

**Regular Meeting #09-42
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
October 13, 2009**

9:30 a.m. Meeting with Jeanette Addington

The Board of Commissioners met with County Financial Consultant Jeanette Addington to discuss the 2010 General Fund budget. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were David Miller, Staci Knisley, Ed Laramee, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Ms. Addington distributed spreadsheets detailing year-to-date county revenues and expenditures, stating that 76% of the estimated revenue for the year had been collected through September, and the county is in line to collect a total of \$30.6 million for the year. Expenditures are at 78.9% including all allocations and encumbrances, and Ms. Addington expects that approximately 98% of all appropriated funds will be expended by the end of the year.

Ms. Addington stated that based upon that information, she expects the county to end the year with a cash carry over balance of \$6.475 million.

Ms. Addington stated that in relation to the 2010 budget, she suggested appropriations be based upon the \$6.475 carryover plus all estimated revenue. Assuming an appropriation level of \$32.250 million, that would leave the Board with a cash carryover balance of approximately \$8 million at the end of 2010. At this point, Ms. Knisley has put together a budget that has approximately \$33.084 million of appropriations, assuming a 9% reduction to all agencies, which will still require either some additional cuts or a reduction in the carryover to approximately 20-21%, instead of the desired 25%.

Commissioner Kiger asked if the Board approved the proposed sales tax increase, would the Auditor certify that revenue, and Mr. Laramee stated the Auditor would certify \$2.8 million in revenue for 2010, or $\frac{3}{4}$ of the year. Ms. Knisley asked if the Auditor would also increase receipts, and Mr. Laramee stated they would. Commissioner Shupe stated if the Board approves the increase, there is also the possibility of a referendum on the issue, and Mr. Laramee stated that depends on how it is enacted.

Commissioner Myers stated that if the goal was \$32 million, why are they discussing appropriations of \$33 million, and Ms. Addington stated the goal was to try to return to a 25% carryover by the end of 2010. Ms. Knisley stated that she had not received commitments from all agencies to reduce their spending by 9% for 2010 either. Commissioner Shupe stated the courts would likely mandate their budgets.

Mr. Laramee stated the way to arrive at the 2010 carryover goal is to use the Auditor's numbers plus the carryover – he expects the county to receive a bit more revenue than the Auditor projects, which is usual, but the numbers will still be fairly close.

Ms. Knisley stated that Ms. Addington's estimates are based on actual revenues and expenditures, not the Auditor's estimates.

Commissioner Shupe stated the Board needs to make the departments understand the need for the 9% reductions, and Ms. Knisley agreed, stating that is what the Board decided to base the budget on.

Commissioner Shupe stated the carryover should be close to the 25% mark with any unanticipated revenue, and Mr. Zody cautioned that any additional revenues should not be factored into the estimates. Mr. Laramee stated the county's carryover is very good compared to many other counties, and Ms. Knisley stated the carryover saved the county from severe cutbacks this year. Commissioner Shupe noted that many of the other counties are also maxed out on their sales taxes.

Ms. Addington asked if the Board wanted her and Ms. Knisley to begin communicating with the other departments on the budget, and Ms. Knisley stated that they have been waiting on the departments to submit their 9% reduction worksheets. A few have been turned in, but she has already heard from the Prosecutor that he does not believe he can reduce by 9%. The Veterans' Service Commission and Municipal Court have planned for the reduction.

Mr. Laramée noted it is still early in the process, and Ms. Knisley stated the Board also needs to make determinations relative to allocations, such as Soil & Water, Extension and Job & Family Services. Commissioner Shupe asked if Ms. Knisley had taken 9% from the allocations, and Ms. Knisley stated that under this scenario, she is assuming a 9% reduction. Commissioner Myers stated the total amount of allocations is not that high, and Ms. Knisley stated that when you add them all together, it is not an insignificant amount.

Commissioner Shupe stated some departments don't know what their allocations will be, and Commissioner Myers asked what the Job & Family Services allocation would be. Ms. Knisley stated they have not been informed what their allocation will be, since the Board needs to finalize that. She noted that JFS is slated to receive \$1.8 million, minus 9%, and they are requesting \$2.6 million.

