

**Regular Meeting #09-29
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
July 14, 2009**

9:00 a.m. Meeting with Michael Orlando

The Board of Commissioners met for a quarterly update and budget briefing with County Job & Family Services Director Michael Orlando. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Staci Knisley, Ed Laramée, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Mr. Orlando stated that the good news is the state has finally enacted a biennial budget, and suggested that for future potential budget issues, such as an interim state budget, the Board may wish to develop a contingency plan. Mr. Orlando stated that he is developing a draft that he would forward to the board for review.

Mr. Orlando stated that the interim budget, with its 1/52 allocations, presented severe problems for the operations of JFS. Commissioner Shupe asked if the customers have settled down, and Mr. Orlando replied that they have, and he and his staff have attempted to be proactive to inform everyone of the impacts and delays in payments. He is hopeful that things will return to normal in a week or so. Commissioner Myers asked if the furlough language remained in the budget, and Mr. Orlando stated that it had, but it would appear that the Governor has balanced the budget on the backs of the poor, and that will lead to additional challenges in serving the needy.

Mr. Orlando provided some updated numbers, stating that the biggest concern is the Income Maintenance line item, which will be reduced from \$151 million statewide to about \$87 million statewide for FY2010. This would impact the Community Services section, as they had anticipated a \$101 million appropriation. Commissioner Shupe asked what programs are contained in that area, and Mr. Orlando stated that would include Food Stamps, Medicaid and other aid for working poor, which comprises about 80% of the clients.

Under the Temporary Aid to Needy Families (TANF) line item, Mr. Orlando stated that they were hoping to receive \$62 million statewide, but only \$15 million was appropriated, with the caveat that tobacco settlement funds would be used to "fill" the remaining \$47 million when they are received. In addition Disability cash assistance was eliminated under the budget.

Mr. Orlando stated that, in addition to the furlough language, some other major language changes include allowing counties to share unused allocations instead of turning them back to ODJFS, permitting counties to abolish PRC programs if no funding is available, and allowing ODJFS to take over county JFS agencies if they become insolvent.

Commissioner Kiger asked if the furlough language allowed two weeks per year, and Mr. Orlando stated he was not sure. Mr. Dolin stated he would check on that.

Regarding the PASS program, Mr. Orlando stated that program provided funds for special needs children to be adopted by providing a weekly stipend to adoptive parents, and that funding has been eliminated, but there are many adoptive parents with written agreements who will now no longer receive the funding they were promised. Mr. Orlando stated that this will likely lead to several parents returning the adoptive children, which would place a tremendous cost burden upon JFS.

Commissioner Myers asked how much was eliminated, and Mr. Orlando stated the statewide allocation was \$5 million, and it will likely cost counties much more than that to take back these troubled youth.

Mr. Orlando stated that fortunately, the Board and JFS saw these changes coming, and the budget reduction plan has helped to ease the impact of the reductions, but he believes additional reductions will be needed to meet the bottom line.

Commissioner Shupe asked if additional layoffs would be required, and Mr. Orlando stated that he was not sure – he has had 3 employees leave recently and he will not refill those positions in order to save \$\$\$. Commissioner Myers stated that he is skeptical that the state projected revenues will meet targets, especially considering the projected revenues from the slot machines. Mr. Zody noted that Pennsylvania was in litigation for 3-4 years before their program was able to be implemented.

Mr. Dolin stated that he has reviewed the Revised Code language relative to the furloughs, and it would only apply to exempt employees. Mr. Zody stated that would definitely not apply to any bargaining unit staff, and each elected official would have to order furloughs, which may make it inconsistent across the county.

Mr. Orlando stated that he would anticipate further cuts, and would come back to the Board once he has revised numbers. He stated that there would be some consequences, and trends are up for applications for assistance – 19,000 county residents are Medicaid eligible, and applications for Public Assistance are up 600 just this year. New cases are taking 3-4 weeks just to process, where it used to take 3-4 days. In addition, food assistance applications are up 3,000 applications as well.

