

**Regular Meeting #08-37  
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office  
September 2, 2008**

**9:00 a.m.- Meeting with Dave Scheffler**

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. with Fairfield County Airport Board Chair Dave Scheffler. Commissioners present included Jon Myers, Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger. Also present were Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Mr. Scheffler provided an update relative to the ongoing dispute over permitting skydiving at the airport, stating that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) will be coming next Monday to hold separate meetings with both sides. Mr. Scheffler stated that biggest concern the Board has is the potential for landing zones adjacent to the runways or taxiways.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the FAA could require the airport to allow the activity, and Mr. Scheffler stated that he is not sure what they might do – this issue has been discussed not only regionally in Detroit, but also in the FAA main office in Washington, D.C.

Commissioner Myers asked why the FAA would want to have skydivers landing on the airport property, and Mr. Scheffler stated that the FAA would prefer the skydivers use the Frear property as a landing zone, as it is on the far end of the airport, but there are still safety concerns.

Mr. Dolin asked where the interested vendor is currently jumping, and Mr. Scheffler stated they are using a small private airport in Pickaway County, and they have already been denied access at several other airports.

Commissioner Kiger stated his concern with the increased helicopter usage at the airport, including the National Guard touch and go practices. Mr. Scheffler stated there are several private helicopters now using the airport on a regular basis.

Mr. Scheffler provided an update on the Frear property, stating that the State Infrastructure Bank will meet on September 10<sup>th</sup> to hear their loan request. Commissioner Myers stated that it might be good to review all the numbers for the deal and ensure everything is in order prior to the meeting.

Mr. Dolin stated that the SIB may require collateralization of the loan, and use the hangars or airport property for that purpose. In that case, the county could be liable if the airport defaulted on the loan.

Commissioner Myers asked what the terms of the loan are, and Mr. Scheffler stated the loan would be for 10 years at a 3% interest rate, and no payments would be required until the 31<sup>st</sup> month.

Mr. Scheffler provided an update on the relocation of Election House Road, stating that there are a couple of minor issues that have arisen, including a small wetland area that needs to be delineated and the historic preservation office is asking for an artifact survey to be conducted.

Commissioner Myers asked if the Engineer's Office is OK with everything, and Mr. Scheffler stated that as far as he knows, yes, but he is somewhat concerned with Steve Eversole now that his apartment project may not go forward.

Commissioner Myers asked if there is funding secured for the project, and Mr. Scheffler stated the FAA will fund all but 5%, and he feels the airport should have enough in-kind contributions to cover that match requirement. The Smith family is willing to trade land with the airport, but the Eversole's want to sell their portion.

Mr. Scheffler stated the new hangars are nearly complete, and should be ready to open possibly this fall.

Commissioner Myers asked if there had been a change in ownership with Fairfield Air Ventures, and Mr. Scheffler stated that Dwight Nippert had purchased a ½ interest in the business, but Steve Slater was doing the day-to-day operations.

Commissioner Myers asked if the county is under contract with the company, or did that contract run through the airport board, and Mr. Scheffler stated the contract is with the airport and it is a 3-year agreement that was recently renewed.

Mr. Scheffler informed the Board that he would like to hire a part-time clerk to assist with Board business, such as paying bills, taking and recording meeting minutes, and taking care of correspondence. Mr. Scheffler has been doing this work, and it is very time-consuming, especially the bill payments due to issues with the Auditor and Treasurer's Offices.

Commissioner Shupe asked if MUNIS was making the process easier, and Mr. Scheffler stated it was not, as each check needs to be entered individually. Ms. Knisley stated that the deposits could be entered as lump sums, so long as the airport maintained good records on the individual transactions.

Commissioner Kiger stated that he had spoken to Steve Slater and he would like to mail deposits to the Commissioners Office and have Staci or Theresa process them – usually about once per month.

Mr. Scheffler stated his concern is the amount of time that is going into his duties, and the airport board would like to provide some help. Mr. Scheffler would like to hire a part-time contract clerk for approximately \$4,000 per year, or about 20 hours per month.

