miller reported that cages are cleaned properly, and there should be no harmful effects.

With respect to adoption fees, rescuers currently pay the same amount that any person would pay in order to adopt a dog. Jon Myers asked how a "rescue group" would be defined. Mike Miller reported that a group could be defined as a non-profit organization with a certificate. Mike Kiger asked if there were donations made to the shelter by the rescue groups. Mike Miller reported that there were no such donations being made at this time. Mike Miller also reported that he was not opposed to reducing the fee for non-profit rescue groups in the interest of creating goodwill and perhaps, reducing the number of animals required to be euthanized. If a fee reduction is implemented for the groups, the revenue lost could be tracked over time to determine if the decision to reduce the fees would hurt operations.

After some discussion, Commissioner Jon Myers made a motion to reduce the fees for adoption of dogs by non-profit rescue groups with a 501c3 certificate, effective February 1, 2007, with the fees specifically being lowered to \$25 plus the current license fee, subject to change in the future. This item will be reflected in a resolution added to the agenda. (See resolution 07-01.30. nn attached.)

The motion was seconded by Judith K. Shupe.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Mike Miller reported that he would track statistics to see if reducing the rates helps in any way.

Carri Brown will e-mail a copy of the resolution text to Mike Miller.

Mike Miller also reported on the Dog Shelter's need for a truck. He had obtained several quotes. The Dog and Kennel special revenue fund had the ability to purchase the truck; Mike Miller will be proceeding to purchase the truck, which is badly needed to replace an unsafe vehicle. Mike Miller reiterated that the general fund would not be required to help with payment of the vehicle.

After some discussion, Commissioner Jon Myers made a motion to authorize the purchase of one vehicle with a trade in of one vehicle for the Dog Shelter. (See resolution 07-01.30. oo attached.)

The motion was seconded by Judith K. Shupe.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Mike Miller also reported that Franklin County's shelter had been robbed. He suggested a purchase of video equipment, and he will be working with Joe Spybey to proceed with this purchase for security. Mike Kiger suggested that he connect with the leadership at Community Action to see if they had suggestions regarding security equipment, as Community Action had recently purchased new equipment.

### **1:30 p.m. Meeting with Patty Bratton, Grant Administrator with Community Action**

Kelly Ailes and Patty Bratton joined the Board of Commissioners for a discussion. Present for update were Mike Kiger, Jon Myers, Judy Shupe, Carri Brown, Patty Bratton and Kelly Ailes. Ms. Bratton reported that there was need to upgrade the recycling center's parking lot. She has been working with Carol Phillips with CFLP to develop a grant proposal, which the Board of Commissioners approved earlier for application. This is the grant known as the Litter Prevention Scrap Tire Grant.

Kelly Ailes reported that Wood County and Lucas County had employed a similar process. She and others will be visiting those counties to see the work that has been accomplished.

The objective of the grant is to pave the multi-material recycling center at 1761 East Main Street, using rubber-modified asphalt and a base of scrap tire chips.

At any point in time prior to the grant agreement being fully executed, the Board could back out of the project. Once the grant agreement is fully executed, the required local match necessary to implement said grant program will be provided. The source of the local match is anticipated to be from CFLP funds.

Ms. Ailes reported that there might not be many people applying for this specific grant, and it was nonetheless, a difficult grant to obtain.

Throughout the grant application process, Ms. Bratton reported there has been research conducted and there have been changes made in the plans, such as a change in the processing method chosen for the project. Unless a plant is equipped to handle emissions, there could be problems. For example, Kokoshing has reported the capacity to handle the emissions. Shelley has stated that they would pass on the project, given the problems with the emissions. Kokoshing and Spires are helping to provide information to draft the grant proposal. There will be a bidding process as the grant process proceeds.

Judy Shupe asked about the recycling commercials for education and outreach. Patty Bratton stated that she is working on finding the money in the existing budget to proceed with the commercials, and she will be providing additional information on the commercials in the future.