Commissioner Shupe asked where the numbers come from and Mr. Orlando stated those are based upon people who have actually applied for assistance and are Medicaid eligible.

Mr. Orlando stated that Child Protective Services is receiving an increased amount of referrals as well, and right now can only investigate a little over 20% of the calls.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the cuts would affect the people served or the people providing the services, and Mr. Orlando stated that cuts are primarily administrative in nature, and would affect the staff more than the services.

Commissioner Myers asked once the new revenue from the levy starts flowing in January did Mr. Orlando plan to ramp up his staff, and Mr. Orlando stated that he would like to but that depends on foster care costs, which seem to be on the rise. Much depends upon how many special needs kids are returned, and how the judges order placement and care.

Commissioner Shupe asked what impact the transfer of the \$100,000 allocation for Family, Adult & Children First would have, and Mr. Orlando stated that would likely need to be absorbed by JFS, as Mental Health has taken worse cuts than JFS.

Commissioner Kiger asked if any progress had been made in applying for Federal assistance similar to the way Licking County does, and Mr. Orlando stated that he would like to think so, but the problem is the judge needs to become engaged and get his staff to help to some of the work.

Mr. Orlando reported that for the first time that he can recall, collections for Child Support decreased – part of this may be due to the economy, as collections through unemployment compensation are up, and applications for administrative adjustments are up nearly 40%.

Mr. Orlando stated that foster placement management is an ongoing challenge and he and Mr. Bowlen are constantly triaging placement through clinical roundtables. Mr. Orlando invited the Board to sit in on those discussions to experience the tough decisions they face in those situations.

Commissioner Myers asked how many cases go through this process, and Mr. Orlando stated they usually review 5-6 cases each week to manage legal liabilities and make clinical decisions.

Mr. Orlando stated he is still evaluating options for moving Worknet and stated they are receiving quite a bit of Federal assistance through the stimulus bill. Commissioner Shupe stated that the Board needs to take a hard look at the Prosecutor's request for the first floor of the building and consider future potential expansion needs for JFS. Mr. Orlando stated that he would at least like to retain some small space on the first floor for the transportation staff.

Commissioner Kiger stated that the budget reduction plan clearly calls for JFS to vacate the entire first floor of the building and ties that to the JFS rental payments.

Commissioner Shupe stated she does not wish to see all of the space wiped out.

Commissioner Myers asked how much space Worknet needs, and Mr. Orlando stated 7,000 square feet. Mr. Zody stated the problem is that Worknet cannot pay rent if they are housed with JFS, only if they are in another location, and Mr. Orlando agreed.

Regarding the volunteer program, Mr. Orlando stated that is going very well, and he has been using the volunteers in the Visitation area. He stated that Harry Reid in particular has given numerous hours of time as a volunteer.

Commissioner Myers stated that the Board could send a thank you letter to Mr. Reid.

Ms. Knisley asked if there were any issues with making the July payroll, and Mr. Orlando stated there were none that he was aware of. Commissioner Myers stated that he had some concern relative to some email messages that were exchanged the previous week between Mr. Zody and Mr. Orlando, and asked if everything was OK. Mr. Zody stated that he and Mr. Orlando had spoken the previous day, and there was a misunderstanding relative to some of the funding issues under consideration. Mr. Orlando stated that he and Mr. Zody had talked and understand where they are.

Commissioner Kiger stated that he was disappointed and concerned relative to Mr. Orlando's allegations with respect to the Hall of Justice project, and stated that he should not be questioning the Board's right to determine funding priorities, especially in light of all the additional funding the Board has provided to JFS in 2009. Commissioner Kiger stated that the entire county is facing a budget crisis, and in his opinion, JFS should be run by the state, and not left to the counties to fund.