Commissioner Shupe asked if there is a timeframe within which deposits must be made, and Ms. Knisley stated that usually the rule is 24 hours, but there is some flexibility. Commissioner Myers asked if Theresa could handle those duties, and Ms. Knisley stated she would feel comfortable working with Theresa to get started.

Commissioner Kiger stated his one concern is the Commissioner's taking responsibility for something that they really don't control. Commissioner Shupe stated that if Theresa could help with the financial aspects of the position, it could reduce the need for the clerk position. Mr. Scheffler stated that he has sufficient funds to pay for the position, and still needs the assistance with other duties such as the meetings and correspondence.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the office can absorb the additional work, and Ms. Knisley stated that she feels comfortable as long as the pay-ins stay the same.

Commissioner Myers suggested posting the clerk position through the county Worknet site, and Commissioner Shupe suggested Mr. Scheffler contact county HR Director Aunie Cordle as well.

Mr. Scheffler stated that the current county vehicle that is used as a courtesy car by visiting pilots is old and in need of repairs that exceed the value of the vehicle, and he would like to dispose of the van and see if another county agency had an older vehicle that it might be willing to donate to the airport to use as a courtesy vehicle.

Commissioner Shupe stated that the Board could check with the other offices, and Ms. Knisley stated that she would contact the County Maintenance Department to come and take the van for the upcoming county salvage auction.

## **Review Session**

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:40 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 Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

The Board discussed a meeting request received from representatives of My Ohio Now, and directed Mr. Zody to contact them and decline a meeting.

The Board directed Mr. Zody to prepare a resolution of support for the Board to adopt supporting the renewal of the Clean Ohio bond program.

The Board directed Mr. Zody to send a letter to Joseph Machado indicating they had received his letter of concern about drainage near Bickel Church Road and that the Engineer has been asked to investigate.

Commissioner Kiger reported that he had met with the Engineer's Office and the Utilities Office regarding permits for water and sewer line crossings of county roads, and both parties agreed to develop language for the permits that would be acceptable.

### **For the Record**

Mr. Zody reported that he had received an annexation request from the City of Lancaster involving 1.02 acres of city-owned property on Collins Road. The annexation petition has been filed under Ohio Revised Code Section 709.16. Mr. Zody has requested that Jason Dolin review the request as to form and advise him on the proper procedure to follow for the petition. Mr. Zody will also forward the petition to the County Engineer's Office for review and comment.

### **10:00 a.m. Commissioners' Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 2, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Jon Myers, Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger. Also present were Michael Orlando, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

### **Announcements**

Mr. Zody announced there would be one potential add-on resolution, pending the outcome of the afternoon meeting with Jeanette Addington.

### **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

### **Approval of minutes of Tuesday August 26, 2008**

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for Tuesday, August 26, 2008

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

### **Approval of and to sign a budget revision for the 2008 CFLP Recycling Service Contract for submission to the funding source**

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve and to sign a budget revision for the 2008 CFLP Recycling Service Contract for submission to the funding source, see resolution 08-09.02.a

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of Construction Drawings for the FAI-CR17-6.44 Pleasantville Road NW Drainage Improvement Project**

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve Construction Drawings for the FAI-CR17-6.44 Pleasantville Road NW Drainage Improvement Project, see resolution 08-09.02.b

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

**Approval of Delinquent Sewer Rentals – Buckeye Lake Sewer System**

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve delinquent sewer rentals to the Fairfield County Auditor, see resolution 08-09.02.c

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

**Approval of Request for Payment and status of funds report – FY2007 CDBG Formula Program – Drawdown #174**

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a Request for Payment and status of funds report – FY2007 CDBG Formula Program – Drawdown #174, see resolution 08-09.02.d

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

**Approval of Repayment of an Advance to the General Fund – Clearcreek Fund #7687 – Fairfield Historical Parks**

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the repayment of an advance to the General Fund – Clearcreek Fund #7687 – Fairfield Historical Parks, see resolution 08-09.02.e

