

**Regular Meeting #08-45
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
October 28, 2008**

9:00 a.m. Viewing – Refugee Road Alterations

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. to view a proposed alteration project to Refugee Road in Violet Township. Commissioners present included Jon Myers, Judith Shupe, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Scott Zody, Chad Lucht (Fairfield SWCD), County Engineer Frank Anderson, Brooks Davis (Fairfield County Regional Planning), Holly Mattei (Fairfield County Regional Planning), Greg Butcher (Violet Township Engineer), Susan Baldwin, Bill Tam (Ruscilli Construction), Nick McCullough, Roger Meloney, Vince Utturback (Pickerington Local Schools), Scott Deiser (SHP Architects), Daurel Copley (Pickerington Local Schools), Anthony Sheck, and Todd May (Fairfield County Engineers).

Ms. Mattei provided an overview of the project, explaining that a turn lane and a deceleration lane will be added on the North side of Refugee Road on the Pickerington Schools property, but due to the length of the turn lane, will also impact a couple of private properties on the East end of the project. The school district is negotiating with the landowners on an acquisition of their properties, with the goal of beginning construction in the Spring of 2009.

Commissioner Myers stated that the Board would hold a hearing on the project at 11:00 a.m. in the Commissioner's Hearing Room, and if anyone present wished to provide comments or concerns for the record, they could do so at that time.

10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Jon Myers, Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger. Also present were Mary Jane Gard, Lynette Leach, Bill Coode, Robert Rauch, Suzanne Rauch, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Announcements

Mr. Zody announced there would be one possible add-on resolution dependent upon the outcome of the Board's meeting with the Board of Elections.

Public Comment

Robert Rauch, 3795 BIS Road, provided comments and a copy of a letter he has sent to the Fairfield County Engineer relative to a fence on his property that has been declared an obstruction.

Mr. Rauch stated that there has been a fence on the property for over 50 years, and he does not believe that he needed a permit when the fence was constructed since the road was a state road at that time. In addition, Mr. Rauch stated that he cannot remember exactly when the new fence was constructed, and should be grandfathered under the Engineer's policy.

Commissioner Myers asked if there had been any traffic accidents at Mr. Rauch's property, and Mr. Rauch stated that there have been accidents on BIS Road, but none on his property. Commissioner Myers stated that the Board had come out to the Slagell property at Mrs. Slagell's request to view the changes that they had made in an attempt to comply with the Engineer's declaration of obstruction. Would Mr. Rauch be willing to try to compromise and comply as well? Mr. Rauch stated that he would. Commissioner Shupe stated that she believes that something could be worked out with the Engineer.

Mr. Rauch stated that he would be willing to move his fence back to the minimum clear zone of eight (8) feet. Commissioner Shupe suggested Mr. Rauch have Frank Anderson and Jeff Baird meet with him to discuss.

Commissioner Myers stated that the Engineer has provided the Board with video/photo logs from ODOT and the Engineer's Office that appear to show that the fence was only recently installed, and asked Mr. Rauch if it would be helpful if he were to be sent a copy of those photos, and Mr. Rauch indicated that he would like a copy. Commissioner Myers directed Mr. Zody to provide a copy of the photos to Mr. Rauch.

Commissioner Kiger stated that he believes it is important to point out that fences are classified differently than landscaping, trees, or other obstructions under the Engineer's policy, with fences being considered the most dangerous.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, October 21, 2008

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the meeting minutes for Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Contract with Claypool Electric – infrastructure wiring for county facilities

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a contract with Claypool Electric for infrastructure wiring for county facilities, see resolution 08-10.28.a

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of establishment of fund – Special Assessment – Haaf Farms Section 5 – Drainage Maintenance Fund

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the establishment of a fund – Special Assessment – Haaf Farms Section 5 – Drainage Maintenance Fund, see resolution 08-10.28.b

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of purchase of one (1) vehicle by the Fairfield Juvenile Court

