

Regular Meeting #3 - 2025
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
January 21, 2025

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. at 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Fix called the meeting to order, and the following Commissioners were present: Jeff Fix and David Levacy. County employees present: County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle; Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen; Communications & Information Coordinator, Bennett Niceswanger; Budget Director, Bart Hampson; JFS Director, Corey Clark; IT Director, Dan Neeley; EMA & Facilities Director, Jon Kochis; Economic & Workforce Development Director, Rick Szabrak; Utilities Director, Tony Vogel; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Amy Brown-Thompson; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; Recorder, Lisa McKenzie; Treasurer, James Bahnsen; Sheriff's Deputy, Kevin Romine; and FCFC Manager, Tiffany Wilson. Also in attendance: Jerry Starner.

Virtual attendees: Tony Vogel, Lori Hawk, Michael Kaper, Bryan Everitt, Barb Martin, Shannon, Jeff Barron, Deborah, Shelby Hunt, Jessica Murphy, Marcy Fields, Jeremiah Upp, Lynette Barnhart, Ashley Arter, Lyne Kennedy-Starner, BGM, Stacy Hicks, Steven Darnell, Tiffany Daniels, Greg Forquer, Lisa, Andy Boystel, Park Russell, Tony Howard, Jared Collins, Brian Wolfe, Nikki Drake, K James, and Ryan.

Welcome

Commissioner Fix opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and spoke about the importance of January 20th, which included the observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, The Inauguration of our 45th and 47th President, and the college football national championship game between the OSU Buckeyes and Notre Dame.

Public Comments

Jerry Starner of Amanda Township stated the Carnation Solar project is close to his home. He added that many county residents may not be fully aware of the proposed solar projects, but those in his area are very aware. He understands the concerns regarding property rights but added that he does not think the rights of others should impact his own property rights.

Commissioner Fix stated that the Commissioners do not typically address public comments but wanted to explain to Mr. Starner that the Board's responsibility is to all residents of the county. The idea that the entire county is opposed to the solar projects is not accurate. It does not mean that the Commissioners do not care about the opinions of those who have voiced opposition, but the Commission does not want to make a definitive decision which will make an impact on everyone before the hearing. We have constituencies that are very concerned and in opposition of industrial solar and others who are in favor or are not concerned.

Legal Update

None.

County Administration Update

- *The County Administration Update was provided by County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle, unless otherwise noted.*

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Week in Review

February 4, 2025, Commissioners' Review and Regular Meeting

The Commissioners' first evening meeting for 2025 will be on February 4th. The meeting will be in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at 7:00 p.m.

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

Resolution Review

There are 16 resolutions on the agenda for the Regular voting meeting.

Resolutions of note:

- The Auditor's Office provided a resolution to rescind four resolutions for Utilities from January 14th. This is due to an error in the identified object number.
- A resolution to reimburse the General Fund for the 2% administration for the management of the Self-Insurance Program Fund. The 2% for the fourth quarter of 2024 equals \$92,308.63.
- A resolution from Economic and Workforce Development approving the appointment of Ms. Chelsie Huffman to the Area 20 Workforce Development Board.
- A resolution from FCFC approving the repayment of an advance from Fund #7521, Sub Fund #8195, the fund for the Safe Communities Grant.
- And a resolution from Utilities to approve a reimbursement of the share of costs for the contract with Maximus for the cost allocation plan. This resolution reimburses the General Fund.

Administrator Cordle stated the Utilities department is the only department that participates in cost sharing with Maximus and that they are looking at ways to have other agencies participate in costs.

Budget Review

- Budget Director, Bart Hampson, stated that all ARP requirements had been met.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

Items Requiring Response

Informational Items

- 9-1-1 Committee Meeting, January 23, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, 345 Lincoln Ave., Lancaster
- Yellow Bud Solar Project Facility Tour for County Officials, January 24, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Pickaway/Ross County

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- Ohio Power Siting Board, Eastern Cottontail Solar Project Public Hearing, January 27, 2025, 4:45 p.m., Pleasantville Elementary School, 300 W. Columbus St., Pleasantville
- The State of Pickerington, March 6, 2025, 11:00 a.m., Grace Fellowship, 1449 Refugee Rd., Pickerington