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

**Approval of Amended Certificate Resolutions**

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

- 08-09.02.f                      Approval of Amended Certificate of prior year encumbrance to current year appropriation, reduce current year appropriations – Fairfield County Commissioners – Fund 2660 Home Housing Improvement
- 08-09.02.g                      Approval of Amended Certificate of prior year encumbrance to current year appropriation, reduce current year appropriations – Fairfield County Commissioners – Fund 2703 FY2006 CDBG Formula
- 08-09.02.h                      Approval to Amend Certificate & Update Receipts – Fund 2662 – Fairfield County CDBG Housing Improvement Fund - Commissioners

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

**Approval of Financial Resolutions**

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

- 08-09.02.i Approval of Account to Account Transfer – EMA
- 08-09.02.j Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Commissioners/Economic Development
- 08-09.02.k Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – ADAMH
- 08-09.02.l Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Job & Family Services

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

### **Payment of Bills**

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the authorization for payment of bills, September 2, 2008, check date September 5, 2008, see resolution 08-09.02.m

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

### **Review, cont.**

### **Executive Session**

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Commissioner present included Jon Myers, Judith Shupe, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Michael Orlando, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

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

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn from Executive Session.

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

No official actions were taken.

Commissioner Myers asked Mr. Orlando if his agency was responsible for children who are placed in foster care outside of Fairfield County, and Mr. Orlando stated that if the children are placed with a family member, then his agency is not responsible for covering any costs, but if the children are placed with foster parents, whether in county or out of county, JFS must cover the required costs.

### **11:00 - Meeting with Paul Stubbins and Joe Robertson**

The Board of Commissioners met with Paul Stubbins and Joe Robertson from Royal Bank of Canada Capital Markets. Commissioners present included Jon Myers, Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger. Also present were Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Mr. Stubbins provided an overview of RBC, stating that RBC had acquired Seasongood & Mayer with the intent of broadening their business into municipal financing. The firm operates as a standard bank as well as an investment bank.

Prior to the acquisition, Seasongood & Mayer had been the #1 underwriter of public bonds in Ohio, with offices in Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati. In addition, the firm was the nation's leader in acting as Lead Manager for bond issues under \$50 million and the leader in the total number of issues conducted.

Commissioner Kiger asked what is meant by "Full Credit" in their publication, and Mr. Stubbins stated that some transactions have multiple managers, and full credit means that credit is given to each manager involved in the transaction. Full credit to the Lead means that credit is only given to the Lead Manager.

With respect to volume, Seasongood & Mayer have conducted over \$1.4 billion worth of sales in Ohio, and have done several municipal water & sewer issues recently.

Commissioner Kiger asked what the standard percentage charge is for RBC's services, and Mr. Stubbins stated that it depends on the size and difficulty of the project. General Obligation issues are cheaper (around \$5 per bond), since they have the full faith and credit of the county behind them and can secure lower interest rates. Revenue bonds are more complex and cost more (around \$7.50-10 per bond), because a more detailed official statement is required and the ratings for such issues are usually lower.

Today's market has constricted with bond insurers, with FSA being the only firm able to secure AAA ratings right now. In addition, the rating of the underlying entity issuing the bonds has become more critical now due to the recent mortgage crisis. Fairfield County is AA rated, which is very good for a public entity – it would translate into a 50 to 75 basis point savings on rates.

Commissioner Shupe asked why Richland County's rating is lower, and Mr. Stubbins stated it is in part due to the amount of outstanding debt the county has, the cash balance of the operating fund, and general overall economic conditions of Richland County as compared to Fairfield County. Licking County is somewhat better off, but still is not as good economically as Fairfield County.

Mr. Stubbins stated that Moody's is looking at a more global rating system, because government entities should be getting higher ratings due to their stability. Commissioner Shupe asked if the county would have to go through a full rating review if that would occur, and Mr. Stubbins stated that he did not believe it would, since the rating houses receive copies of the county audits and financial statement each year and know generally what the financial conditions are. In addition, the rating firms will look at how local governments address getting through difficult times.

#### **1:00 p.m. Meeting with Jeanette Addington**

The Board of Commissioner met at 1:00 p.m. with Jeanette Addington to review FY2009 budget requests. Commissioners present included Jon Myers, Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger. Also present were Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin and Scott Zody.