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the purchase of a vehicle by the Fairfield Juvenile Court, see resolution 08-10.28.c

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a new debt service fund for the Fairfield County Airport/Commissioners – Airport SIB Debt Service Fund

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a new debt service fund for the Fairfield County Airport/Commissioners – Airport SIB Debt Service Fund, see resolution 08-10.28.d

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Engineers Resolutions

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve resolutions for the Engineer's Office as follows:

- 08-10.28.e Approval of advertising for the CLE-26 FAI-CR75-2.515 Oakland-Stoutsville Road SW over a Tributary of Salt Creek Bridge Replacement Project - Engineer
- 08-10.28.f Approval of contract bid award for the FAI-CR17-6.44 Pleasantville Road NW Drainage Improvement Project - Engineer
- 08-10.28.g Approval of Contract with Burgess & Niple to perform a safety and access study for the CR33A Corridor from Victor Road to Ety Road - Engineer

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

Approval of the Job & Family Services resolutions

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve resolutions for Fairfield County Job & Family Services as follows:

- 08-10.28.h Approval of a Provider Contract by & between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services and Natalie Adams
- 08-10.28.i Approval of a IV-D contract between the Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Agency and Lisa Long, LLC, Attorney at Large, Provider
- 08-10.28.j Approval of a IV-D contract amendment by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Agency and Mary Anne Boone, Esquire, Provider

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

Approval of Financial Resolutions

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following financial resolutions:

- 08-10.28.k Approval of Memo Expenditure – Fairfield County Job & Family Services
- 08-10.28.l Approval of Reduction in Appropriations & Estimated Receipts - MRDD
- 08-10.28.m Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Adult Community Based Corrections
- 08-10.28.n Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Maintenance
- 08-10.28.o Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Airport
- 08-10.28.p Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Victim/Witness Protection
- 08-10.28.q Approval to Account to Account Transfer - FACFC
- 08-10.28.r Approval to Account to Account Transfer – Juvenile Court
- 08-10.28.s Approval to Account to Account Transfer – Job & Family Services
- 08-10.28.t Approval to Account to Account Transfer – EMA Emergency Planning Committee
- 08-10.28.u Approval to Account to Account Transfer – Older Adult Services Levy Fund
- 08-10.28.v Approval to Account to Account Transfer – Job 7 Family Services
- 08-10.28.w Approval to Account to Account Transfer – Municipal Court

08-10.28.x Approval to Account to Account Transfer – Approval of Local Match, Appropriate from Unappropriated, Fund to Fund Transfer – State Victims Assistance Fund

08-10.28.y Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Probation Services Fund

08-10.28.z Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – MRDD

08-10.28.aa Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Juvenile Court

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

Payment of Bills

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the authorization for payment of bills, October 28, 2008, check date October 31, 2008, see resolution 08-10.07.bb

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

Review Session

The Board of Commissioners met at 10:15 a.m. to review correspondence, legal issues, and pending and future action items. Commissioners present included Jon Myers, Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger. Also present were Staci Knisley, Jon Kochis, Bill Coode, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Mr. Coode, who represents the Vote No on Issue 6 campaign, provided an overview on the issue and his groups' opposition to the measure. Mr. Coode stated that they are opposed due to the implications of having the language in the state Constitution, the limits on the casino licensing fee of \$15 million, and the tax implications.

Mr. Coode stated that the major tax loophole in the measure is the promise that the casino operator would pay up to 30% tax on the casino receipts, and the operative words are "up to", leaving no guarantee that the taxes would actually be paid. In addition, Mr. Coode stated the proponents of Issue 6 promise to create 5,000 jobs, when the largest resort casino in Las Vegas only employs 1,800 full-time employees. In addition, at least a large portion of those positions would have to be filled with experienced casino employees from elsewhere, leaving fewer jobs for Ohioans to fill.

