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# March 24, 2015

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## **Commissioner Mike Kiger**



#### Video of the Historic Courthouse



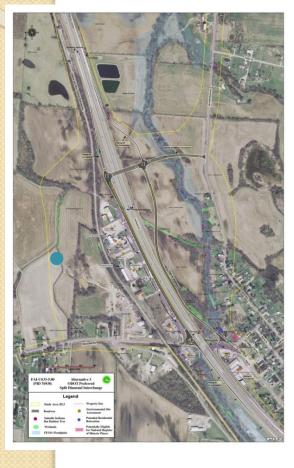
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#### **Commissioner Dave Levacy**

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#### **Carroll Interchange**

#### Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Activities

- \$154,000 for community projects
- FY 2014 Projects:
  - Walnut Creek Sewer District-Equipment Upgrades
  - Lancaster Public Transit- Vehicle
  - Village of Carroll- Matching Funds





#### Neighborhood Revitalization Program Grant

#### **Center Street Improvements**





#### Neighborhood Revitalization Program Grant Carroll Basketball Court





#### Neighborhood Revitalization Program Grant Canal Drainage



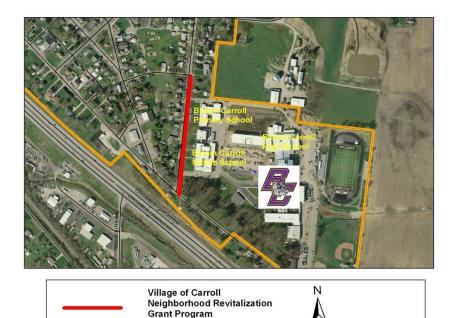


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#### Neighborhood Revitalization Program Grant Beaver Street Paving





**Beaver Street Rehabilitation** 

#### **Neighborhood Revitalization** Program Grant **High Street Sidewalks**







**Neighborhood Revitalization High Street Sidewalks** 

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#### Neighborhood Revitalization Program Grant Oberle Ave. Re-alignment





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#### Infrastructure & Transportation Support the Economy

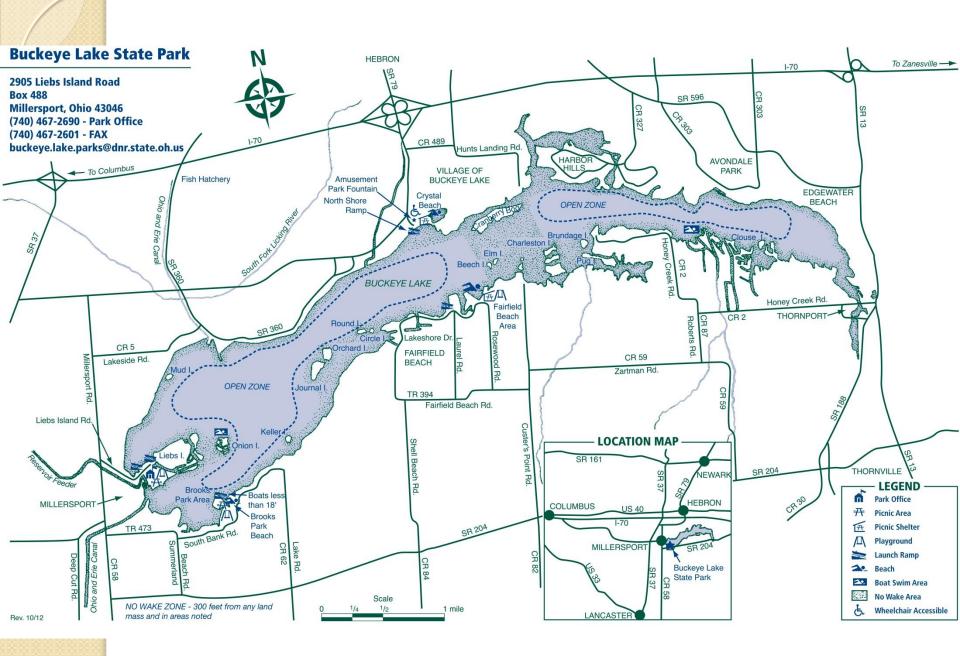
- We appreciate partnerships that support the economy
  - 33 Alliance
  - Port Authority
  - Land Bank/Fairfield County Treasurer
  - Fairfield County Engineer
  - Fairfield County Auditor/GIS