Correspondence

- Correspondence from the Office of the County Auditor
- Email and Press Release from the Governor of Ohio and his Office of Workforce Transformation, January 16, 2025, titled "Ohio Partners with Anduril to "Rebuild the Arsenal" for Essential National Security Needs"
- Correspondence Regarding Industrial Solar
- Email, Clayton Baltzer, Geneva Hills Executive Director, January 16, Subject: Working Together to Improve Child and Family Resources in Fairfield County
- County Commissioners Association of Ohio, 2024 Annual Report

Director Szabrak spoke about Anduril, a manufacturer of autonomous systems, and stated that the manufacturer is eager to start production and will add 4000 jobs at their facility. The proximity of the facility to the county will bring lots of opportunities to the northwest area of Fairfield County.

Commissioner Fix stated that conversations continue regarding sites in Fairfield County that could be hubs for suppliers to Intel and Anduril. He met with MORPC to discuss a connector from 33 to I-70. He added that the county is in a great location and that there is a lot of interest from companies to bring additional industry to Fairfield County.

Updates from Elected Officials and Department Heads

Treasurer Bahnsen stated that real estate tax bills are in production and will be sent out soon.

Auditor Brown stated she has been impressed by the collaboration with the Treasurer's Office on the tax bills. She congratulated Curt Truax from her office who had been promoted to Map Room Manager. She stated the 2024 Map of the Year was the Mound Builders Map and thanked the payroll team for getting the W2's out in record time and the finance team for processing more than 1100 invoices.

Mr. Szabrak touched on the workforce board and added that they will be heavily involved in the hiring for Anduril.

Commissioner Fix asked if there are any county facilities that are negatively impacted by the cold temperatures.

Mr. Kochis stated that the Courthouse and Hall of Justice buildings are particularly susceptible to cold temperatures and added that there are four county HVAC systems currently experiencing issues. He also reported that the Facilities team and IT are working on a new process regarding doors and the scheduling of rooms.

Mr. Neeley stated the project to replace access control door readers has started and his team is working with the contractor to swap out the readers.

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Mr. Clark stated that Jon Honeck was appointed as the Executive Director for the Ohio Job & Family Services Directors' Association (OJFSDA).

Commissioner Fix stated he has spent a lot of time with Jon Honeck on the CCAO board and thinks he will be a wonderful addition for OJFSDA.

Old Business

Commissioner Fix reported he had a meeting with the Liberty Township trustees to discuss working with the Village of Baltimore.

New Business

Commissioner Levacy stated Lieutenant Governor Husted was appointed as the new senator to replace J.D. Vance. He hopes that Governor DeWine will appoint someone as worthy as the former Lieutenant Governor to the position.

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Announcements

None.

Approval of Minutes for January 14, 2025

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, January 14, 2025, meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: David Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Commissioners

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Commissioners:

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2025-01.21.a A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category for fund # 2736, Subfund#8364 – FY2025 CFLP Grant – Fairfield County Commissioners

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: David Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Auditor - Finance

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Auditor - Finance:

2025-01.21.b A Resolution to Approve to Rescind Resolution # 2025-01.14.cc, #2025-01.14.dd, #2025-01.14.ee, #2025-01.14.ff

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: David Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Auditor - Payroll

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Auditor – Payroll:

2025-01.21.c A resolution authorizing a memo expense memo receipt for the General Fund 2% administration fee for managing the county self-insurance program, Fund# 5376 TO GENERAL #1001 - Fairfield County Auditor

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: David Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development:

2025-01.21.d A Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Ms. Chelsie Huffman to the Area 20 Workforce Development Board

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: David Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency:

2025-01.21.e A resolution authorizing an EMA fund to fund transfer

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: David Levacy and Jeff Fix

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Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer:

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| 2025-01.21.f | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for repairs and maintenance. |
| 2025-01.21.g | A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category Fund #3445, ODOT Projects for Intersection Improvements ODOT – 110862 |

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: David Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Family and Children First Council

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Family and Children First Council:

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| 2025-01.21.h | A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to the General Fund – Fund #7521, Sub fund #8195 Safe Communities Grant |
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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: David Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Job and Family Services

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Job and Family Services:

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| 2025-01.21.i | A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Bus Passes paid to Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit as a memo expenditure for fund# 2072 Public Children's Services |
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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: David Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Juvenile & Probate Court

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Juvenile & Probate Court:

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| 2025-01.21.j | A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for Juvenile Court; Fund # 2317 Computer Fund |
| 2025-01.21.k | A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for Juvenile Court; Fund # 8209 ATP Sub Fund to Drug Ct #2408 |
| 2025-01.21.l | A Resolution Approving an Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure Object Category – Fund # 2036 DYS |

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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: David Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff:

2025-01.21.m A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for Sheriff's Office; Fund 1025, Furtherance of Justice

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: David Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from the South Central Major Crimes Unit

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the South Central Major Crimes Unit:

2025-01.21.n A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the general fund to MCU – Fund 7864 (Sub fund 8359) Recovery Ohio 2024

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: David Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Utilities

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Utilities:

2025-01.21.o A Resolution to Approve a Reimbursement for the Share of Costs as a Memo Expenditure for Funds #5044, 5046, 5842 & 5841

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: David Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of the Payment of Bills

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution for the Payment of Bills:

2025-01.21.p A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Payments of Vouchers Without Appropriate Carry-Over Purchase Orders and the Cash Disbursement for Departments that are Approved by the Commissioners

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: David Levacy and Jeff Fix

Adjournment

With no further business, On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 9:34 a.m.

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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: David Levacy and Jeff Fix

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 28, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH.

Motion by: David Levacy Seconded by: Jeff Fix
that the January 21, 2025, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix
ABSTENTIONS:

NAYS: None

*Approved on January 28, 2025

Jeff Fix
Commissioner

Steve Davis
Commissioner

Dave Levacy
Commissioner

Rochelle Menningen, Clerk



REVIEW AGENDA

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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David L. Levacy

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Deputy County Administrator

Jeffrey D. Porter

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Tuesday, January 21, 2025
9:00 a.m.

1. Review

Purpose of Review Meeting: *To prepare for formal actions of county business, such as Commission resolutions; and to provide time for county leadership to connect about matters of county business.*

2. Welcome**3. Public Comments**

Purpose of Public Comments: *This is a time for voters and taxpayers (members of the public) to provide comments. There is a time limit of 3 minutes. While this is a time for comments to be provided, it is not a time for questions and answers. The Commission has a full agenda of county business.*

4. Legal Update**5. County Administration Update**

- a. Week in Review
- b. Highlights of Resolutions
- c. Budget Review
- d. Calendar Review/ Invitations Received
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6. Updates from Elected Officials and Department Heads

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Regular (Voting) Meeting

10. Adjourn

11. Commission Connection Video

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Quarters Total 2021, Total 2022, Total 2023, Total 2024, Quarter 1 2025 – American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds, as of 1.16.2025.

From the \$30,606,902.00 received as the first and second tranche of fiscal recovery funds.

\$30,606,902.00 has been appropriated, \$27,278,847.72 expended, \$3,144,046.35 encumbered or obligated.

Project/Category		As of 1/16/25 Appropriations	As of 1/16/25 Expenditure	As of 1/16/25 Obligation
Public Health				
R15a	Public Health, PPE	199.90	199.90	0.00
R16a	Public Health, Medical Expenses	206,838.33	206,838.33	0.00
R16b	Public Health, COVID Medial Costs County Benefits Program	399,949.66	399,949.66	0.00
R17a	Public Health, Vaccination Clinic and Related Expenses	66,362.57	66,362.57	0.00
R17b	Public Health, Capital Investments and Public Facilities of the County	3,426,059.58	3,422,579.58	3,480.00
R17c	Public Health, Capital Investment for Air Quality Improvements	56,674.00	56,674.00	0.00
R17d	Public Health, Capital Investment for Health Equipment, Mobile Morgue	49,498.87	49,498.87	0.00
R17e	Public Health, Capital Investment for Sheriff Cruiser to Respond to Increased Violence	54,250.98	54,250.98	0.00
R18a	Professional Communications on Behalf of the Board of Health	34,577.94	34,577.94	0.00
R18b	Public Health, Creation of a Community Health Assessment (CHA)	48,943.10	48,943.10	0.00
R19a	Public Safety Payroll Support	1,545,884.42	1,545,884.42	0.00
R19b	Public Health Payroll Support	185,406.39	185,406.39	0.00
R19c	Other Public Sector Payroll Support	275,236.47	275,236.47	0.00
R110a	Mental and Behavioral Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Public Health		6,349,882.21	6,346,402.21	3,480.00
Negative Economic Impacts				
R210a	Emergency Assistance for Non-Profit Organizations, a Subgrant to the City of Lancaster	0.00	0.00	0.00
R210b	Emergency Assistance for Non-Profits, Subgrant The Lighthouse	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00
R210c	Salvation Army	500,000.00	500,000.00	0.00
R210d	Habitat for Humanity	610,000.00	610,000.00	0.00

