

**Regular Meeting #08-41
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
September 30, 2008**

9:45 a.m. Meeting with Randy Carter – Data Processing

The Board of Commissioners met with Data Processing Chief Randy Carter to discuss printer and copier toner expenses. Commissioners present included Jon Myers and Judith Shupe. Mike Kiger was absent due to jury duty. Also present were Staci Knisley, Roy Hart and Scott Zody.

Mr. Carter explained that several years ago his office took over responsibility for purchasing toner cartridges for printers and copiers as there needed to be consistency and efficiency established to ensure the proper toners were purchased at the right price. Mr. Carter instituted a program to purchase recycled toners and saved the county funding.

Last year, Mr. Carter added the Sheriff's Office to his purchase list and as a result, costs have increased to the point that he will be short of funding for 2009 in his supplies and equipment line item, and would like to request approximately \$10,000 in additional funding to ensure adequate resources for toner purchases.

Commissioner Myers asked if there are any other line items that Mr. Carter could utilize to cover the increased costs, and Mr. Carter stated that he has been taking some funding out of his workers' compensation line item to cover some of his increased costs for this current year, but would not have sufficient funding to do so in 2009.

Commissioner Shupe asked if Mr. Carter would have issues in 2009 given the proposed budget would only increase the salary line items and hold operational expenses at no increase, and Mr. Carter stated that he would definitely need additional funding to cover the increased costs.

Commissioner Shupe stated that she would like to see some educational effort made to impress upon county employees the need to try to keep records electronically and not make so many copies. Commissioner Myers asked if printer and copier usage were monitored, and Mr. Carter stated that Denise Gressick in his office keeps track of copier and printer use and they will try to work on over utilization.

Commissioner Myers asked if Job & Family Services was a large user, and Mr. Carter stated that JFS has tried to centralize their printers and copiers to help reduce usage. Commissioner Shupe asked Ms. Knisley if she was aware of the toner issue, and Ms. Knisley stated that she had spoken with Mr. Carter about the concern.

Ms. Knisley also reported to the Board that Jason Dolin had reviewed the wiring infrastructure RFP and was comfortable with moving forward and awarding the contract, so there will be a resolution on the agenda this morning for that project.

10:00 a.m. Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 30, 2008 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Jon Myers and Judith Shupe. Mike Kiger was absent due to jury duty. Also present were Aundrea Cordle, Mary Jane Gard, Tony Vogel, Ed Laramee, Roy Hart, and Scott Zody.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, September 23, 2008

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the meeting minutes for Tuesday, September 23, 2008

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

Approval of an award of bid – Infrastructure Wiring Project, Fairfield County, multi-sites

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the award of bid for the county infrastructure wiring project, see resolution 08-09.30.a

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

Approval of a Petition to Annex 1.020 acres, more or less, in Greenfield Township into the City of Lancaster, pursuant to ORC 709.16, annexation of land submitted by landowner

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a Petition to Annex 1.020 acres, more or less, in Greenfield Township into the City of Lancaster, pursuant to ORC 709.16, annexation of land submitted by landowner, see resolution 08-09.30.b

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

Approval of a Contract for services between the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, administrative agent for the Fairfield County Family, Adult & Children First Council and the Fairfield County Juvenile Court

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a Contract for services between the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, administrative agent for the Fairfield County Family, Adult & Children First Council and the Fairfield County Juvenile Court, see resolution 08-09.30.c

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

Approval of a petition to widen and alter a part of a public road, Refugee Road in Violet Township, and to set a date for a viewing and hearing

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve to a petition to widen and alter a part of a public road, Refugee Road in Violet Township, and to set a date for a viewing and hearing, see resolution 08-09.30.d

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

Approval of a Request for Payment and status of funds report – FY2007 CDBG Formula Program- drawdown #175, Commissioners

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a Request for Payment and status of funds report – FY2007 CDBG Formula Program - drawdown #175, Commissioners, see resolution 08-09.30.e

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

Approval of a Amended Certificate resolutions

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

- 08-09.30.f Approval to Amend the Certificate, update receipts – Fund 2092 – Fairfield County Emergency Management
- 08-09.30.g Approval of Amended Certificate, update receipts, appropriate from unappropriated, and account to account transfer – Juvenile Court

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

Approval of Financial Resolutions

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

- 08-09.30.h Approval of Fund to Fund Transfer - Insurance
- 08-09.30.i Approval of Fund to Fund transfer and account to account transfer – Flexible Spending
- 08-09.30.j Approval of Account to Account transfer and appropriate from unappropriated – Victim/Witness Assistance
- 08-09.30.k Approval of Account to Account transfer – Older Adult Services Levy
- 08-09.30.l Approval of Account to Account transfer – Utilities Water Fund
- 08-09.30.m Approval of Account to Account transfer - ADAMH
- 08-09.30.n Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Family, Adult & Children First Council
- 08-09.30.o Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Maintenance
- 08-09.30.p Approval of Account to Account Transfer – GIS
- 08-09.30.q Approval of Account to Account Transfer - General
- 08-09.30.r Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Common Pleas Court
- 08-09.30.s Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Alternative School Fund
- 08-09.30.t Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Engineer, Road & Bridge Levy Fund
- 08-09.30.u Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Engineer, Motor Vehicle Fund

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

Absent: Mike Kiger

Payment of Bills

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the authorization for payment of bills, September 30, 2008, check date October 3, 2008, see resolution 08-09.30.v

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Judith Shupe and Jon Myers.