#### Key Infrastructure

• Buckeye Lake Dam





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Carri Brown, County Administrator



# Fiscal Strength Hearts for Service Leadership Skills

# 2014 Highlights – Fiscal Strength

- Approx. \$40 m general fund budget
- Carryover, exceeded target
- \$2 m investment for jail construction
  - Added to \$3.8 m from 2013
- \$18 m sales tax revenue
- \$1.6 m casino revenues
- Affirmed Aa2 Bond Rating



# 2014 Summary of General Fund

#### 2014 Year End Summary for General Fund Cash

\$ 39,491,950 2014 YTD Revenue (includes \$800K Title Transfer)\$ 38,119,776 2014 YTD Expense (includes \$2 million Pub Safety Transfer)

<u>\$ 1,372,174</u> Difference of revenue over expenses

\$ 13,960,683 2014 Y/E Cash Balance \$ (1,461,667) 2014 Y/E Purchase Orders (in accordance with policy)

\$ 12,499,016 2014 Y/E Available Cash

#### **Key Observations**

Revenues of the General Fund exceeded expenditures. Cash Balances support the long term plan. Purchase order activity is in line with policy. Available cash supports 2015 appropriations.

# Positive Bond Rating Experience

- Exceptional location
- Expanding economy, population growth
- Flexible revenues, five year plan
- Low unemployment
- Strong management
- Self-supporting debt, especially backed by Utilities revenues - four projects for expansion & improvements
- Email: cbrown@co.fairfield.oh.us

Dedication to Infrastructure, **Connection with Bond Rating Fairfield County Utilities** 23 professionals 6,000 customers 5 waste water plants 2 water treatment plants 1.8 m gallons of drinkable water each day 2.3 m gallons of water usage each day 5 Major Projects 2015 forward

# Looking Ahead to 2015

- \$41.5 Million General Fund Budget
- 2.26% increase over prior year
- 28% of budget Sheriff
- 21% Coroner, Prosecutor, Courts
- \$2 M investment in new jail
- Public safety is a priority



#### Prepare.

- Budget parameters
  - No new employees, 2015-2018
  - 2% increase for salaries
  - Careful monitoring



#### Support of Elected Officials – Dedicated Service

- Mike Kiger, Commissioner
- Dave Levacy, Commissioner
- Steve Davis, Commissioner
- Jon Slater, Auditor
- Jim Bahnsen, Treasurer
- Gene Wood, Recorder
- Jeremiah Upp, Engineer
- Dave Phalen, Sheriff

#### Support of Elected Officials – Dedicated Service

- Branden Meyer, Clerk of Courts
- Judge Richard Berens, Common Pleas
- Judge David Trimmer, Common Pleas
- Judge Terre Vandervoort, Probate & Juvenile
- Judge Laura Smith, Domestic Relations
- Gregg Marx, Prosecutor
- Dr. Tom Vajen, Coroner

#### Support of County Executives – Dedicated Service

- Bob Clark, Economic Development Director
- Jeff Porter Human Resources Director
- Dennis Keller, Facilities Operations Manager
- Jon Kochis, Emergency Management Director
- Todd McCullough, Warden-Dog Adoption Center and Shelter
- Aunie Cordle, Job & Family Services Director
- Tony Vogel, Utilities Director

#### Support of Administrative Team – Dedicated Service

- Rachel Elsea, Commissioners' Clerk
- Staci Knisley, Budget Officer
- Christina Foster, Payroll Officer
- Theresa Haynes, Account Clerk
- Bob Holland, Mail Clerk

#### Valuing Collaboration & Leadership

- Interest in more shared services
- Desire to work with all entities, all stakeholders
- Open to new ideas & new ways to solve problems



# Fairfield County Serving Connecting Protecting

#### April is National County Government Month

- Opportunities to be involved
- Attend a Board meeting or an event
- Calendars available today
- <u>www.co.fairfield.oh.us</u>



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#### **Commissioner Steve Davis**

#### Moving Forward: Leadership & Stakeholder Involvement



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- Leadership in decision making and problem solving
- March RFQ for Construction Manager at Risk
- June/July Site Work and Renovations for Public Safety Facility/Jail

# Thanks for the opportunity to serve!

- Check out the media table
- Thanks to Fairfield County Recycling and Litter Prevention Program – *beautiful centerpieces*!
- We are here for follow up questions



# Thank you for making Fairfield County a great place to live and work!

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