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R210e	ADAMH/LSS Housing Projects	3,000,000.00	800,564.01	2,199,435.99
R210f	Harcum House	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
R210g	Fairhope Hospice	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
R210h	Housing Project	700,000.00	700,000.00	0.00
R210i	Lancaster Festival	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
R211a	Subgrant for Tourism, Support for the Fairfield County Fair	499,996.00	499,996.00	0.00
R211b	Aid to Tourism, Travel, Hospitality	18,278.01	18,278.01	0.00
R29a	Emergency Assistance Business Planning	146,829.87	146,829.87	0.00
R213a	Support for Agriculture and the Growing Community	35,000.00	35,000.00	0.00
R213b	Technical Assistance for Townships & Others	399,354.84	399,354.84	0.00
R213c	Contracts for Services to Support Residents Suffering Effects of the Pandemic	96,700.00	96,700.00	0.00
Subtotal Negative Economic Impacts		6,426,158.72	4,226,722.73	2,199,435.99
R310a	Housing Support, Affordable Housing Strategic Plan	39,554.00	39,554.00	0.00
Subtotal Services Disproportionately Impacted Communities		39,554.00	39,554.00	0.00
Premium Pay				
R41a	Premium Pay, Premium Pay for Emergency Management Agency Workers	27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
Subtotal Premium Pay		27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00

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Infrastructure				
R52a	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Airport	550,210.54	550,210.54	0.00
R52b	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Walnut Creek Sewer District	750,000.00	750,000.00	0.00
R52c	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Regional Lift Station	2,761,835.85	2,448,140.26	313,695.59
R56a	Clean Water, Stormwater	539,895.00	539,895.00	0.00
R511a	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Grant Hampton	800,318.61	800,318.61	0.00
R511b	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Airport	100,805.00	100,805.00	0.00
R511c	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Greenfield	221,535.69	0.00	221,535.69
R511d	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Baltimore	613,000.00	613,000.00	0.00
R511e	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Pleasantville	834,000.00	731,947.53	102,052.47
R516a	Broadband, "Last Mile" Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Infrastructure		7,171,600.69	6,534,316.94	637,283.75
Revenue Loss				
R61a	SaaS and Technological Equipment	369,959.32	369,959.32	0.00
R61b	Recorder Document Scanning	337,984.72	337,984.72	0.00
R61c	Clerk of Courts Case Management	375,000.00	375,000.00	0.00
R61d	MARCS Tower Project	566,210.00	566,210.00	0.00

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R61e	Dispatch Consoles	543,820.85	543,820.85	0.00
R61f	Fairfield Center Purchase	2,708,752.85	2,708,752.85	0.00
R61g	Fairfield Center Renovation	3,344,528.02	3,154,940.42	189,587.60
R61h	Community School Attendance Program	501,137.00	501,137.00	0.00
R61i	Workforce Center Expansion	0.00	0.00	0.00
R61j	Smart Growth	197,657.97	197,657.97	0.00
R61k	United Way and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
R61l	Auditor Historical Records Scanning	0.00	0.00	0.00
R61m	Engineer's Radios	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00
R61n	Auditor Printers	4,357.66	4,357.66	0.00
R61o	Auditor Copiers	11,983.30	11,983.30	0.00
R61p	Bremen ADA Ramps	26,954.00	26,954.00	0.00
R61q	Transportation School Education Vehicles	38,357.90	38,357.90	0.00
R61r	Safety and Security	454,622.00	431,430.94	23,231.06
R61s	MAPSYS Custom Taxing Authority Management Application	52,433.00	43,000.00	9,433.00
R61t	County Radios	61,537.50	0.00	61,537.50
R61u	Transportation	243,000.00	243,000.00	0.00
R61v	Transportation Rebranding	20,057.45	0.00	20,057.45
R517a	Beavers Field Utilities	36,606.46	36,606.46	0.00
Revenue Loss		10,000,000.00	9,696,153.39	303,846.61