Mr. Orlando stated that JFS is a county agency by the Revised Code, and the Commissioners are required to administer its functions. Commissioner Kiger stated that the Revised Code also states the Commissioners control the funding, and Mr. Orlando stated he has had numerous conversations with Auditor Barb Curtiss relative to who funds what. Commissioner Kiger stated that most of the funding for JFS comes through the state and Federal governments, and JFS acts as though it is a state agency. Commissioner Myers stated that even though the state dictates some programs, Mr. Orlando is appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Kiger stated that he understands that, but the county has more liabilities and responsibilities to fund than just JFS.

Ms. Knisley asked why the rent was only listed as \$120,000, as she was of the understanding that JFS was going to pay \$240,000. Mr. Orlando stated that the budget reduction plan only calls for JFS to pay \$20,000 per month beginning July 1.

9:30 a.m. Records Storage Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met with Facilities Director Joe Spybey, Clerk of Courts Deborah Smalley, Data Processing Chief Randy Carter and Andy Gleissner to discuss

public records storage. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Ed Laramée, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Mr. Spybey stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss security for the storage area at Drew Shoe as well as some long term security issues involving the jail facilities, the Sheriff's Office, and the Hall of Justice. Commissioner Shupe asked what the estimated cost would be, and Mr. Spybey stated it would be approximately \$60,000.

Mr. Carter stated the system would be designed to be something that could be built upon like building blocks, and the county would not be tied to one vendor – the system and software are compatible for other companies to service.

Commissioner Shupe stated one concern is that there is a limited amount of funding set aside for this project, and if it is all spent on this equipment, there would be no funding to contribute towards the rent for Drew Shoe in 2010.

Ms. Smalley stated that she would like to have one system countywide, and that is the primary reason they are looking at Acree Dailey.

Commissioner Kiger asked if the system was put out for bids or quotes, and Mr. Spybey stated that Acree-Dailey is a state term contract vendor and therefore he was not required to solicit bids. One of the advantages of pursuing state term contract vendors is that buyers do not have to go through architect and engineering processes, which saves the county money.

Mr. Spybey stated that Acree-Dailey is a large company and services numerous schools and businesses, including the Limited in Columbus. Mr. Spybey acknowledged that the county has had some problems with the company locally, but believes those have since been resolved.

Commissioner Kiger asked if any other state term vendors were consulted or sought, and Mr. Spybey stated that he did not shop around for other vendors. Ms. Smalley stated that may partly be her fault, and she needed to install a security system in her Pickerington Office due to some recent break-ins in the area, and contacted Acree-Dailey to do so, and wanted to use them at the One-Stop and her hall of Justice offices.

Commissioner Myers asked what the county would get for the \$60,000, and Mr. Gleissner stated that would provide licensing for new access controls at the Sheriff's Office, the jails, and the Hall of Justice and allow all the facilities to be served by one server in the Courthouse.

Commissioner Shupe asked if that would save funding elsewhere, and Mr. Carter stated that would allow the county to discontinue it's current contract with ADT at the jails, which would save approximately \$12,000. Mr. Gleissner added that the licensing alone would cost \$14,000, but that is a one time cost.

Commissioner Shupe asked what was needed, and Mr. Spybey stated that just a bare-bones system for Drew Shoe would cost approximately \$38,000. Mr. Gleissner stated that some of those costs could be eliminated under a combined system spending the \$60,000. Commissioner Myers asked where the main server would be located, and Mr. Carter stated it could be anywhere as it is PC-based, but would likely be in his office. Additional licenses would cost \$5,000 apiece. Mr. Gleissner stated it would also depend upon who would have access and control over the system.

Commissioner Kiger asked what the total cost for the system would be, and Mr. Gleissner stated that the total cost would be \$60,000, but that would also eliminate the ADT charges. Mr. Carter stated that the ADT savings is assumed because we are currently leasing their equipment and believe they will leave it in place rather than remove it.

Commissioner Myers asked how long the ADT lease term is, and Mr. Carter stated it is a year-to-year lease, and is due to expire in October.

