

**Reorganization Meeting - 2024
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
January 8, 2024**

Reorganization Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Jeff Fix. Also present: County Administrator Aundrea Cordle; Deputy County Administrator Jeff Porter; Clerk Rochelle Menningen; Communications & Information Coordinator, Bennett Niceswanger; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer; Treasurer, James Bahnsen; Chief Civil Prosecutor, Amy Brown-Thompson; Budget Director, Bart Hampson; Facilities and EMA Director, Jon Kochis; IT Director, Dan Neeley; and Utilities Director, Tony Vogel.

Virtual attendees: None

Welcome

Commissioner Davis opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance.

Public Comments

Commissioner Fix spoke about his appreciation for the changes in the Commissioners' Hearing Room and thanked all those involved.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Commissioners asked everyone to rise as able and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

Ms. Menningen stated that the first meeting of 2024 would be held on January 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval of Resolutions from the Board of Commissioners

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Board of Commissioners:

2024-01.08.a A resolution to approve the appointment of the President of the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Davis stated his appreciation for the opportunity to serve as a commissioner and as the President of the Commission in 2023. He also spoke about his appreciation for the fiscal responsibility of the Commission and County employees and departments and stated that he had every confidence in Commissioner Levacy as the President of the Commission.

Commissioner Fix spoke about his appreciation for the Commission as a whole and the opportunity to serve with the other two Commissioners.

Commissioner Levacy stated his appreciation for the insight and guidance provided to the Commission by Commissioner Davis and for the ability to serve with Commissioners Davis and Fix.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy

REORGANIZATION MEETING - 2024
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
JANUARY 08, 2024

AGENDA FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 08, 2024

- 9:00 AM Reorganization
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Announcements
- Public Comments
- Fairfield County Board of Commissioners
- 2024-01.08.a A resolution to approve the appointment of the President of the Board of Commissioners. [Commissioners]
- 2024-01.08.b A resolution to approve the appointment of the Vice President of the Board of Commissioners. [Commissioners]
- 2024-01.08.c A resolution to designate the official representative and alternate representative for the purpose of voting at the annual meeting of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio in 2024. [Commissioners]
- 2024-01.08.d A resolution to approve the appointment of an Apiary Inspector for Fairfield County. [Commissioners]
- The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
- Adjourn

A resolution to approve the appointment of the President of the Board of Commissioners.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 305.05 at the organizational meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, a President for the Board must be appointed; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Board of Fairfield County Commissioners appoints the following Commissioner to serve as President of the Board of Commissioners for 2024, effective January 8, 2024.

David L. Levacy

Section 2. That the Clerk of the Board notifies all those concerned of the appointment of the President.

Prepared by: Rochelle Menningen

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Resolution No. 2024-01.08.a

A resolution to approve the appointment of the President of the Board of Commissioners.

(Fairfield County Commissioners)

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jeffrey M. Fix, seconded by Commissioner Steven A. Davis, this resolution has been Adopted:

Voting:

David L. Levacy, President	Aye
Jeffrey M. Fix, Vice President	Aye
Steven A. Davis	Aye

Board of County Commissioners
Fairfield County, Ohio

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.



Rochelle Menningen
Board of County Commissioners
Fairfield County, Ohio

A resolution to approve the appointment of Vice President of the Board of Commissioners.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 305.05 at the organizational meeting of the Board of Commissioners, a Vice President for the Board must be appointed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Board of Fairfield County Commissioners appoints the following Commissioner to serve as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners for 2024, effective January 8, 2024.

Jeffrey Fix

Section 2. That the Clerk of the Board notifies all those concerned of the appointment of the Vice President.

Prepared by: Rochelle Menningen

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Resolution No. 2024-01.08.b

A resolution to approve the appointment of the Vice President of the Board of Commissioners.