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Administration				
R71a	Administrative Expenses	591,798.66	407,790.73	0.00
Subtotal Administration		591,798.66	407,790.73	0.00
Grand Total		\$30,606,902.00	\$27,278,847.22	\$3,144,046.35

ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY ITEMS
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
JANUARY 13, 2025 TO January 15, 2025

Fairfield County Commissioners

- AA.01.14-2025.a An administrative approval approving an amendment to the electric service agreement with Dynegy Energy Services East, LLC for an additional account for Fairfield County owned buildings. [Commissioners]
- AA.01.14-2025.b An Administrative Approval for the payment(s) of the United Health Care (UHC) invoice for the Fairfield County Self-Funded Health Benefits Program – Fairfield County Board of Commissioners [Commissioners]
- AA.01.15-2025.a An Administrative Approval for the payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval and have bills presented that are not more than \$77,250 per invoice. [Commissioners]

Fairfield County Coroner

- AA.01.13-2025.a An Administrative Approval Regarding a Contract for Investigator Services Between Fairfield County and Fred Frank. [Coroner]

Fairfield County Human Resources

- AA.01.13-2025.b An administrative approval of an agreement with iBTR- BSwift for Fairfield County [Fairfield County Human Resources]

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January 14, 2025

**Fairfield County Awarded Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)
Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**

Lancaster, Ohio - Fairfield County Auditor, Dr. Carri L. Brown, learned today that the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) has awarded Fairfield County with the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. This award is based on the production of the annual comprehensive financial report for the year ended December 31, 2023. The report has been judged by an independent panel to meet high standards for financial reporting.



The annual comprehensive financial report is found here: <https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/auditor/fc-financial-reports-ACFR-PAFR.html>

Brown stated, “The GFOA Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. Its attainment represents a significant accomplishment. Thank you to the County Auditor’s team, the State Auditor, elected officials and department heads of Fairfield County, and to GFOA, all of whom have worked hard to produce the report, provide data, develop guidance, or interpret standards.”

If anyone has any questions about this report or financial reporting for Fairfield County, please contact Dr. Carri Brown at carri.brown@fairfieldcountyohio.gov.

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**The Government Finance Officers Association of
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presents this

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to

Carri L. Brown, PhD, MBA, CGFM
Auditor
Fairfield County, Ohio



The Award of Financial Reporting Achievement is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association to the department or individual designated as instrumental in the government unit achieving a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. A Certificate of Achievement is presented to those government units whose annual financial reports are judged to adhere to program standards and represents the highest award in government financial reporting.

Executive Director

Christopher P. Morill

Date: 1/14/2025

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, January 16, 2025

Curt Truax Promoted to GIS/Map Room Manager with the Fairfield County Auditor

Lancaster, Ohio – Dr. Carri Brown, Fairfield County Auditor, is pleased to announce the promotion of Curt Truax to the position of Deputy Auditor - GIS/Map Room Manager. With 23 years of dedicated service and extensive experience in Geographic Information Systems and mapping, Curt has proven himself as an invaluable asset to the county and its operations.



In his new role, Curt will oversee all aspects of the county's GIS, ensuring the accurate and efficient management of maps and geographical data. He will coordinate the efforts of team members, ensuring precise reviews of legal descriptions and continuing to demonstrate strong leadership to advance services that benefit the public.

In addition to his role in GIS, Curt has an extensive background in drafting maps and maintaining critical records. He has served on various work groups, collaborated with other departments, and played an essential role as a community liaison for the Fairfield County Heritage District, where he created historical maps that tell the story of the county's past.

Curt's drive for self-improvement and technical expertise in GIS has significantly contributed to the department's success. His dedication to providing outstanding service—both internally to his colleagues and externally to the public—has been a hallmark of his career. Curt's leadership, attention to detail, and commitment to service excellence will be vital in his new position as GIS/Map Room Manager.