Commissioner Myers asked about the promised tax revenues for counties, and Mr. Coode stated that is where the "up to 30%" language is misleading. In addition, there is language in the measure that states that if an Indian casino opens elsewhere in Ohio, this casino would pay the same tax rate as the Indian casino, which in many states is zero. The Eastern Shawnee tribe already has litigation pending for land claims in order to build a casino, so it is a real possibility. Also, the chief proponent of Issue 6, Mr. Lyle Berman, owns interests in 5 other Indian casinos.

Commissioner Myers asked who is paying Mr. Coode, and Mr. Coode stated that he is an employee of Penn National, which owns Argosy Casinos. Mr. Coode stated that the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and the League of Women Voters has declared its opposition to the measure.

Commissioner Myers asked what the polling data is on the measure, and Mr. Coode stated that he did not know. Commissioner Myers asked why Mr. Coode thought it a bad idea for Ohio dollars to not stay in Ohio, like he is hearing others state, and Mr. Coode stated that there is still the tax loophole to contend with.

Commissioner Kiger asked why this is being proposed via a Constitutional amendment, and Mr. Coode stated it is much harder to amend or overturn a Constitutional measure.

Mr. Zody stated that he believes that if casino gambling were to be legalized in Ohio, it would have to be through a Constitutional amendment, and that the legislature did not have the authority to do so on its own.

Commissioner Shupe asked if Mr. Coode was seeking a position from the Board, and Mr. Coode stated that while he would like to see the Board take a position against the amendment, he was here mainly to share information. Commissioner Myers stated that personally, he was unsure what to think of the measure, due to the misinformation coming from both sides on the issue.

Mr. Coode stated that the measure needs to be fair, and allow for more than one casino proposal to be considered. He also requested that the Board consider and look into Mr. Berman's background as a professional gambler and history of tax problems.

Mr. Dolin provided an update on various legal issues he is working on, stating that he has reviewed the Sheriff's proposal to enter into a lease with Pine Grove landfill to construct a shooting range for his deputies to train at. CORSA has provided some input as well, and he believes it is a sound proposal. Commissioner Myers asked if there would be any issues with the shooting or lead, and Mr. Dolin stated that a landfill is probably one of the best locations to place such a facility and there would be a large earthen berm to protect from errant shots.

The Board directed Mr. Zody to notify the Ohio Council of County Officials that Commissioner Myers would attend the organization's annual legislative seminar and luncheon.

The Board directed Mr. Zody to prepare a Proclamation of Recognition for Justin Denver Shotwell for achieving Eagle Scout status.

The Board discussed information provided by County Dog Warden Mike Miller relative to the amount of funding he receives to respond to stray dog calls within the City of Lancaster. Mr. Miller believes his workload far surpasses the \$5,000 credit he currently receives from the City on the Dog Shelter utility bills.

Commissioner Shupe asked how far the current credit goes towards annual bills, and Ms. Knisley stated she was not sure, and wasn't sure if it only applied to the natural gas bills.

Commissioner Shupe stated that Pickerington does a lot of their own calls, and has their own cages/kennels to hold stray dogs. Commissioner Myers asked what the dog tag fees are used for, and Commissioner Kiger stated they are used to support the annual operational expenses of the Shelter, but are not enough.

Commissioner Myers stated that the City of Lancaster provides a credit, not cash payments, and Commissioner Kiger stated that is correct. Commissioner Shupe asked what a fair increase would be, and Commissioner Myers stated that he would like more information from Mr. Miller relative to his annual budget and needs to determine that.

Commissioner Shupe stated that the credit has remained static, and is overdue to be increased. The Board directed Mr. Zody and Ms. Knisley to request additional information from the Shelter on this issue.

Commissioner Kiger stated that there is also the issue of Facilities manager Joe Spybey assisting the Dog Shelter in receiving bids to re-line the incinerator, and that Mr. Spybey had stopped in his office the previous day to express concerns about the Board's continuing concerns over his job performance.

Some of the concerns raised by Mr. Spybey include the numerous Executive Sessions the Board has held to discuss his situation, and rumors circulating relative to Mr. Spybey's treatment of his staff.