Ms. Addington stated that she, Ms. Knisley and Mr. Zody had completed their meetings with various elected officials relative to their initial budget requests, and she had been running various budget parameter scenarios based upon the results of these meetings.

Under the standard scenario of a 3% increase for salaries and 0% for operations, and assuming that spending and revenue remain constant, over the next three years the county General Fund cash balance would be reduced from \$9.9 million in 2009 down to \$4 million by 2011. The cash balance should be around \$10 million.

This scenario is what most of the elected officials surveyed would prefer, although this only reflects the attitude of about a half-dozen. Ms. Addington factored in the potential \$500,000 loan to Job & Family Services for Children Services and Adult Protective Services in 2009, to be re-paid in 2010 by off-setting GRF appropriations. She also factored in the \$362,000 supplement that was awarded to JFS last year to assist with foster care costs, and this appropriation would cease with the 2010 budget. Ms. Addington did not factor in the JFS request for \$463,000 to implement an Electronic Data Management System (EDMS) for the Public Assistance division, which would need to be advanced in 2008 and be re-paid over a 36 month period to the General Fund via monthly payments from JFS.

Ms. Knisley stated that they also have the David Kessler issue with the Prosecutor's Office that will require some additional appropriations for the Prosecutor for both 2008 and 2009, even though the actual funding for the position will come from other sources such as the Sheriff, Lancaster, Pickerington, and JFS. The position would be fully funded by the levy beginning in 2010.

Ms. Addington stated that she needs to ensure there is sufficient cash balance in the General Fund to ensure these proposals will work.

Commissioner Kiger stated how can the Board be sure the funds will be "paid back" if JFS can't make their rental payments currently? Ms. Addington stated that is her concern, even with the levy funding. Commissioner Myers stated that Mr. Orlando did already commit to no longer requesting the \$362,000 foster care supplement.

Ms. Addington provided an overview of the various funding scenarios, stating the original 2009 budget requests totaled \$34.5 million, the revised 2009 requests totaled \$35.04 million, and the original parameters allowed for \$35.2 million.

Factoring in the recent Board of Elections request for an additional \$183,000 for FY2008, the 2008 revised numbers would increase to \$35.07 million.

A 1% increase in salaries would translate into an additional \$108,000 plus an additional \$40,000 for benefits, or approximately \$150,000 per year.

Regarding funding for the Budget Retreat, Ms. Addington stated that she does not see how a pot of funding could be provided for the Budget Retreat if the parameters are reduced to 3% and 0% respectively.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the Sheriff is exceeding parameters, and Ms. Addington stated that he is over by nearly \$500,000, but for the scenarios, she backed his numbers off to the 3%/0%.

Commissioner Kiger asked why the sheriff is asking for a 16% increase in salaries, and Ms. Addington stated that is to cover a nurse they hired to help with medical care of prisoners, the Major Crimes Unit part-time secretary, and to hire at least two deputies.

Job & Family Services Director Michael Orlando joined the meeting to discuss his requests. Commissioner Kiger asked Mr. Orlando when he expected to be able to get caught up on their rental payments, and Mr. Orlando stated that he had spoken with Ms. Knisley regarding that issue, and he expects to get caught up in October.

Mr. Orlando stated that they constantly juggle revenues, because everything is based upon reimbursement from the state and Federal government, and the state and Federal fiscal years don't match up with the county fiscal year, so sometimes it's a guessing game as to how much will come in at any given time. In addition, since the state switched over to the new OAKS accounting system, reimbursements are taking longer to process.

Commissioner Kiger asked why the Commissioners are the last to be paid, and Mr. Orlando stated that he has to cover payroll costs first, then contracts and foster parent costs, and the rent is usually next. Commissioner Kiger asked when JFS receives their funds, and Mr. Orlando stated it is very much subject to how quickly they can receive reimbursement payments after providing services and submitting paperwork.

Commissioner Kiger asked where the funding for rental payments originates, and Mr. Orlando stated it is part of the reimbursement payments and it is difficult to know how much will be received from year to year – it is typically 6 months into each year before he has a good idea of what to expect.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the payments aren't based in a large part on the random surveys the state conducts, and Mr. Orlando stated that is correct, and they don't know

when those surveys will come, who will be contacted, or what a caseworker might be working on at that time.