(Fairfield County Commissioners)

Upon the motion of Commissioner David L. Levacy, seconded by Commissioner Steven A. Davis, this resolution has been Adopted:

Voting:

David L. Levacy, President	Aye
Jeffrey M. Fix, Vice President	Aye
Steven A. Davis	Aye

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Fairfield County, Ohio

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Rochelle Menningen
Board of County Commissioners
Fairfield County, Ohio

A resolution to designate the official representative and alternate representative for the purpose of voting at the annual meeting of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio in 2024.

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 6, of the Code of Regulations of the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio requires each member county to, for the purpose of voting at any annual or special meetings of the Association, designate an Official Representative and Alternate Representative; and

WHEREAS, the designation of the Official Representative and Alternate Representative for a county organized under the statutory form of county government shall be by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, in designating the Official Representative and Alternate Representative only a member of the Board of County Commissioners is eligible to be designated as the Official Representative and Alternate Representative.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. Commissioner Jeff Fix is designated as the Official Voting Representative of Fairfield County.

Section 2. Commissioner Steve Davis is designated as the Alternate Voting Representative of Fairfield County.

Prepared by: Rochelle Menningen

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Resolution No. 2024-01.08.c

A resolution to designate the official representative and alternate representative for the purpose of voting at the annual meeting of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio in 2024.

(Fairfield County Commissioners)

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jeffrey M. Fix, seconded by Commissioner David L. Levacy, this resolution has been Adopted:

Voting:

David L. Levacy, President	Aye
Jeffrey M. Fix, Vice President	Aye
Steven A. Davis	Aye

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Rochelle Menningen
Board of County Commissioners
Fairfield County, Ohio

A resolution to approve the appointment of an Apiary Inspector for Fairfield County.

WHEREAS, an Apiary Inspector must be appointed for the 2024 apiary season; and

WHEREAS, the appointed Apiary Inspector is a contractor position to be paid \$11.00 per hour and reimbursed mileage at the current rate established by the Board, which is concurrent with the standard mileage rate established by the IRS, and is also to be reimbursed for actual costs and postage.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners appoints

Mr. Shawn Rinehart
5235 Knight Street
Groveport, Ohio 43215

As the Apiary Inspector for the 2024 apiary season.

Prepared by: Rochelle Menningen



December 15, 2023

Dear County Commissioners:

Thank you for your continued support of the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Apiary Inspection program. We are writing to encourage you to appoint or reappoint a County Apiary Inspector. This position is crucial in providing hands-on interaction with beekeepers and helping to ensure that bees are disease and pest free.

Monitoring colony health is extremely important to curtail the spread of contagious bee diseases and pests. County Apiary Inspectors are key to this prevention. Attached is a statewide summary, showing the number of inspections performed and diseases/pests identified in Ohio's apiaries. Please note the statistics and information in your county. While American foulbrood (AFB) detections are low, varroa mite and small hive beetle counts are increasing.

ODA offers mandatory training for **all** apiary inspectors in April. The training provides continuing education, updates on policies and procedures, and a review of the proper and professional way to conduct inspections consistent with Ohio Revised Code Section 909.

Please return the attached appointment form with the appointed inspector's information by January 31, 2024. We will then reach out to your appointed inspector with information about the training.

Thank you for valuing the Apiary program as much as we do. If you would like help with the inspector appointment process or have any other questions, please call 614.728.6373 or email at apiary@agri.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

Apiary Program
Ohio Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Health
614-728-6373
apiary@agri.ohio.gov



2024 - APPOINTMENT FOR COUNTY APIARY INSPECTOR

County	Appoints:	
Name:		
Street:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone Number:	Email:	
<p>The county apiary inspector shall serve for the 2024 apiary season (approximate season from April 1st to October 31st weather permitting)</p> <p><u>PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM FOR EACH COUNTY INSPECTOR</u> <u>AND RETURN BY JANUARY 31st TO THE ADDRESS ABOVE:</u></p>		
The following was approved on _____ (Date)		