Commissioner Myers stated that he was under the impression that the situation had stabilized since their last meeting with Mr. Spybey, and Commissioner Kiger stated that it would appear otherwise. One concern raised by Commissioner Kiger is that Mr. Spybey had stated that he obtains all estimates for county capital improvement and repair work, but has so far refused to assist the Dog Shelter in obtaining quotes to re-line the incinerator.

Commissioner Kiger stated that he had informed Mr. Spybey that he has requested the Human Resources Office to develop a job description for Mr. Spybey to better spell out his duties and the Board's expectations. Commissioner Myers asked if there was anything else that could be done, and Commissioner Kiger stated that Mr. Spybey has tightened down on his staff, and some of the changes were needed such as clarifying the use of county tools and equipment.

Commissioner Myers asked Commissioner Kiger if any of the maintenance staff had performed after-hours work on his behalf, and Commissioner Kiger stated that he had had one of the employees come to his house to assist him with some trouble he was having with a pressure valve, but that it was clearly voluntary on the part of the employee, it was after hours and he had compensated the employee for his work.

Commissioner Myers and Mr. Dolin both advised Commissioner Kiger to exercise caution in those types of activities, and keep records of any such work and compensation.

11:00 a.m. hearing – Refugee Road Alterations

The Board of Commissioners met at 11:00 a.m. to hold a hearing on proposed alterations to Refugee Road in Violet Township. Commissioners present included Jon Myers, Judith Shupe, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Brooks Davis (Regional Planning), Todd May (Engineer's Office), Chad Lucht (Fairfield SWCD), Bobby James (landowner), Scott Deisler (SHP Engineering), Vince Utturback (Pickerington Schools), Nick McCullough (Kleinlens & Assoc.), Daurel Copley (Pickerington Schools), and Holly Mattei (Regional Planning).

Ms. Mattei provided an overview of the project, which involves widening Refugee Road to install turn lanes for the soon to be relocated Toll Gate Road. A lighted intersection will be developed where Refugee, Toll Gate, and Huntington Hills Drive come together.

Commissioner Myers asked if there were any comments or questions from the audience, and Bobby James, 6591 Refugee Road, asked what the timeline is for the project. Mr. McCullough stated that the project is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2009, and Refugee Road will be closed for a 4-week period, during which residents will be able to access their properties and homes. The relocation of Toll Gate Road will take approximately 4 months to complete.

Ms. Mattei stated that, similar to the resolution approved for Toll Gate Road, all parties need to work together to develop the appropriate language and ensure the final plat is accurate.

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

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

11:30 a.m. Meeting with Jon Kochis

The Board of Commissioner met with County Emergency management Director Jon Kochis to discuss several issues of concern. Commissioners present included Jon Myers, Judith Shupe, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin, and Scott Zody.

Mr. Kochis stated that he had three items to update the board on, the first being the relocation of the secondary Emergency Operations Center from the Liberty Center to the Pickerington Police Department. Mr. Kochis stated that Pickerington has offered him the space necessary for the center, but he would need to address the equipment at the Liberty Center that was purchased via an EMA state grant. Commissioner Myers asked what the disposition of the equipment would be, and Mr. Kochis stated that the only piece he needed at the Pickerington location would be the overhead projector. The sound equipment and screen were already in place at Pickerington. The depreciated value of the projector would be approximately \$3,000, and if the Board would compensate EMA that amount, it could remain at the Liberty Center and he could purchase a new projector for the Pickerington site.

Commissioner Myers asked if the LEPC had any say in the matter, and Mr. Kochis stated that the move had been discussed with the LEPC, but they did not have to vote on that. Mr. Kochis stated it makes sense to have two widely separated locations in the county, and especially to have an alternate in Pickerington that could be activated in case of an event in the Northwest area. One issue may be the relocation of the phone lines, but he believes that could be handled without great expense. Commissioner Shupe advised Mr. Kochis to check with Ms. Knisley on that matter.