Commissioner Myers asked if the contract could be phased in, and Mr. Gleissner stated that is possible, but if ADT removes their locks from the jails, it would cost \$1500 per door to replace with new equipment. Commissioner Kiger asked how many doors that could affect, and Mr. Gleissner stated 60. Commissioner Shupe asked if the Sheriff's Office is involved, and Mr. Gleissner stated that Phil Johnson has been involved in the process.

Mr. Laramée asked if that included the Hall of Justice doors, and Mr. Gleissner stated it did not.

Commissioner Shupe stated that the Board needs some solid numbers and estimates in order to determine what direction to go and how much of the project to complete at this time. Mr. Laramée stated they might want to only do the Drew Shoe piece right now.

Commissioner Kiger asked what current security there is at Drew Shoe, and Mr. Spybey stated that the first floor is wired for alarms, but the second floor has no security, but is relatively inaccessible.. Mr. Spybey stated his main concern is the possible relocation of the Sheriff's evidence room and the Board of Elections is required to have a high level of security.

Commissioner Myers stated he would like to review this project with fiscal officer Staci Knisley, and Commissioner Kiger stated that he felt it should be pointed out that if this project is done in full, it would not leave any leftover funding to pay the rent on the Drew Shoe facility in 2010.

10:00 a.m. Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Ritta Seitz, Michelle George, Jon Kochis, Aundrea Cordle, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval of minutes of Tuesday July 7, 2009

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for Tuesday, July 7, 2009.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Adoption of a Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2010 - Commissioners

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Adoption of a Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2010, see resolution 09-07.14.a

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

Approval of the appointment of Eric Walker to the Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Board

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the appointment of Eric Walker to the Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Board, see resolution 09-07.14.b.

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

Approval of Approval of Nominations to the Fairfield County Local Emergency Planning Committee - LEPC

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve Nominations to the Fairfield County Local Emergency Planning Committee – LEPC, see resolution 09-07.14.c

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

Approval of Subordination of Mortgage of Melissa Doles to Union Savings Bank – FY2002-2004 CHIP Program

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a Subordination of Mortgage of Melissa Doles to Union Savings Bank – FY2002-2004 CHIP Program, see resolution 09-07.14.d

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

Approval of Advertising for the 2009 Resurfacing Phase 2 Project - Engineer

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve Advertising for the 2009 Resurfacing Phase 2 project, see resolution 09-07.14.e

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

Approval of a Mortgage cancellation for a lien placed on the property located at 5715 Chillicothe/Lancaster Road in Amanda for home rehabilitation services provided through the Fairfield County Fiscal Year 2000 CHIP Program

On motion of Jon Myers and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a Mortgage cancellation for a lien placed on the property located at 5715 Chillicothe/Lancaster Road in Amanda for home rehabilitation services provided through the Fairfield County Fiscal Year 2000 CHIP Program, see resolution 09-07.14.f

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

Approval of request for payment and status of funds report – FY2008 HOME Funds – Drawdown #188

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a request for payment and status of funds report – FY2008 HOME Funds – Drawdown #188, see resolution 09-07.14.g

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

Approval of Neighborhood Stabilization Program resolutions – Community Action

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve resolutions for the Neighborhood Stabilization Program – Community Action, as follows:

- 09-07.14.h Approval of Authorization to apply for Neighborhood Stabilization Program 2 (NSP2) funding for Fairfield County in accordance with the State Program of the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) Office of Housing and Community Partnerships as established through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and created through the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009
- 09-07.14.i Approval to enter into agreements for administration and implementation of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) as approved by the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) Office of Housing and Community Partnerships
- 09-07.14.j Approval to rescind the agreement for administration and implementation for the Fairfield County Fiscal Year 2008 Neighborhood Stabilization Program as approved by resolution 09-06.16.j and adopt a corrected agreement
- 09-07.14.k Approval of Environmental Review, Certificate of Determination and Request for Release of Funds for the Fairfield County FY2008 neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) – Grant Number B-Z-08-022-1 – for the activities of Land Banking and Housing Development