Commissioner Myers stated that JFS should be informed of the allocation, and Ms. Knisley stated that is up to the Board, and they need to decide how to address all the allocations. Ms. Addington added that they need to communicate now with the departments so they can properly plan their budgets.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the Family, Adult and Children First cluster funding of \$100,000 is included, and Ms. Knisley stated it is not. Commissioner Kiger noted that the Board picked that up back in 2005, and it is time for JFS to once again assume the responsibility for funding that line item.

Commissioner Myers suggested scheduling a meeting with Director Orlando to discuss their allocation. Ms. Addington suggested meeting with some agencies on October 27th following the hearings and the sales tax proposal.

Commissioner Myers noted that people should understand what is going on, and Ms. Knisley stated some of the outside funds do not. Commissioner Myers stated that JFS will need to prioritize based upon what they are mandated to do and what they want to do. Commissioner Kiger stated the Board should examine what is matched and what is not. Mr. Zody noted that it is not a black and white comparison relative to what is matched and what is not, and that most of the state and Federal funding JFS receives is reimbursement, not up front funding. In addition, the reimbursement system the state uses is very complicated and confusing.

Mr. Laramée stated the Board could look at state and Federal matches and what JFS can expect to receive. Ms. Addington noted that JFS should receive documentation from the state and Federal government for match requirements.

Commissioner Myers noted the stated budget is currently out of balance due to the tobacco and gambling litigation, and additional cuts could be forthcoming.

9:30 a.m. Radio Communications Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met with County Engineer Frank Anderson and Emergency Management Agency Director Jon Kochis to discuss radio communications issues. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Lancaster Mayor Dave Smith, Safety Service Director Mike Courtney, Jeff Camechis, Charlie Snoke, John Hilliard, Rick Stilwell, Ed Campbell, George Lambert, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Mr. Anderson stated due to some changes made to the county radio towers on Waterworks Hill, the group wanted to get some input from the Board relative to next steps. Mr. Kochis explained that the Waterworks Hill site is owned by the City of Lancaster, but there are two county owned radio towers on the site. The county is planning to rehab the site and add a new building and generator, and the older tower, building and generator that are currently owned by the Engineer need to be addressed. Complicating matters is the fact that the local Amateur Radio Club (the Club) has some equipment on the tower and would like to continue to have access to the towers for their purposes.

Mr. Camechis stated the old tower was purchased in 1962, and has been updated in the 1980's, but is still decent shape. The Engineer no longer has a need for the tower or the building as they will be moving their equipment to the new tower. The Club has been using the Engineer's tower since 1982 – they would like to move the Engineer's generator down to their facility adjacent to the Health Department.

Mr. Camechis stated his concern is relative to any liability the county might have with respect to the tower and who would "own" it. In addition, would the City have any concerns if the county sold or transferred the tower to another entity. Commissioner Shupe stated another concern would be who would maintain the old tower – and asked if the Club could maintain it. Mr. Hilliard stated the Club did not have the funds to maintain it.

Mr. Hilliard stated the Club would like to keep their equipment – the tower is not a big issue – the Club only has one antenna on it currently. The Club has no desire to assume the liability for the tower, but is willing to help maintain the building.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the city had any concerns, and Mr. Courtney stated the site is secure, but they would like to tighten up access to the site.

Mr. Hilliard stated he is the only person from the Club that goes on the site. Commissioner Myers asked if the city wanted that tower, and Mr. Courtney stated that it did not want the tower. Mr. Kochis stated the disposition of the tower is the big issue. Commissioner Shupe asked what it would cost to take the tower down, and Mr. Kochis stated that the estimate is approximately \$10,000.

Mr. Kochis stated the tower may need to remain in order for the Club, as there is a concern relative to having private equipment on a public tower. Mr. Anderson stated the Club assists the county with emergency communications, and Mr. Kochis stated they do, but not to the level that they could be considered part of the county hierarchy.

Mr. Kochis stated that the group needs to consider where the Club is located, and there is still work to do with the move.

Commissioner Kiger stated the Board needs to decide what to do with the tower. Mr. Hilliard stated the facility adjacent to the Health Department is only used as a meeting room and would not be a good location, and the Club has been using Waterworks Hill since 1978.

Mr. Kochis stated he believes that the Club could move over to the county tower, but the Sheriff has expressed some concerns with that. Mr. Hilliard stated the UHF equipment could be removed, because that is the part that concerns the Sheriff.