Absent: Mike Kiger

Review Session

The Board of Commissioners met at 10:20 a.m. to review correspondence, legal issues, and pending and future action items. Commissioners present included Jon Myers and Judith Shupe. Mike Kiger was absent due to jury duty. Also present were Aundrea Cordle, Ed Laramée, Tony Vogel and Scott Zody.

Mr. Vogel provided an update on a CORSA claim relative to a home in Violet Township that experienced a sewage backup this past summer. Mr. Vogel stated that CORSA is willing to offer the homeowner a \$5,000 settlement if Mr. Vogel would be willing to provide any additional funding to settle the claim.

Commissioner Myers asked if the homeowner had provided a list of damages, and Mr. Vogel stated he had, but CORSA does not seem interested in paying anything. Commissioner Myers asked if Mr. Vogel felt the homeowner would agree to less than the total amount he was requesting for reimbursement, and Mr. Vogel stated that was the idea, to offer enough to make it worthwhile to the homeowner to not litigate the claim.

Aundrea Cordle and Ed Laramée provided an update on county health insurance benefits coverage. Ms. Cordle stated that after their last meeting with the Board, she had contacted Franklin County to obtain information relative to provided additional tiers of coverage for married couples without children and single parents with children. Franklin County currently offers these tiers of coverage.

Ms. Cordle reported that while such coverage could be provided to Fairfield County employees, there are two drawbacks, the first being that the monthly premium payment for family coverage would increase approximately \$30 per employee, and secondly that Franklin County needed to know by October 1st if Fairfield County would like to offer these options for 2009.

Ms. Cordle provided a spreadsheet that showed the number of county employees broken out by coverage type, and the number of employees that would qualify for the new tiers. Commissioner Shupe stated that the multi-tiered system would negatively impact more individuals, and Ms. Cordle stated that if the county were to add more tiers, she would prefer to have more time to inform and educate the employees.

Commissioner Myers asked how much the county spends on health insurance benefits, and Ms. Cordle stated the total amount is about \$7 million, of which 40% is General Fund expenditures and the remainder comes from other funds.

Mr. Laramée stated that he is concerned that adding tiers would make negotiating rates more difficult from year to year.

Ms. Cordle asked when the employees start paying the new increased rates, and Mr. Laramée stated that the premiums will first be deducted out of December paychecks for 2009 coverage. Ms. Cordle stated that she is concerned that some departments may not have budgeted for that increase.

Commissioner Myers asked how much more would be needed to cover the increase for December. Mr. Laramée stated that he would need to go department by department to determine those needs.

Ms. Cordle stated that the overall cost increase would be about \$80,000. Commissioner Myers asked Mr. Laramée to contact the various departments and notify them of the change.

Commissioner Shupe stated that the health insurance is still a very good benefit, and Federal employees pay a much higher rate. Ms. Cordle stated that is true, but some employees have a higher expectations level with the county. Ms. Cordle added that the Fraternal Order of Police contract negotiations are due to start in December, and there are several items on the table, including health insurance issues.

Ms. Knisley provided the Board with an update on several renovation projects that Facilities Manager Joe Spybey is working on, and to request some funding be transferred out of the Unexpected Emergencies line item to pay for these repairs and renovations.

Ms. Knisley stated that Mr. Spybey provide her with cost information on the Courthouse rear landing (\$12,000), sidewalk repairs for the Education Service Center (\$6,000), Job & Family Service floor covering (\$24,000), and Domestic Relations Court reconfiguration (\$44,000).

Commissioner Shupe stated that Clerk of Courts Debbie Smalley has some funding left over from the Liberty Center project that she thought could be used to upgrade safety issues at the Hall of Justice.

Ms. Knisley stated there is \$575,000 available in the unanticipated emergencies line item, and a total of \$86,000 would address these projects. Mr. Zody asked if the latest Board of Elections request for \$42,000 to cover the costs of additional Secretary of State directives could be taken from that same line item, and Ms. Knisley stated that would be preferable.

The Board directed Ms. Knisley to prepare a resolution for the next meeting to transfer the funds for the renovations and also for the Board of Elections.

The Board directed Mr. Zody to move forward with the request from the Education Service Center to renew their current lease at the Liberty Center.

Approval of Account to Account Transfer – Flexible Spending

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Jon Myers, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve an account to account transfer of funds for Flexible Spending, see resolution 08-09.30.w

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

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 3:00 p.m.

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

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 OCTOBER 7, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.**