Mr. Kochis stated his second issue is with the Auditor's Office, specifically Deputy Auditor Ed Laramée's concerns relative to how EMA handles its year-end cash flow with grant funding. In previous years, unfunded advances could be carried over into the following year knowing that reimbursements or grant funding would be coming, but now Mr. Kochis is being instructed by Mr. Laramée that can no longer continue, and he would need to reduce appropriations at year end and request new appropriations each January.

Mr. Kochis believes one option to address this problem would be for the Board to revenue fund to EMA instead of providing an advance. That would preclude repaying advances at each year end and turning right around to request new funding in January.

Ms. Knisley stated that for years unfunded advances had been allowed to be carried over, but the new system won't allow for that. The turnaround and lag time for the state to reimburse Mr. Kochis is also contributing to the problem. Mr. Kochis stated that he believes this is simply a policy decision being made by the Auditor's Office because MUNIS is capable of doing it, but that component of the system has yet to be activated.

Ms. Knisley stated that this will likely affect other grants as well. Mr. Kochis stated that it has caused great difficulties for his operations, and he can only cover payroll until the end of the year, and if an event were to occur, he could not even buy water. In addition, Mr. Kochis is concerned that he would not get the new appropriations approved each January under this system.

Commissioner Shupe suggested that the Board meet with the Auditor's Office, Mr. Kochis, and Ms. Knisley to discuss solutions.

Mr. Kochis stated that his final issue was the disposition of some 24 radiation detectors that he has been holding to distribute to county law enforcement agencies. Since the agencies never sought or received the required training, he cannot distribute them and he has other jurisdictions willing to purchase them at the original price EMA paid for them. There are about 54 units that were distributed to fire departments and other first responders, but Mr. Kochis would like to sell the remainder and use the proceeds to purchase an office vehicle for routine business so the SUV owned by EMA could be held in reserve for emergency and training events, as was its intended purpose.

Mr. Kochis stated the units should produce about \$12,000, which would be adequate to purchase a good used sedan. Commissioner Kiger asked if Mr. Kochis was certain to recover the full value of the units, and Mr. Kochis stated that he already has buyers lined up, including the Columbus Bomb Squad who wishes to purchase half of the units.

Review, cont.

The Board of Commissioners resumed its Review Agenda, discussing a memo from Sheriff Dave Phalen concerned about his proposed 2009 budget.

Mr. Zody stated that the Sheriff has expressed concerns over the discontinuance of last year's one-time request granted at the Budget Retreat for overtime funding to cover training costs, and concerns about inadequate funding for supplies (fuel) and salaries. Mr. Zody stated that just a few weeks ago, the Sheriff had transferred about \$300,000 out of his 2008 salary line item to supplies, so he was not sure why there was such concern for the 2009 salary line item.

Commissioner Myers stated that he thought the Board had approved an additional \$100,000 for 2009 strictly for supplies, including fuel, and Ms. Knisley stated that had been added in. Commissioner Shupe stated that the Sheriff anticipates saving approximately \$60,000 by contracting out his jail food service, but that she was informed today that the Sheriff has not spoken with the current food service employees about the matter. Mr. Zody stated that the RFP for the contract was already out "on the street".

Commissioner Shupe suggested scheduling a meeting with the Sheriff to discuss his concerns. Commissioner Myers asked Ms. Knisley to gather information relative to the Sheriff's funding and personnel levels over the past four years. Commissioner Shupe stated that the Sheriff claims to have the same number of deputies that he had in 2005 after the budget cuts, and Commissioner Kiger stated that he does not believe that is the case, as the Board has provided funding to add deputies back.

Commissioner Kiger stated that, to clarify his earlier comments regarding the maintenance staff, that he has in the past received some assistance from the maintenance staff in making minor repairs to the foot plates on his wheelchair when they had been bent, but he believed those repairs had been conducted on the employees own time.