Commissioner Kiger asked why a monthly payment schedule couldn't be established, and Mr. Orlando stated it is difficult to do based on the inconsistent reimbursement payments – he has months where it is a struggle to meet payroll.

Commissioner Myers stated that a monthly schedule might not be needed if more timely payments could be made. Mr. Orlando stated that he has delivered that message very clearly to his Finance Department, and Commissioner Kiger stated he would just like to see more consistency with the payments.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the problem is an expectation of a payment in May that might not arrive until July, and Mr. Orlando stated that is exactly what happens sometimes. Ms. Knisley stated that she has problems like that with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles.

Regarding the EDMS system, Mr. Orlando explained that he intends to fully repay the General Fund for the system, but has to follow a depreciation schedule set by the state which would run for 36 months beginning with the “go-live” of the system. Commissioner Myers asked if the system needed to be paid for up front, and Mr. Orlando stated that is his understanding.

Commissioner Myers asked how long the current offer is on the table, and Mr. Orlando stated that he is not sure, it probably depends on how long Northwoods will be in Licking County, and the price offered is already significantly lower than the original price.

Commissioner Shupe asked about the \$362,000 foster care supplement and how costs are associated with it, and Mr. Orlando stated he is currently over budget by 12% as caseloads are up, including the Rent-a-Center truck theft individual that is costing about \$500 per day, and he anticipates placement costs going up.

Commissioner Shupe asked what happens to funds that would go unspent, and Mr. Orlando stated that he anticipates spending it all, as the foster parents are asking for an increase in their daily stipend of \$15 – most counties pay around \$25.

Commissioner Kiger asked about the prosecutor investigator position, and to clarify that the position would not take any General Fund dollars, and Mr. Orlando stated that is the case. Ms. Knisely stated that the Prosecutor is counting on subsidies from the Sheriff, Lancaster and Pickerington to cover most of the costs, with the remainder coming from JFS. Mr. Orlando stated that they are trying to be sure of that, and the agreement clearly states that if one of the 4 parties no longer wishes to participate, the agreement ends and Mr. Kessler would be let go.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the parties have paid, and Mr. Orlando stated that the Sheriff and Pickerington have paid, but Lancaster has not.

Commissioner Myers asked Mr. Orlando what budget funding scenario he would prefer, and Mr. Orlando stated that he would prefer the 3%/0% option, but that is because most of his costs are in payroll.

Regarding the \$500,000 up-front funding to implement the CPS/APS upgrade in 2009, Mr. Orlando stated that he would request \$250,000 to be paid in April, and \$250,000 in September. The trick is the repayment of funds, and the easiest method would be to reduce appropriations in GRF in 2010. Ms. Addington stated that would likely be the case, as the appropriation would increase by \$500,000 in 2009.

Commissioner Shupe thanked Mr. Orlando for his time and stated that the Board would follow up with him on the EDMS proposal.

Commissioner Shupe asked Ms. Addington if the projected cash balance could end higher, and Ms. Addington stated that it could but her projections have been pretty accurate over the past few years and she does not anticipate any major changes either way.

County Treasurer Jon Slater joined the meeting and Commissioner Myers asked him what budget scenario he would prefer, and Mr. Slater stated that he would prefer the 3%/0% option, as he would prefer to try to help his employees make ends meet and tighten down or cut back on operational costs, but inflationary pressures are building.

Commissioner Myers asked what the 2007 cash carryover was, and Ms. Addington stated the total cash carryover was \$13 million, but unencumbered cash was \$10.8 million. Commissioner Shupe asked if that would be enough to address the requests, and Ms. Addington stated they should stay conservative and stay as close to the parameters as possible.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the Sheriff has the largest request over and above the parameters, and Ms. Addington stated that the Sheriff and Board of Elections are the largest requests.

Commissioner Myers asked what the pleasure of the Board was with respect to the JFS requests, and Commissioner Shupe stated that it is a lot of money to spend now, but it would be even more costly to do later, especially the EDMS. Commissioner Myers stated that the General Fund expenditures would be reduced by at least \$862,000 for JFS in 2010.