"We are excited to see Curt take on this new role," stated Brown. "His experience, dedication to continued learning, and passion for service make him an ideal candidate to lead our GIS and Map Room team into the future."

Brown added, "We are also excited for the promotion of the former GIS/Map Room Manager, Nick Dilley, who is pursuing career advancement with the County Engineer. We are excited to continue our collaboration with that office."

Please join us in congratulating Curt on his well-deserved promotion and wishing Nick all the best with the County Engineer's Office.

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SERVE • CONNECT • PROTECT

To: Fairfield County Commissioners & Staff
From: Dr. Carri Brown, County Auditor
Date: January 16, 2025
Subjects: Online Tax Estimation; Virtual Dog Show; January Dates of Interest; and Continuing Education and Employee Development



Online Tax Estimator

At the County Auditor's Real Estate web page, there is an online tax estimator found here:

<https://beacon.schneidercorp.com/Application.aspx?AppID=1131&LayerID=28628&PageTypeID=2&PageID=12253>

At the same web page, a tutorial for using the estimator is found here:

<https://realestate.co.fairfield.oh.us/media/11639/tax-estimator.pdf>

Virtual Dog Show

A virtual dog show is being hosted in January:

<https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/auditor/virtual-dog-show.html>.

There has been a lot of positive interest in this virtual dog show, and we are encouraging everyone to license their dogs.

January Deadlines of Interest

- The first notice for applications of the Current Agricultural Use Valuation Program has been mailed.
- Dog license registration ends on January 31.
- The 4th quarter lodging taxes from 2024 are due on January 31.

Continuing Education & Employee Development

Every employee in the County Auditor's Office is offered training, and individualized plans are in place. I have already submitted a Tech Cred grant application for 2025, and if approved, there would be reimbursement of more than \$10K. Employee development is a part of our strategic efforts.

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Your Fairfield County Auditor's Office: **WINS OF THE WEEK**

January 16, 2025

Our brains are wired to respond to rewards. Celebrating the completion of small accomplishments leads to the completion of larger goals. And there is evidence in research to support this...According to research by Teresa Amabile from Harvard Business School, tracking small achievements enhances motivation for larger goals...

This week, we finalized the **capstone assignments from the virtual retreat**.

We also held an efficient **Board of Revision reorganizational meeting**. Our materials have been used on a statewide basis as updates for rules and regulations.

Thanks to Kayla Speakman who has worked on the **Homestead mailing** for this year with support and help from Noel Soddors and Josh Harper as well as from her team.

Directors have been working with managers and employees **to ensure supervisory support and training** and development plans are in place. A senior leadership team meeting on this topic was held on Monday. We have plans for two mini-retreats in 2025.

With Rotary, Carri volunteered at the **Senior Hub** on Monday. The Senior Hub was so happy to have the volunteers.

Carri, Angel, Amanda, and Bev coordinated efforts for **training about Budget Commission** conduct.

There is great interest in DocLink. Carri and team members have planned multiple outreach sessions for townships and corporations this year.

Rachel participated in the **Records Commission** meetings on Tuesday, and our **strategic plan has been updated** with plans for records and retention. The process with Records Commission duties has been very efficient – Thanks to Bennet Nicewanger for his organization and leadership.

Carri attended an **additional webinar about artificial intelligence and remains quite interested in this tool for increased efficiency and productivity**. AI is here to stay, and we want to implement things in a good way. There is a lot to think about with AI. We already using some tools.

Thanks to the **GIS/Mapping team for the updates and planning** as we work on transition plans to prepare for Nick's departure to work at the County Engineer's Office. We have plans in place to transition our two interns to GIS specialists. That is exactly how the **"interning" the workforce program** was designed. We also have plans to train Patrick Brighton on mapping technician work as he will be a shared employee with Finance and REA beginning in September.

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And HUGE congratulations go out to Curt Truax, GIS Specialist, who has been promoted to GIS/Mapping Manager, effective January 27, 2025. Curt has more than 23 years of experience with GIS and Mapping, and he has the educational background to support him in his new role. Most importantly, he has exceptional internal and external customer service skills and a drive to succeed.