12:00 p.m. Meeting with Debbie Henderly

The Board of Commissioners met at 12:00 p.m. with Board of Elections Director Debbie Henderly to discuss an additional funding request. Commissioners present included Jon Myers, Judith Shupe, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Mary Beth lane, Michelle George, Staci Knisley, Susie Bloom, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Ms. Henderly stated that she regret having to approach the Board for additional funding yet again. Commissioner Myers asked how things are looking for the election next week, and Ms. Henderly stated that they are in pretty good shape. Commissioner Myers asked how many new registrants were listed, and Ms. Henderly stated over 5,000, plus 37,000 changes (addresses, polling locations, etc)

Mr. Dolin asked what time period those changes covered, and Ms. Henderly stated those were all since April 1st.

Commissioner Myers asked how much more funding Ms. Henderly was requesting, and Ms. Henderly stated that she required approximately \$31,000 to cover various expenses, and provided the Board with a breakdown of those expenses.

Ms. Henderly stated that she needs approximately \$4,100 to cover current payroll expenses immediately, and \$9,000 to cover anticipated overtime for the next week or so. She is hopeful that the overtime will diminish or disappear after Election Day. Ms. Bloom stated that they are also anticipating numerous large public records requests following Election Day.

Ms. Henderly stated that she has one employee who has been taking Comp Tim in lieu of overtime pay, but Board policy is to pay out any outstanding Comp Time balances at year end, and if the employee does not take the time off, they will need \$2,700 to cover

that expense. She stated there is a need for \$300 to cover three additional Election Day judges, and has some additional training costs for new poll workers. She also needs extra funding to cover the vacation payout for Peter Kukla who recently resigned.

Commissioner Myers asked if there were a large number of absentee ballots, and Ms. Henderly stated they have gone from 9,000 last year to over 28,000 this year (so far). Those ballots will be counted beginning on Election Day morning and will take approximately 12 hours to count. Commissioner Myers asked if those ballots could be counted earlier, and Ms. Henderly stated that because the county uses a Central Counting methodology, they cannot start sooner, and to change that process would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars to reprogram the machines.

Mr. Zody asked why the absentee ballots are so bulky and large, and Ms. Henderly stated they are that way due to Secretary of State requirements, and must be printed on thicker gauge paper to be run through the scanners. Ms. Henderly stated that 90% of what they do is governed by law and the Secretary of State, some of which she does not agree with.

Commissioner Myers asked if the part-time workers were covered under PERS, and Ms. Henderly stated that they must be because of the way they are compensated.

Commissioner Myers asked if it were possible for people to vote twice, once absentee and once at their polling locations, and Ms. Henderly stated that it is possible, but the voter lists sent to the polling locations indicate those who voted absentee, and if they wish to vote at the pooling location, they must vote provisional and risk having that vote discounted.

Commissioner Myers asked if there had been any challenges thus far, and Ms. Henderly stated only for typos or other registration mistakes that are common. One mistake people are making is not placing their absentee ballots in the proper ID envelope, in which case those votes can't be counted.

Mr. Zody asked if Ms. Henderly expected expenses to decrease in 2009, and Ms. Henderly stated that she hoped so, since off-year elections don't have as much turnout or absentee voting.

Commissioner Kiger asked if any further reimbursements were expected from the Secretary of State's Office, and Ms. Henderly stated that they expected some fuel reimbursement, but none other than that. Commissioner Kiger asked if the county had been fully reimbursed for all directives by Ms. Brunner, and Ms. Henderly stated that the county had not been reimbursed for the 60-day notice of election requirement as promised, which is a huge unfunded mandate on all counties. Ms. Bloom stated that she believes some of these directives are over-reaching, and Ms. Henderly stated that she hopes the machine delivery rules will be re-examined next year.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, on the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 12:45 p.m.

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

Mike Kiger
Commissioner

Jon D. Myers
Commissioner

Judith K. Shupe
Commissioner

Scott A. Zody, Clerk/Manager

THE NEXT COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY OCTOBER 30, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.