**Please
Complete All
Lines →**

**Appropriation
Compensation Rate (Hourly, Daily)
Mileage Rate
Meals (if applicable)**

	Commissioner
	Commissioner
	Commissioner
	Clerk

COUNTY COMMISSIONER CONTACT INFORMATION

County Commissioner Contact Person Name: _____

Address: _____

City | State | Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Contact Person Email: _____



REGISTERED APIARY INSEPCION SUMMARY FOR 2023

COUNTY	INSPECTOR	APIARIES REGISTERED	APIARIES INSPECTED	COLONIES INSPECTED	AFB	EFB	CB	NOS	VAR	SHB
ADAMS	MANGUS	72	19	74	0	1	0	0	67	6
ALLEN	ARHEIT	95	62	291	0	0	0	0	215	111
ASHLAND	A. MEHERG	142	69	549	0	10	1	0	348	24
ASHTABULA	RZESZUETK	105	119	520	0	0	0	0	12	22
ATHENS	NEWMAN	101	128	465	0	0	0	0	212	15
AUGLAIZE	PIPER	46	49	340	0	0	15	0	2	27
BELMONT	LOY	61	45	165	0	0	1	3	226	202
BROWN	Phillips	75	10	19	0	0	0	0	31	33
BUTLER	ZOMCHEK & MEYER	195	19	109	0	0	0	0	104	19
CARROLL	TUBAUGH	41	15	90	0	0	0	0	24	1
CHAMPAIGN	NO APPT	94	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CLARK	LYONS	106	105	536	0	0	0	0	507	507
CLERMONT	HARRIS	179	147	1162	0	0	0	463	410	222
CLINTON	HUHMANN	86	71	292	0	0	0	0	266	32
COLUMBIANA	CONSER	98	10	199	0	0	0	0	37	0
COSHOCTON	L. MEHERG	72	59	355	0	4	0	0	195	7
CRAWFORD	LALLMAN	48	15	48	0	0	0	0	48	1
CUYAHOGA	BARTOSH	336	120	457	0	0	0	1	179	187
DARKE	STASTNY	89	28	186	0	0	0	0	182	59
DEFIANCE	WALTERS	118	97	967	0	0	0	0	102	76
DELAWARE	CURTIS	224	69	530	0	0	0	0	247	42
ERIE	ZIMMERMAN	81	64	352	0	0	0	0	114	2
FAIRFIELD	RINEHART	200	236	1038	0	0	0	0	1021	69
FAYETTE	TRIMMER	67	36	235	0	0	0	0	159	24
FRANKLIN	Bagley	377	252	625	0	0	0	0	559	103
FULTON	HORST	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GALLIA	BLANK	43	15	94	0	0	0	0	53	0
GEAUGA	McGuigan	205	9	105	0	0	0	0	30	2
GREENE	LYNCH	208	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
GUERNSEY	DEVAUGHN	65	54	241	0	0	0	0	0	21
HAMILTON	NO APPT	226	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HANCOCK	JABLONSKI	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HARDIN	NO APPT	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HARRISON	EHNI	54	12	308	0	0	0	0	308	114
HENRY	ARNOS	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HIGHLAND	HAMILTON	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOCKING	NO APPT	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HOLMES	L. MEHERG	140	134	910	0	0	0	0	474	5
HURON	NO APPT	96	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
JACKSON	RUBY	49	11	73	0	0	0	0	71	32
JEFFERSON	EHNI	70	10	112	0	0	0	0	108	8
KNOX	SIMPSON	128	46	185	0	0	0	0	7	0
LAKE	DAVIS	119	11	179	0	0	0	0	0	0
LAWRENCE	TURVEY	45	37	139	0	0	0	0	124	76
LICKING	MOODY	256	119	335	0	1	11	0	370	65
LOGAN	WOODRUFF	118	86	266	0	0	0	0	0	0
LORAIN	REICHEL	252	25	550	0	0	0	0	197	41