Commissioner Myers asked if there are any concerns relative to the Federal Aviation Administration, and Mr. Campbell stated that as far as he knows, the tower has never been registered.

Commissioner Shupe stated that funding is very tight at this point. Mr. Hilliard stated he is in the process of getting some quotes for painting the tower to keep it in decent shape – the last the tower was inspected was back in the 1980's.

Mr. Kochis stated that if a decision is made to take down the tower, the county will need to consider other users and consider what to do once some funding comes available down the road.

Commissioner Myers asked if there is only one antenna on the old tower, and Mr. Hilliard stated the Club does not need to salvage the antenna, as it is very old. Mr. Campbell stated that he would recommend the tower be inspected regardless of what is done with it.

10:00 a.m. Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike Kiger. Also present were Michael Orlando, Aundrea Cordle, Ed Laramée, Jon Kochis, Ritta Seitz, Mary Beth Lane, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Announcements

Mr. Zody announced there would be two potential add-on items and per the request of Fiscal Clerk Staci Knisley, items c and d need to be tabled while some last minute paperwork issues are resolved.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval of minutes of Tuesday, October 6, 2009

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for Tuesday, October 6, 2009.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of an Award of Bid – CDBG FY2007 Fairfield County, Village of Pleasantville Pool Rehabilitation Project

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an award of Bid – CDBG FY2007 Fairfield County, Village of Pleasantville Pool Rehabilitation Project, see resolution 09-10.13.a

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 #198

On the 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 #198, see resolution 09-10.13.b

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of county telephony contract and lease resolutions

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to table resolutions relative to the contract and lease of telephony equipment as follows:

- 09-10.13.c Approval of Contract for County Telephony Equipment – Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions (CBTS)
- 09-10.13.d Approval of lease agreement with Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions (CBTS) Financial Services for Multi Site Telephone Equipment

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

Approval of Establishing a Special Session for the Board of Commissioners

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve establishing a Special Session for the Board of Commissioners, see resolution 09-10.13.e

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

Approval of Contract to provide administrative and other services for the FY2009 Ohio Small Cities CDBG Formula Allocation Program B-F-022-1

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a Contract to provide administrative and other services for the FY2009 Ohio Small Cities CDBG Formula Allocation Program B-F-022-1, see resolution 09-10.13.f

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

Approval of Donation of safety equipment by the Delaware County EMA

On motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the donation of safety equipment by the Delaware County EMA, see resolution 09-10.13.g

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

Approval of previous authorization of Board of Commissioners – approval of confirmation of 2010 health Insurance Rates for Fairfield County employees

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve of previous authorization of Board of Commissioners – approval of confirmation of 2010 health Insurance Rates for Fairfield County employees, see resolution 09-10.13.h

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

Approval of hiring Lockwood, Lanier, Mathias and Noland, Inc. for General Engineering Services for Bloom Township’s Sitterly Road Improvement Project - Engineer

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners

voted to approve hiring Lockwood, Lanier, Mathias and Noland, Inc. for General Engineering Services for Bloom Township's Sitterly Road Improvement Project – Engineer, see resolution 09-10.13.i

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of BWC 2008 (payable in 2009) Employer Premium Refund Invoice

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve BWC 2008 (payable in 2009) Employer Premium Refund Invoice, see resolution 09-10.13.j

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of contract – 9 Centrex lines, located at 485 Hill Road, Pickerington Title Office – AT&T Corporation

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a contract – 9 Centrex lines, located at 485 Hill Road, Pickerington Title Office – AT&T Corporation, see resolution 09-10.13.k

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of application of brine on Fairfield County roads - Engineer

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the application of brine on Fairfield County roads, see resolution 09-10.13.l

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Participation Agreement between the Village of Baltimore and Fairfield County, FY2008 CDBG Formula Program

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a Participation Agreement between the Village of Baltimore and Fairfield County, FY2008 CDBG Formula Program, see resolution 09-10.13.m

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval to Ratify previously approved payment of bills for the Fairfield County Commissioners

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve to Ratify previously approved payment of bills for the Fairfield County Commissioners, see resolution 09-10.13.n

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Memo Expenditure resolutions

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve memo expenditure resolutions as follows:

09-10.13.o Approval of Memo Expenditure – Fairfield County Job & Family Services

09-10.13.p Approval of Memo Expenditure – Fairfield County Job & Family Services

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Amended Certificate, Reduce Revenue estimates and appropriate from unappropriated for Fund #2713 – CDBG Formula FY2007 – Commissioners

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an Amended Certificate, Reduce Revenue estimates and appropriate from unappropriated for Fund #2713 – CDBG Formula FY2007 – Commissioners, see resolution 09-10.13.q

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of new Special Revenue Fund, revenue and expenditure accounts for the Law Library Resources Board

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a new Special Revenue Fund, revenue and expenditure accounts for the Law Library Resources Board, see resolution 09-10.13.r

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of creation of an agency fund for the accounting of Tax Increment Financing titled LTIF1 Lancaster Ety Pointe

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve of creation of an agency fund for the accounting of Tax Increment Financing titled LTIF1 Lancaster Ety Pointe, see resolution 09-10.13.s

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Financial Resolutions

On motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve financial resolutions as follows:

09-10.13.t Approval of Account to Account Transfer - FACFC

09-10.13.u Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Veterans' Services

09-10.13.v Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Dog & Kennel Fund

09-10.13.w Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Clerk of Courts

09-10.13.x Approval of Account to Account Transfer - Coroner

09-10.13.y Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Utilities Sewer District Fund

09-10.13.z Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Domestic Relations Court

09-10.13.aa Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Motor Vehicle Fund 2024 - Engineer

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Authorization for Payment of Bills, October 13, 2009, check date October 16, 2009

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the authorization for payment of bills October 13, 2009, check date October 16, 2009, see resolution 09-10.13.cc

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Jon Myers 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 Michael Orlando, Aundrea Cordle, Ed Laramée, Glen Pratt, Pastor Robert, Pat Betts, Mary Beth Lane, Jon Kochis, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Mr. Pratt stated he was present to answer any questions or address any concerns the Board might have with respect to the economic development bond hearing for the First United Methodist Church that is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. Mr. Pratt stated the bonds would be held by Fairfield National Bank, debt service payments would be made directly by the church to the bank, and nothing would affect the county's current debt service or bond rating with this transaction.

Commissioner Myers asked if the church was a 501c3 organization, and Mr. Pratt stated they are, but they cannot access these tax-exempt bonds without going through a public entity. Commissioner Myers asked if the bonds would count against the current 10-mill limit, and Mr. Pratt stated they would not.

Commissioner Myers asked what the amount of the bonds would be, and Mr. Pratt stated they would be for \$1.8 million – the resolution allows up to \$2 million. Commissioner Myers stated the idea is to hold the hearing then vote on the resolution, and Mr. Pratt stated the hearing requirement is Federal, so the Board can vote anytime after the close of the hearing. Mr. Dolin asked if the payments will go straight from the church to the bank, and Mr. Pratt stated they would.

Mr. Laramée stated that as he understands it, this is not a bond issue for the benefit of the church, but to benefit the facility for uses other than worship, and Mr. Pratt stated that is correct. Mr. Laramée stated it is important to clarify that this is not a subsidy for public worship. Mr. Dolin asked if the facility would be open to all of the public to use, and Mr. Pratt stated it would.

Regarding the pending Meals on Wheels contract, Commissioner Kiger stated that he has spoken with Board member Mike Sabatino and Mr. Sabatino would like to meet with Mr. Dolin, Ms. Cornell and Commissioner Kiger to further discuss.

Regarding the request by the Board of Developmental Disabilities to join the Fairfield County health benefits consortium, Commissioner Shupe stated that the board needs to make a decision, but the numbers do not look favorable. Commissioner Kiger stated that he agrees and shares the concern relative to potential increases in premiums if BDD joins the group.

Mr. Laramée stated the Board should look closer at the numbers – BDD would stand to save up to \$500,000 per year, and those are still taxpayer funds, even though they are generated by BDD levies. Mr. Laramée stated the Fairfield County health benefits program is a good solidly managed program that BDD could access.

Commissioner Myers stated the risk is being borne by the Commissioners with potential premium increases, and Commissioner Shupe stated there is also the risk of increased claims costs. Mr. Laramée stated the worst exposure to the county is the potential to drop one level in the tiered coverage, which amount to a 3% increase, which BDD has committed to pay for 2011 and 2012.

