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### **Fairfield County Purchases Building for County Records Center**

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**Lancaster, Ohio-** The Fairfield County Commissioners announced today that the county will purchase property for a records center. The property is located at 240 Baldwin Drive in Lancaster. It is nearly four acres in size and contains a 33,000 square foot steel framed and masonry warehouse-type building. There are also truck docks and office space. Initially, the new records center will house records from the County Clerk of Courts and assets of the Emergency Management Agency. Over time, all county departments will be able to use the new records center.

The facility has parking lots for over 100 vehicles and additional space for future development. Most recently, the county leased storage space at two facilities and continues to use multiple basements and rooms for storage. The new records center will allow for records to be stored in a central location. In the future, it will allow easier public access to stored records for multiple departments and agencies.

Dave Levacy, Commission President, stated, “Purchasing the property on Baldwin Drive is a significant step forward in meeting records and asset storage needs. We are purchasing the property because it is available at a favorable price and suits long term records and asset storage needs.”

The purchase of the \$490,000 property is sourced from a surplus transfer from the Clerk of Court’s Certificate of Title Fund and from current appropriations within the general fund. The building was listed at \$595,000 and has an estimated cost of \$1,650,000 as a new build.

#### ***By the numbers***

- \$490,000 purchase price
- \$410,000 commitment of surplus from Certificate of Title Funds
- \$ 80,000 commitment of General Fund appropriations
- \$ 80,000 approximate annual rent for inadequate space
- 6.125 # of years in which the current annual rent covers the purchase price
- \$145,000 estimate of one-time investment in environmental consulting for the property
- \$ 20,000 potential annual savings to EMA for command unit storage
- 20,300 current square feet in two locations
- 33,000 new building square feet for records center

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