LUCAS	HORST	159	40	334	0	5	0	0	76	5
MADISON	NO APPT	71	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MAHONING	CONSER	150	55	399	1	1	0	0	167	82
MARION	NO APPT	49	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MEDINA	MOHN	273	40	258	0	0	0	0	273	7
MEIGS	NEWMAN	59	82	377	0	0	0	0	276	45
MERCER	PIPER	79	68	590	0	0	1	0	15	54
MIAMI	LYONS	140	148	826	0	0	0	0	684	684
MONROE	MCGUIGAN	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MONTGOMERY	HOLLEN	189	215	760	0	0	0	0	523	180
MORGAN	HARRIS	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MORROW	NO APPT	98	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MUSKINGUM	REYNOLDS	87	88	675	0	0	2	0	243	26
NOBLE	NICHOLS	46	52	173	0	0	0	0	171	21
OTTAWA	NO APPT	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PAULDING	NO APPT	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PERRY	ISHAM	62	7	33	0	0	0	0	24	0
PICKAWAY	NO APPT	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PIKE	LEGG	49	37	231	0	0	0	0	203	1
PORTAGE	PATITUCE	189	127	561	0	0	0	1	28	44
PREBLE	BENEKE	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUTNAM	BOLLETT	86	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
RICHLAND	NO APPT	152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ROSS	HUHMANN	117	87	740	0	0	0	0	702	50
SANDUSKY	ZIMMERMAN	58	56	241	0	0	0	0	0	0
SCIOTO	QUEEN	38	38	199	0	0	0	0	199	199
SENECA	JOHNSTON	106	31	227	0	0	0	0	184	14
SHELBY	LITTLEFIELD	56	45	153	0	0	0	0	75	62
STARK	NO APPT	265	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
STARK	NOT APPT	265	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SUMMIT	KATZ	316	15	58	0	0	0	0	32	1
TRUMBULL	PERRY	131	21	250	0	0	0	0	29	0
TUSCARAWAS	ACKERMAN	103	66	292	0	0	0	0	259	13
UNION	COMBS	110	92	587	0	0	0	0	439	94
VAN WERT	NO APPT	46	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
VINTON	NO APPT	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WARREN	HARRIS	212	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WASHINGTON	DEVAUGHN	105	83	380	0	0	0	0	6	34
WAYNE	SVAB	192	23	513	0	0	0	0	39	6
WILLIAMS	NO APPT	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WOOD	HORST	109	30	840	0	6	0	0	622	87
WYANDOT	DEFRANCO	33	33	306	0	0	0	0	22	54
	TOTAL	10381	3992	23104	1	28	31	468	12300	3918

Apiary: any place where one or more colonies are kept
Colony: the hive, bees (dead or alive), combs and brood
AFB: American Foulbrood, Paenibacillus larvae
EFB: European Foulbrood, Melissococcus pluton
CB: Chalkbrood, Ascosphaera apis
NOS: Nosema, Nosema spp.
VAR: Varroa Mite, Varroa destructor = V. jacobsoni
SHB: Small Hive Beetle, Aethina tumida

Percent with AFB	0.00%
Percent with EFB	0.12%
Percent with CB	0.13%
Percent with Nosema	2.03%
Percent with Varroa	53.24%
Percent with SHB	16.96%

Signature Page

Resolution No. 2024-01.08.d

A resolution to approve the appointment of an Apiary Inspector for Fairfield County.
(Fairfield County Commissioners)

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jeffrey M. Fix, seconded by Commissioner David L. Levacy, this resolution has been Adopted:

Voting:

David L. Levacy, President	Aye
Jeffrey M. Fix, Vice President	Aye
Steven A. Davis	Aye

Board of County Commissioners
Fairfield County, Ohio

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

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Rochelle Menningen
Board of County Commissioners
Fairfield County, Ohio