Mr. Laramée stated the three year savings to BDD could exceed \$1 million. Commissioner Myers stated those savings would all be to the benefit of BDD, but he did not see any potential savings for the rest of the county. Mr. Zody stated that he is concerned about the potential for increased utilization by BDD employees, and their employee average age is much higher than the average county worker, so who would be responsible for controlling utilization and costs?

Mr. Laramée stated that BDD was supposed to be part of the original consortium until they chose to go with the South Central consortium. Commissioner Shupe asked if it would be possible for the Board to revisit in a year to see how BDD is doing with cost and utilization control. Commissioner Kiger stated that actuarially BDD will always be a higher risk. Mr. Laramée stated the idea is to spread the risk throughout the group, and they are still county employees.

Commissioner Kiger asked how the BDD savings would affect the Commissioners if the overall costs for insurance increase, and Mr. Laramée stated that CBIZ should have addressed that in their actuarial study. Commissioner Myers stated he would be seeing Mr. Pekar tomorrow and would discuss.

Commissioner Shupe stated she had talked to Mina Ubbing about the possibility of the 33 Development Alliance assisting with funding the Economic Development Director position, and Ms. Ubbing was going to discuss with Travis Markwood.

Mr. Zody informed the Board that he would need some guidance in drafting the resolutions relative to the proposed sales & use tax increases. Mr. Zody stated that specifically, he would need guidance relative to the language reflecting a temporary or permanent increase, and whether or not the resolutions would be emergency measures or not. Mr. Dolin stated that one advantage of the law is that it allows the board to repeal the increase at any time if the economy and county finances recover. His only question would be if a 3-year period would be sufficient for a temporary increase, given the financial condition of the state and the potential for additional state cuts.

Commissioner Myers stated that he has received comments from citizens reflecting feelings both ways – some advocate a temporary increase, other advocate a permanent increase, and some desire no increase.

Mr. Zody asked the Board if they would like to order additional recycled content benches and picnic tables given the concern with the Solid Waste District funding. Commissioner Shupe stated that Fairfield County has always paid for those items out of host funds that they receive for having landfills in the county, and the district or other counties should not have any concerns with that. Mr. Kochis commented that his office is still waiting for a recycled plastic outdoor sign from Ms. Bratton.

11:00 a.m. Public Hearing – Economic Development Bonds for the First United Methodist Church (Crossroads Facility)

The Board of Commissioners met to hold a public hearing on the approval of economic development bonds for the First United Methodist Church to refinance their Crossroads public use facility. Commissioners present were Judith Shupe, Jon Myers and Mike

Kiger. Also present were Glen Pratt, Pastor Roberts, Pat Betts, Ed Laramée, Jason Dolin, and Scott Zody.

Mr. Pratt provided an overview of the bonds, stating that the church is a tax-exempt organization, but in order to qualify to receive these tax-exempt bonds, they must be issued through a government entity like the Board of Commissioners. The bonds would not affect the county debt service or bond rating, nor would the county be liable for any of the church obligations.

Commissioner Myers stated that, for the record, he wished to clarify that the county would under no obligation whatsoever with respect to these bonds, and Mr. Pratt stated that is correct.

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to close the hearing.

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

Approval of Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Economic Development Revenue Bonds for the First United Methodist Church, not to exceed \$2 million

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Economic Development Revenue Bonds for the First United Methodist Church, not to exceed \$2 million, see resolution 09-10.13.dd.

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

Review, cont.

Approval of county Telephony Project Contract and Lease resolutions

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to remove from the table resolutions for the county telephony project as follows:

- 09-10.13.c Approval of Contract for County Telephony Equipment – Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions (CBTS)
- 09-10.13.d Approval of lease agreement with Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions (CBTS) Financial Services for Multi Site Telephone Equipment

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 approve County Telephony Project Contract and lease resolutions as follows:

- 09-10.13.c Approval of Contract for County Telephony Equipment – Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions (CBTS)
- 09-10.13.d Approval of lease agreement with Cincinnati Bell Technology Solutions (CBTS) Financial Services for Multi Site Telephone Equipment

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

Job & Family Services Director Michael Orlando stated that he wanted to touch base with the Board relative to a vacant position in the Child Support Enforcement Agency

that he would like to fill. The position is a Finance Case Manager that is vacant due to a death, and there is sufficient funding to cover the position, as CSEA is the most stable funded section of JFS. Commissioner Kiger asked where the funds come from, and Mr. Orlando stated the majority of CSEA funds come from the state. Mr. Zody asked if the partial diversion of funds by the state JFS agency had been resolved, and Mr. Orlando stated it has, and ODJFS released the funds they had attempted to hold back. The Board approved Mr. Orlando's request to post and fill the position, and Commissioner Kiger requested Mr. Orlando inform the Board prior to posting and filling any other positions.

