

Regular Meeting #08-25
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
June 19, 2008

8:30 a.m.- Quarterly Roundtable Meeting

The Board of Commissioners met at 8:30 a.m. for a Quarterly Roundtable meeting with county elected officials and department heads. Commissioners present included Jon Myers, Judith Shupe and Mike Kiger. Also present were Becky Edwards, Debbie Henderly, Jerry Perrigo, Aunie Cordle, Mike Orlando, Tony Vogel, Lisa McKenzie, Frank Hirsch, Jon Kochis, Frank Anderson, John Pekar, Jason Dolin, Bill Arnett, Brooks Davis, Peter Kukla, Kelly Turben, Jon Slater, Joe Spybey, Lori Lovas, Eric Coakley, and Scott Zody.

Frank Anderson provided an update on various projects his office is working on, and reported that they are conducting some emergency bridge abutment repairs to a bridge on Lithopolis Road near Collins Road.

Commissioner Myers asked if the Engineer paved any county roads with his own staff or if all that work was contracted out. Mr. Anderson stated that force account laws prohibit the Engineer from paving roads – they can conduct bridge repairs up to \$100,000 and do patch work for paving, but all other work must be contracted.

Jon Slater reported that tax bills for the 2nd half of 2008 were mailed last week, with only minor glitches that are being worked on. Commissioner Shupe asked Mr. Slater to provide an update on county interest income, and Mr. Slater stated that for now, incomes are in line with projection, but the remainder of the year and 2009 look dismal. Overnights rates are dropping, and many county investments are maturing and will have to be renewed at lower rates.

Commissioner Myers asked how much interest revenue would decrease, and Mr. Slater estimated at least \$1 million less would be earned.

Bill Arnett reported the new Economic Development website has been launched and is much more user friendly than the old site, and the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund has made its first loan of the year to a business in Pickerington.

Mr. Arnett also stated that he is working with some businesses in Bremen and the Ohio Rail Development Authority to try to bring a Norfolk Southern spur line to Bremen.

Aunie Cordle stated that there are several wellness initiatives under way, including osteoporosis screening, and there are 2 safety and health inspections remaining to be completed. In addition, United Health Care and Ohio Health have successfully resolved their contract disputes, so employees will have access to Ohio Health physicians and facilities.

Chief Deputy Perrigo thanked Joe Spybey for his assistance in getting repairs done to the minimum security jail. Chief Perrigo stated that fuel costs are having an impact on the Sheriff's budget, and Commissioner Myers asked if the office is implementing any cost savings measures. Chief Perrigo stated that the deputies have been instructed to try to conserve fuel on patrol and to avoid sitting with engines idling, and the golf cart patrol in Bremen has been a success thus far. Chief Perrigo reported that labor negotiations with the Fraternal Order of Police will begin this fall.

Michael Orlando provided an update on his efforts, along with other agencies and community partners, to find space in the northwest part of the county to establish satellite facilities to serve their customers. Mr. Orlando stated that nearly 40% of JFS clients live in that part of the county.

John Pekar announced that the first annual "Run for the Rose" will be conducted this Saturday. The event is a 5K race to raise funds for the Sensory Trail project adjacent to Forest Rose School, and they have over 100 runners pre-registered. In addition,

Lowe's has come forward to provide labor and materials over the next three years to help with the project, and is approaching their corporate headquarters to sponsor the ADA accessible treehouse on the trail.

Tony Vogel reported that his office is in the process of designing a new wastewater treatment facility for the northwest side of Lancaster, and the new credit card payment system is working well and customers seem pleased with that option.

Brooks Davis stated that his office has contracted with the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission to assist with updating the County Plan, and the Soil 7 Water Conservation District and Rail to Trail Ohio is providing some free technical assistance. The first stakeholder meeting is scheduled for June 26th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Hearing Room.

Lisa McKenzie stated that after a couple of weeks of increased activity, recording activity for home sales decreased last week. Mr. Davis added that his office only has one new housing development plan on file for this year, and many developers have mothballed additions to existing subdivisions.

Debbie Henderly reported that the Board of Elections is busy gearing up for the November elections, which they anticipate will be very busy, and they continue to experience problems dealing with all the paper records they must store.

Commissioner Shupe asked if there were any issues for an August election, and Ms. Henderly stated none had been filed. Commissioner Myers asked if there were any estimates for voter turnout for November, and Ms. Henderly stated that turnout is expected to be high, but no one is sure how high. Peter Kukla stated that they do not anticipate any major changes for the fall election.

Jon Kochis reported that his office, in cooperation with South Central Power, recently installed the 14th emergency warning siren, and he expects all of the sirens to be completed by the end of the year. In addition, the county debris management plan is nearly complete, and Fairfield County should be the first county in the state with such a plan – this will enable the county to request 85% FEMA reimbursement for disaster, instead of the usual 75%.

Frank Hirsch reported that there have been 4 recent cases of e. coli in the county, all in the northwest area, and his office is working with Franklin and Delaware counties and Columbus to investigate the recent rash of cases. Fortunately, there have been no new cases in the last two days. In addition, there have been 5-6 cases of salmonella resulting from contaminated tomatoes in Fairfield County. The Groundwater Protection Program has been placed on hold pending future rules guidance from the state Health Department.