We wish Nick Dilley all the best in his new role with the County Engineer.

Thanks to REA for sharing some “obsolete” assets to create a training area for the Finance team.

We continue to be encouraged with the coordination and collaboration of county departments as we manage multiple end of the year processes. Josh Harper and Noel Sadders have gone above the call of duty by working multiple days well into the evening to keep the processes on track and to not interrupt daily work.

Thanks to **Bev Hoskinson** for organizing CUBES and ERP grants training, and thanks to the Finance team for working on the **decentralization of purchase order processing**, a process that continues to have appropriate approvals but is more efficient.

Congratulations to Curt Truax for receiving the honor of the Map of the Year with the Mound Builders Map! That was a cool map, and it won the popular vote!

Thanks to Jen Dickerson, Michelle Wright, and the payroll team for processing w-2s so efficiently. There were some challenges that required running year end reports a second time, but the team pulled through in record time. We have received very positive feedback from departmental leaders who are so appreciative of the efficiency.

We received word this week about Fairfield County earning a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada for the year ending December 31, 2023. Please see the attached press release and certificate. Thanks to the Finance Team, and thanks to Angel Horn, Bev Hoskinson, and all leaders for their exceptional work.

And this week, the Finance team of Lori Hampshire, Meagen Bowland, Kayla Speakman, and Mesina Clark for processing a RECORD number of 1,109 invoices for payment.

During our all-team meeting, we held some space to honor **the MLK Day holiday.**

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Good morning, Board Members!

Earlier this morning, Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted, and JobsOhio announced that [Anduril Industries](#), a leader in defense technologies, will build an advanced manufacturing facility here in Ohio, booting Ohio's defense industry and enhancing our national security.

Here are some quick facts about today's announcement –

- This facility will be **located in Pickaway County** near Rickenbacker International Airport.
- This will create more than **4,000 new jobs** in Ohio by 2035.
- This announcement is the **largest single job creation and new payroll project in Ohio's History**, expecting to add nearly \$1 billion to Ohio's gross domestic product.

Please see the official press release below with more information and let us know if you have any questions. Thank you!

Dana Stover

Communication & Events Manager

Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation
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From: Gov. DeWine Comms <OhioGovernor@public.govdelivery.com>

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Subject: Ohio Partners with Anduril to "Rebuild the Arsenal" for Essential National Security Needs



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January 16, 2024

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Ohio Partners with Anduril to “Rebuild the Arsenal” for Essential National Security Needs

Defense firm to hire 4,000+ workers at new Pickaway County manufacturing facility

(PICKAWAY COUNTY, Ohio)— Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and [JobsOhio](#) announced today that [Anduril Industries](#), a leader in defense technology, will establish an advanced manufacturing facility in Pickaway County, bringing more than 4,000 new production and service jobs to Ohio by 2035.

The five-million-square-foot facility, named Arsenal-1, represents the largest single job creation and new payroll project in Ohio’s history and is projected to add nearly \$1 billion to Ohio’s gross domestic product.

Based in Costa Mesa, Calif., Anduril aims to “[Rebuild the Arsenal](#)” of U.S. military weapons and platforms by “hyperscaling” manufacturing with advanced software and production technologies. The Ohio facility will strengthen the state’s position as a nationwide leader in the development of better, faster, and more affordable critical national defense products to help the United States deter, defend, and lead in the world’s [Great Power Competition](#).

“Ohio’s history of advancing aviation, aerospace, and national defense runs deep, but what sets this state apart is our readiness to embrace the future,” said Governor DeWine. “At this critical moment in time, our country needs rapid technological innovation, which Anduril will deliver using Ohio’s skilled, hardworking labor force. The future of American air power will be made in Ohio!”

Gov. DeWine & Lt. Gov. Husted will join Anduril to provide more information on this historic announcement today at 9 a.m. Watch live at [OhioChannel.org](https://ohiochannel.org).

The facility will be located on 500 acres in Pickaway County near Rickenbacker International Airport, with room for future growth. The company plans to invest over \$900 million in capital into the surrounding area.

Anduril was attracted to Ohio due to the state's supportive business climate, ready-made workforce, and legacy of military and federal support.