Mr. Kochis stated that he wanted to revisit the attendance policy relative to H1N1. Mr. Kochis stated that the Department of Health is reporting that some county and schools offices are already at 15% absenteeism. Mr. Zody stated that figure may be artificial this week due to the Fair, especially for the schools, but it will very likely get worse over the next few weeks. Mr. Kochis agreed, stating the Fair could cause the virus to spread.

Commissioner Myers asked if the H1N1 vaccine had arrived, and Mr. Kochis stated the Health Department has received some of the nasal vaccine, but none of the shots yet. Mr. Zody asked how soon they were expecting the vaccine in the shot form for the schools, and Mr. Kochis stated the shots are being manufactured now, but they have not been given a delivery date.

Mr. Kochis stated that he would recommend starting to slow down some of the departments that have a lot of public traffic and purchasing masks to provide to member of the public that come into the offices exhibiting flu-like symptoms.

Mr. Zody asked where the masks would come from, and Mr. Kochis stated Grainger has a contract with the state and they can purchase them at a reasonable price, but he would like to move quickly before they are gone. In addition, Mr. Kochis recommends that the Board consider closing or restricting access to offices if absenteeism reaches 30% of employees.

Mr. Kochis stated the Multi-County Juvenile Detention Facility is a concern for H1N1, but the medical staff at the facility is preparing for a possible outbreak.

Commissioner Myers asked how far the Board should go without an actual outbreak, and Ms. Cordle stated she would recommend at least having a plan of action in place prior to an event occurring. Mr. Kochis added that Bloom Carroll schools are already experiencing 15-16% absenteeism.

Mr. Laramée asked how long the H1N1 cycle is, and Mr. Kochis stated it is 7-10 days, similar to the seasonal flu. Commissioner Shupe asked about the cost of the masks, and Mr. Kochis stated he anticipate it would cost approximately \$2,000 to purchase enough to get them through the worst period. Commissioner Kiger asked how the masks could be distributed without a policy.

Mr. Zody asked how long it would take to obtain the masks once they are ordered, and Mr. Kochis stated about 7 days. Mr. Zody asked if Mr. Kochis and Ms. Cordle could have a policy put together in 7 days, and Mr. Kochis state he could.

Commissioner Myers asked if JFS has a policy, and Ms. Cordle stated they have a COOP plan, but it is not specific to the flu. The most at-risk employees are the front desk people and case workers that have to go out into the community.

Commissioner Kiger asked if it wouldn't be cheaper to give the masks to employees vs. the public, and Mr. Kochis stated they would not be passing the masks out to everyone who enters every building, it would only be to those people exhibiting obvious signs of sickness.

Commissioner Shupe stated the issue is the ability to obtain the masks, and Ms. Cordle stated it is somewhat frustrating to address the issue, because so much of it is being driven by fear rather than fact. Mr. Kochis stated it would cost approximately \$2900 for 100 cases of masks (25 per case). The Board gave Mr. Kochis permission to proceed.

Regarding the ongoing obstruction issue with the Rauch fence, Commissioner Myers asked what the Board needed to do on that issue. Mr. Dolin stated that he had received a letter from the Hocking Township trustees asking the Board take no action. Commissioner Shupe stated that she had driven by the property, and asked if there is a deadline for the Board to act. Mr. Dolin stated there is no specific deadline, but there are other obstruction issues pending and the Board should resolve this one.

Approval of Declaration and removal of an obstruction in the County Road right-of-way

On the motion of Jon Myers and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the declaration and removal of an obstruction in the County Road right-of-way, see resolution 09-10.13.ee

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Adjournment

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

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jon Myers, Mike Kiger 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, OCTOBER 20, 2009 AT 10:00 A.M.