

**Regular Meeting #08-39
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
September 16, 2008**

10:00 a.m. Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Jon Myers, Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger. Also present were Lynette Leach, Joe Spybey, Jon Kochis, Dave Phalen, Marc Churchill, Aundrea Cordle, Tony Vogel, Mike Orlando and Scott Zody.

Announcements

Commissioner Myers opened the meeting and announced that the meeting would be relocated to the Jobs & Family Services building due to the power outage at the Courthouse.

Public Comment

Mr. Zody thanked the Job & Family Services staff for their assistance and providing space for him to prepare the meeting materials.

Mr. Zody announced there would be no minutes to approve for the September 9 meeting as he could not access his files on the network due to the power outage.

Approval of CHIP Resolutions

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve resolutions for the CHIP Program as follows:

- 08-09.16.a Approval of Authorization to accept the FY2008 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) Conditional Grant Award from the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships

- 08-09.16.b Approval of adoption of revisions to the Fairfield County Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) Policies and Procedures Manual for FY2008 in accordance with the CHIP Conditional Grant Award approved by the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships

- 08-09.16.c Approval to enter into agreements for administration and housing inspection assistance for the Fairfield County Fiscal Year 2008 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) as approved by the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Housing and Community Partnerships

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Service Agreement by & between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and New Horizons Care Network

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve to a Service Agreement by & between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and New Horizons Care Network, see resolution 08-09.16.d

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Grant Agreement – Fairfield County Airport, AIP Project

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners

voted to approve a grant agreement for the Fairfield County Airport AIP Project, see resolution 08-09.16.e

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval to Amend Certificate, Update Receipts and Reduce Appropriations – EMA, EMPG Fund

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve to Amend Certificate, Update Receipts and Reduce Appropriations – EMA, EMPG Fund, see resolution 08-09.16.f

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:

08-09.16.g Approval of Amended Certificate and request for Appropriations for additional unanticipated revenue

08-09.16.h Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Sheriff

08-09.16.i Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Engineer

08-09.16.j Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Engineer

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, September 16, 2008, check date September 19, 2008, see resolution 08-09.16.k

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Declaration of Emergency for Fairfield County - Commissioners

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a declaration of Emergency for Fairfield County, see resolution 08-09.16.l

Emergency Management Director Jon Kochis provided a briefing on the recent wind storm, stating that 5 other counties have already declared emergencies. Commissioner Myers thanked Mr. Kochis for all his hard work during the event, and stated that some good lessons have been learned during this time. Mr. Kochis stated that the event demonstrates the need for the county to have a Continuity of Government plan in place.

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

Storm Update

Facilities Manager Joe Spybey provided an update on county facilities, stating that he and Utilities Director Tony Vogel had explored the possibility of bringing a generator

from the Pickerington facility to the Courthouse to provide power, but AEP had informed him this morning that they expect to have the Courthouse power restored within 1-3 hours. Commissioner Myers asked how long it would take to get the HVAC, phones, and computers back on line, and Mr. Spybey stated that cooling systems would only take about an hour to recharge, and the phones should come up as soon as power is restored, but he was not sure if there were any issues with the servers.

Mr. Spybey reported that the Ag Center and Dog Shelter are still without power, and the Dog Warden is concerned about ventilation for the kennels and the need to dispose of some euthanized animals that are in the freezer awaiting cremation. Commissioner Myers asked if the Warden could dispose of those animals at a landfill if there were no other options available, and Mr. Spybey stated that he believed he could.

Commissioner Myers asked Sheriff Phalen if his phone system was working alright, and Sheriff Phalen stated that his office is still experiencing problems with his main non-emergency line, but 911 was up and running. The problem is that people can call the line and leave a message, but his officers cannot retrieve the messages.

Commissioner Myers suggested that this should be an area to pay close attention to with the new phone system proposal that is out for consideration. Mr. Kochis stated that the problem is that the phone system is located in the Hall of Justice and has no backup power supply. Mr. Vogel added that the wiring for the system is also inadequate. Mr. Spybey stated that if an auxiliary power source would be added to the HOJ, it would still require a stepped up process to power up.

Mr. Kochis stated that the phone proposal is supposed to take care of both the Courthouse and the Hall of Justice. Sergeant Churchill stated that it might be more prudent to consider relocating the system to a secure location with a permanent backup power supply.

Commissioner Myers suggested tomorrow's annual Budget Retreat be moved to the Liberty Center, as Alley Park is still without power. Commissioner Shupe and Commissioner Kiger agreed, and directed Mr. Zody to try to contact the elected officials and department heads to inform them of the change.

Mr. Kochis thanked the Board for the Emergency Declaration. He said that ice and "D" batteries are the two biggest needs at this time.

Mr. Vogel reported all water and sewer plants are back on line and fully functional.

Executive Session

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to enter into Executive Session at 11:00 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. Commissioners present included Judith Shupe, Mike Kiger, and Jon Myers. Also present was Aundrea Cordle.

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn from Executive Session at 11:20 a.m.. No formal actions were taken.

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Selection of Bohlen Auction Service to provide auctioneering services for the County Commissioner for the 2008 County Surplus sale

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the selection of Bohlen Auction Service for the 2008 County surplus sale, see resolution 08-09.16.m

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

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 1:00 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
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.**