Ms. Addington asked how the EDMS funding would be repaid, and Mr. Zody stated that it would come from future payments that JFS would receive from the state for the Public Assistance program in accordance with the depreciation schedule referenced by Mr. Orlando. The GRF allocation for Public Assistance could not be offset, as that is a required match. Mr. Dolin suggested having a written MOU with JFS relative to that.

Ms. Knisley asked what would be the best way to provide the \$463,000 for the EDMS – an Advance? Commissioner Shupe suggested asking Ed Laramée in the Auditor's Office.

Commissioner Myers asked if an allowance could be made for the Sheriff due to the amount of fuel he needs for the patrol vehicles, and Ms. Addington stated that something could probably be worked in for that, but the salary line item would need to be reduced to parameter levels (3%).

Commissioner Myers asked if the Board could limit the amount for salaries and allow the Sheriff to work within the parameters to rearrange funding to make adjustments for contract obligations, because as much as the Board would like to see the Sheriff's operations address problems, the financial situation won't allow additional positions right now. What if a 1% allowance for operational needs would be granted?

Ms. Addington stated that the Sheriff's current budget is around \$8.85 million, and he requested \$9.4 million – his health insurance costs alone are over \$1 million.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the Board would be willing to provide some assistance to the Historical Parks, as Dave Fey believes that every dollar he can use would generate \$8 in return through travel and tourism spending. Ms. Addington stated that in her opinion, it makes sense to invest something in the parks.

Commissioner Myers asked if something like this should be a retreat agenda item, and Commissioner Shupe stated that this should be something the Board decides on, not the retreat. Commissioner Kiger stated that he does not have a problem trying to help the parks, but it is an issue that has been rejected numerous times over the years by the voters.

Commissioner Myers stated that Mr. Fey has asked for a 5-year subsidy, and believes that after that he should be generating enough of his own funds to grow from there. Commissioner Kiger stated that the Decorative Arts Center made the same statement several years ago yet the Board is still providing them a subsidy via the bed tax.

Commissioner Shupe stated that she would like to request the Board provide \$100,000 per year to the Parks in addition to the \$65,000 allocation they currently receive to help Mr. Fey get on his feet. Ms. Knisley asked the Board if they wanted her to set up a \$165,000 allocation, and the Board agreed.

Commissioner Shupe asked if the Board wanted to provide the \$100,000 allocation for the Family, Adult and Children First Council. Commissioner Kiger stated that he thought that JFS provided a supplement, and Ms. Knisley stated that they used to, but that became a Board allocation about 3 years ago through the budget retreat. Ms. Addington asked if that allocation would be picked up by JFS once the levy funds began to come in, and Commissioner Shupe stated that she did not believe it would, and Commissioner Myers asked Mr. Zody to check on that with Mr. Orlando.

Regarding the Budget Retreat, the Board agreed that there would be no additional funds available for paired comparisons this year, and asked Mr. Zody what would be on the agenda.

Mr. Zody stated that there would be Hot Zone reports from himself on the Public Safety Committee, from Bill Arnett on the Parks Hot Zone, and from Barb Curtiss on the Records Storage Hot Zone. Ms. Addington could provide an overview of the budget situation.

Commissioner Myers suggested possibly having the Parks and FACFC allocations as a discussion topic, and possibly have Dave Fey do a short presentation on his ideas and goals for the parks. For the afternoon, a discussion revolving around the proposed budget parameter and scenario options could be held.

### **Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Board of Elections**

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve to appropriate from unappropriated for the Board of Elections, see resolution 08-09.02.n

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

### **Executive Session**

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to enter into Executive Session at 3:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing pending litigation.

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 3:30 p.m.

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:  
Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Judith Shupe 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 3:35 p.m.

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

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Mike Kiger  
Commissioner

Jon D. Myers  
Commissioner

Judith K. Shupe  
Commissioner

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Scott A. Zody, Clerk/Manager

**THE NEXT COMMISSIONERS' REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR  
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.**