#### **Approval of the payment of invoices without an appropriate carryover purchase order**

Two additional add-on resolutions were received by the Board of Commissioners. On motion of Judith K. Shupe and on second of Jon D. Myers, the Board voted to approve the payment of invoices without an appropriate carryover purchase order. See the resolutions noted below and attached.

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Approval of the payment of invoices without an appropriate carryover purchase order – ADAMH

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Approval of the payment of invoices without an appropriate carryover purchase order - MRDD

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

#### **2:00 p.m. - Meeting with Bill Arnett, Economic Development Director**

#### **Executive Session, Review of Potential Real Estate Transaction**

At 2:01 p.m., Judith K. Shupe made a motion to go into Executive Session, and this motion was seconded by Jon D. Myers.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

In attendance for the session were: Judith K. Shupe, Jon D. Myers, Mike Kiger, Bill Arnett, and Carri Brown.

At 2:25 p.m., Jon D. Myers made a motion to go out of Executive Session, and this motion was seconded by Judith K. Shupe.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Bill Arnett reported that he was preparing for the Tax Review Council Meeting, which has been changed to March 7. Bill Arnett also reported that Brooks Davis and Don Sherman have been very helpful in providing information to him. He stated that the Bremen Chamber event went very well.

### **2:30 p.m.- Meeting with Don Sherman, Interim Utilities Director**

Don Sherman proposed that the Board suspend two specific policies of the Utilities Department and adjust two hourly rate of pay adjustments to bring the rates of pay for the Chief Wastewater Operator and Chief Water Operator in line with market rates. He also suggested a wage study be conducted for the department in the near future. The actions of suspending the policies and adjusting the two rates would help retain good personnel during this time of transition. After some discussion, the Board saw the advantages of the actions and agreed that a salary study would be helpful. Don Sherman will proceed with implementing his recommendations.

Don Sherman also reported that he found agreements between Licking and Fairfield County, relating to the current situation regarding the expansion of the Buckeye Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mr. Sherman will be attending the public meeting to be held at Lakewood High School on January 31.

According to original agreements, Licking County is to provide an annual report to Fairfield County. The annual report should show findings, recommendations, maintenance, debt service amounts and other financial data, including an estimate of new rates. The existing agreements implied that Fairfield County had "no real say" in the proposed rates and that the resolutions approving the rates were more of a "rubber stamp". The original agreement implied that the other counties would simply agree with the proposals made by Licking County. Don Sherman will review the minutes taken at the joint county meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, and he will follow-up with the Board of Commissioners.

### **3:30 p.m.- Meeting with David Conley, Managing Director of Public Finance with Robert W. Baird Co, Inc**

David Conley provided charts to compare Fairfield County, which now has a bond rating of Aa3, to a peer group of counties with a bond rating of Aa2. In many areas, Fairfield County compares very well, yet in other areas, the county is not as competitive. The next step in order to proceed with potential refinancing is to get the official statement ready and to outline the responsibilities of the "utility portion" of the work. Once this is accomplished, it will be time to include the County Treasurer and the County Auditor in the discussions.

David Conley asked if there was a potential for another project this year. The Board responded that there was not likely another project to be accomplished this year, except for perhaps a water and sewer project. David Conley estimated that it would take 30-45 days to get the official statement accomplished.

The objective of preparing the official statement and requesting a bond rating review is to be prepared for refinancing opportunities. An official statement has a life span of one year. The Board is targeting a travel date of March 29 for the bond rating presentation.

Judy Shupe offered to connect with Kerry Hogan at URS to finalize the details for Mr. Hogan's help in the "utility portion" of the statement.

***Adjournment***

With no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Jon D. Myers and on the second of Judith K. Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**THE NEXT REGULAR COMMISSIONERS' MEETING IS SCHEDULED TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2007, AT 10:00 A.M.**

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Mike Kiger  
Commissioner

Jon D. Myers  
Commissioner

Judith K. Shupe  
Commissioner

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Carri L. Brown  
Clerk/Manager