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Amended Service Agreement resolutions – JFS

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve amended service agreement resolutions for Fairfield County Job & Family Services as follows:

- 09-07.14.l Approval of Amended Service Agreement by & between Fairfield County Job & Family Services and the Center for Child & Family Development
- 09-07.14.m Approval of Amended Service Agreement by & between Fairfield County Job & Family Services and New Horizons
- 09-07.14.n Approval of Amended Service Agreement by & between Fairfield County Job & Family Services and a New Leaf

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Purchase of Service Agreement by & Between Fairfield County Job & Family Services and ETAT Enterprises LLC

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a Purchase of Service Agreement by & Between Fairfield County Job & Family Services and ETAT Enterprises LLC, see resolution 09-07.14.o

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Purchase of Service Agreement by & Between Fairfield County Job & Family Services and Workforce Services Unlimited, Inc

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a Purchase of Service Agreement by & Between Fairfield County Job & Family Services and Workforce Services Unlimited, Inc, see resolution 09-07.14.p

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of an Advance from the General Fund to the CDBG Formula – FY2007 Fund #2713 - Commissioners

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an Advance from the General Fund to the CDBG Formula – 2007 Fund #2713 - Commissioners, see resolution 09-07.14.q

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of repayment of an Advance to the General Fund by EMA Fund #2708 – State Homeland Security Grant

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a repayment of an Advance to the General Fund by EMA Fund #2708 – State Homeland Security Grant, see resolution 09-07.14.r

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Human Resources

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an Account to Account Transfer, see resolution 09-07.14.s

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval to of Account to Account Transfer – JFS Allocations – Commissioners

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an Account to Account Transfer, see resolution 09-07.14.t

Commissioner Kiger stated that he can't support this resolution in light of the fiscal condition of the county. Commissioner Shupe stated that is part of the budget reduction plan already approved by the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Kiger stated that the plan was adopted by a 2-1 vote, and he voted against the plan.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

Voting no thereon: Mike Kiger

Approval of Fund to Fund Transfer – from the General Revenue Fund to the JFS Special Revenue Funds – 4th Quarter, 2009

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an Account to Account Transfer, see resolution 09-07.14.u

Commissioner Kiger stated that, similar to the previous resolution, he can't support this resolution in light of the fiscal condition of the county. Commissioner Myers stated that JFS is having difficulties in light of the state budget cuts and interim budgets, and the Board needs to approve some accounting changes to help out.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers and Judith Shupe
Voting no thereon: Mike Kiger

Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – General Fund #2707 Emergency Management Planning Grant

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve to Appropriate from Unappropriated – General Fund # 2707 Emergency Management Planning Grant, see resolution 09-07.14.v

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

Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Fund 2091 – Emergency Planning Fund

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve to appropriate from unappropriated – Fund 2091 – Emergency Planning Fund, see resolution 09-07.14.w

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

Approval of Authorization for Payment of Bills, July 14, 2009, check date July 17, 2009

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the authorization for payment of bills July 7, 2009, check date July 10, 2009, see resolution 09-07.14.x

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

Review Session

The Board of Commissioners met to review legal issues, correspondence, and pending and future action items. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Aundrea Cordle, Ed Laramée, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Mr. Dolin stated that he had nothing new to report. Commissioner Shupe stated that a few township trustees spoke up at Saturday's Township Association meeting expressing concerns relative to not receiving responses to requests for legal information or opinions. Specifically, Greenfield, Hocking, Rushcreek and Berne raised concerns.