Commissioner Myers asked Mr. Hirsch to discuss the recent unfunded mandate imposed by the state relative to school inspections, and Mr. Hirsch stated that with the passage of Jarod's Law, his staff have gone from taking 1-2 hours to inspect a school building to taking all day to conduct an inspection, due to all the new requirements they must follow.

Scott Zody announced the annual Budget Retreat is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17th at Alley Park.

Joe Spybey provided an update on various capital improvement projects he is working on, including the Courthouse and MSMJ roofs, and the new ADA accessible sidewalk at the Courthouse. In addition, he stated the safety walkthroughs are nearly complete, and he is working on addressing the outstanding issues noted by the Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

Eric Coakley reported that despite slowdowns in some areas, the real estate market remains healthy on some respects in Fairfield County. Homes are not appreciating as quickly, but for the most part they are not losing value either. Apartment occupancy is

on the rise, with many complexes reporting 90-100% occupancy, and many private homes are being converted to rental units.

Dave Burgei announced there will be a GIS committee meeting on July 23rd in the Commissioner's Hearing Room.

Commissioner Shupe asked Mr. Coakley if he had any update regarding the records storage issue, and Mr. Coakley stated he was not sure where it was at, but the survey is close to being ready to distribute.

Kelly Turben reported the Clerk of Courts Office has experienced an increase in foreclosure work, and the Domestic Relations Court has been very busy.

Becky Edwards announced that the Older Adult Network of FACFC has been working on an indigent burial project to help disadvantaged older adults with burial plans and assistance, based on a similar plan implemented in Pickaway County.

Commissioner Myers asked the group if there were any suggestions for assisting employees with higher gas prices, such as exploring a 4-day, 10-hour per day work week or other options. Lisa McKenzie stated that several other county recorder offices have adopted 4 day rotating work weeks and seem to be pleased with the results. Jon Slater suggested providing bicycle racks at county buildings for employees interested in cycling to work.

10:00 a.m. Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 19, 2008 beginning at 10:05 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 that there would be one add-on resolution relative to a grant that Job & Family Services is partnering with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Fairfield County. In addition, item 08-06.19.i has been pulled from the agenda as it is duplicative of item 08-06.19.h.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Approval of minutes of Tuesday June 17, 2008

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for Tuesday June 17, 2008.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a petition to annex 4.7204 acres, more or less, in Bloom Township to the Village of Lithopolis, pursuant to ORC 709.023, J. Christopher Ralston, Agent – annexation of land by petition submitted by landowner

On motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a petition to annex 4.7204 acres, more or less, in Bloom Township to the Village of Lithopolis, pursuant to ORC 709.023, J. Christopher Ralston, Agent – annexation of land by petition submitted by landowner, see resolution 08-06.19.a

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 – RSA Improvements EA/CATEX – reimbursement connecting taxiway & sitework – design/construction engineering services; Land Acquisition of Professional Services Phase 1 – connecting taxiway/site work – construction of Grant #3-39-0044-1608-FY2008

On motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve a grant agreement – Fairfield County Airport – RSA Improvements EA/CATEX – reimbursement connecting taxiway & sitework – design/construction engineering services; Land Acquisition of Professional Services Phase 1 – connecting taxiway/site work – construction of Grant #3-39-0044-1608-FY2008, see resolution 08-06.19.b

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

Approval of Engineer’s resolutions

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

- 08-06.19.c Approval of contract bid award for the 2008 Pavement Marking Project
- 08-06.19.d Approval of Declaration of Necessity of FAI-CR23-1.285 Winchester Road NW over a Tributary of Little Walnut Creek Culvert Replacement
- 08-06.19.e Approval the Construction Drawings for the FAI-CR23-1.285 Winchester Road NW over a Tributary of Little Walnut Creek Culvert Replacement Project
- 08-06.19.f Approval of revised Prima Facie Speed Limit for Dozer Road SW, Clearcreek Township

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:

- 08-06.19.g Approval of Payment of a voucher without an appropriate purchase order - MRDD
- 08-06.19.h Approval of account to account transfer – Family, Adult & Children First Council
- 08-06.19.j Approval of account to account transfer – ADAMH
- 08-06.19.k Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Fund to Fund Transfers – One-time Requests – EMA, CPS & Prosecutor
- 08-06.19.l Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Job & Family Sevices
- 08-06.19.m Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Commissioners
- 08-06.19.n Approval to Appropriate from Unappropriated – Commissioners

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

Approval of Designation of Fairfield County Job & Family Services as authorized applicant for US Department of Justice grant application (CDFA Number 16.726) in collaboration with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Fairfield County

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the designation of Fairfield County Job & Family Services as authorized applicant for US Department of Justice grant application (CDFA Number 16.726) in collaboration with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Fairfield County, see resolution 08-06.19.o.

Roll call vote of 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 10:25 a.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 TUESDAY
JUNE 24, 2008 AT 10:00 A.M.**