Mr. Dolin stated that he understood the Greenfield issue, as it involved a conflict of interest where the township wanted him to represent them in a conflict with the County Engineer, but since Mr. Dolin also represents the Engineer, he could not represent both parties and the township had to hire outside counsel. Commissioner Myers stated he found it odd that the trustees would raise the issue to the Commissioner, since Mr. Dolin is a Prosecutor's employee. Commissioner Shupe stated that many of the trustees do not understand Mr. Dolin is a Prosecutor's employee.

Mr. Dolin stated that in addition to his legal duties to the Commissioners, Auditor and Treasurer, he also has to review numerous contracts for the county and those take up a large chunk of time every week.

Mr. Zody reported that he has received a survey and map from Violet Township relative to the proposed vacation of East Street, so that can finally move forward.

Regarding a request from Kurt Davis, the Director of the Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center, for the county to take over mowing a plowing snow at the Center, Commissioner Shupe stated that Mr. Davis had contacted her and felt that Fairfield County maintenance should take over those functions.

Commissioner Myers stated that he has a concern with that – there are four counties participating in the Center, and 2 of the counties, one being Fairfield, already provide 80% of the funding support for the operation and capital improvements of the facility, but all four counties have equal votes on the Board. Commissioner Shupe suggested they have Facilities Director Joe Spybey figure out what it would cost to have the maintenance staff take over those duties and charge the MCJDC.

The Board directed Mr. Zody to request Mr. Spybey determine the cost of mowing and plowing, and also if he believes the staff would have the time to do so.

Regarding the request from vendors to offer supplemental insurance to county employees, Ms. Cordle stated she is discussing the issue with Molly Johnson in the Auditor's Office, and she believes it may be worthwhile to consider offering short term disability insurance to employees with less than 5 years service.

Mr. Laramee stated that the pending de-merger of the Combined County Health Department could have impacts on the county. Pickerington will be leaving at the end of 2009 and will enter a contract with Franklin County for services, and Lancaster has declared its intent to leave at the end of 2010, but is asking to be permitted to leave at the end of 2009. If Lancaster leaves, the combined health District would revert back to a county health district and the county would once again become responsible for housing the agency.

Commissioner Kiger asked what the city currently pays the Health Department, and Mr. Laramee stated the agreement calls for Lancaster to contribute \$250,000 plus annual increases based upon the annual county property values. It is a good deal for the city and Mr. Laramee is somewhat puzzled as to why they would leave and put themselves at the mercy of negotiating a new contract for services with a de-merged health district.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the District Advisory Council (DAC) would have to approve the termination, and Mr. Laramee stated that as long as the municipalities abide with the agreements governing the combined district, the DAC has no recourse, such as the case involving Pickerington. However, the DAC would have to approve allowing Lancaster to leave early.

Commissioner Myers stated that the Health District is losing approximately \$200,000 with Pickerington leaving. Mr. Laramee stated it is unfortunate that Pickerington left, and it was mainly due to the lack of effectiveness they perceived on the part of the DAC. Mr. Dolin stated that the problem for the Board is the cost of maintenance and upkeep of the building.

Regarding the Board of Health survey on the House2House program, Commissioner Myers stated that the Health Department had sent the survey to him and he believes this is something that the Board as a whole should fill out. Mr. Laramee stated that the survey is from the Ad Hoc committee and they are seeking broader input on the willingness of the DAC to move forward with a program. Commissioner Shupe stated the concern is relative to the non-aerobic systems and how the Health Department will inspect and certify them. Mr. Zody stated his biggest fear is that the program is undefined with respect to what constitutes an inspection, how systems would be passed or failed, and what the consequences of a failure would be.

Executive Session

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to enter into Executive Session at 10:45 a.m. for the purpose of discussing the potential sale of county real estate. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn from Executive Session at 11:00 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

No official actions were taken.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, on the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 11:45 a.m.

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger Jon Myers and Judith Shupe

Mike Kiger
Commissioner

Jon D. Myers
Commissioner

Judith K. Shupe
Commissioner

Scott Zody, Clerk/Manager

THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS' IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009 AT 10:00 A.M.