"Today is a proud day for Ohio as we welcome Anduril and celebrate the creation of thousands of new jobs in cutting-edge defense manufacturing," said Lt. Governor Jon Husted. "This investment reinforces Ohio's position as a leader in advanced technology and national security. When it comes to 'Made in America,' you can't do it without 'Made in Ohio.'"

In addition to the 4,000 direct jobs at Arsenal-1, the project is anticipated to create a total of 4,500 indirect and induced jobs over the next ten years and more than \$2 billion in annual economic output. Over \$1 billion in in-state labor income will be generated, and projected tax revenues are estimated to be roughly \$800 million.

"Arsenal-1 represents a significant step forward in how we build the autonomous systems and weapons our nation and allies need, leveraging Ohio's world-class workforce, robust infrastructure, and scalable, software-driven manufacturing to set a new standard for securing the future of defense," said Anduril Industries CEO Brian Schimpf. "We are ready to break ground and get to work building the capabilities that will strengthen America's industrial base and national security for years to come."



ANDURIL

BY THE NUMBERS

O V E R
\$900M
\$ \$ \$
IN REGIONAL CAPITAL
INVESTMENT

MORE THAN
4,000
WORKERS
(BY 2035)

ARSENAL 1

5 MILLION
SQ. FT. FACILITY

ON 500 ACRES
NEAR RICKENBACKER
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



LARGEST
JOB-CREATION AND
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IN OHIO'S HISTORY

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC IMPACT



A N N U A L
E C O N O M I C O U T P U T
O V E R
\$2B

TOTAL
NEW JOBS
(INCLUDING INDIRECT JOBS)
8,500
(BY 2035)

IN-STATE
LABOR INCOME

\$1 BILLION

PROJECTED
TAX REVENUES

\$800 MILLION

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION TO OHIO'S GDP
\$1 BILLION



MIKE DEWINE
GOVERNOR OF OHIO



JON HUSTED
LY. GOVERNOR OF OHIO



The project will pursue a Job Creation Tax Credit from the Ohio Department of Development at an upcoming Tax Credit Authority meeting. The project will also request \$70 million from the All Ohio Future Fund at an upcoming Controlling Board meeting. The All Ohio Future Fund was established by the DeWine-Husted Administration in partnership with the Ohio General Assembly to support local communities with site-readiness and preparation to attract economic development projects.

Separately, JobsOhio plans to provide assistance to the project with a JobsOhio Grant and will disclose the amount of funding after the agreements have been signed. JobsOhio will also provide Anduril with Talent Acquisition Services to work with the company to attract, develop, and retain the skilled workforce the company requires.

The build out of the facility is expected to begin immediately after state and local approvals, and the first products are targeted to be manufactured beginning in July 2026.

To meet their bold staffing needs, Anduril will tap into Ohio's third-largest manufacturing workforce, a statewide network of hundreds of universities, community colleges, and technical centers, and leverage JobsOhio's Talent Acquisition Services.

Anduril: Rebuilding the Arsenal in Ohio

[Anduril recently announced \\$1.5 billion in funding](#) to hyperscale defense manufacturing. Arsenal-1 in Ohio will be the first manufacturing facility equipped to produce tens of thousands of autonomous weapons systems addressing the urgent needs of the United States and its allies. Anduril is redefining what scale means, which is necessary to support building capacity for future defense needs.

Unlike traditional defense contractors that focus primarily on hardware, Anduril's core system is Lattice OS, an AI-powered autonomous sensemaking and command-and-control platform. Lattice brings autonomy to defense's most challenging missions with open, modular, and scalable hardware components for a layered family-of-systems approach that helps deliver higher-quality products faster and more affordably.

Designed by Anduril. Built in Ohio.

The partnership established by Anduril and Team Ohio that led to today's announcement reflects Ohio's enduring legacy and ongoing commitment to the United States military and its evolving goal of safeguarding our nation. The project is also supported by [One Columbus](#), [Pickaway County](#) officials, and many other local, state, and federal leaders.

Along with aerospace and defense work by GE Aerospace, Honeywell, Sierra Nevada Corp., Joby Aviation, L3 Harris, General Dynamics, and others, Anduril's decision to make a home here shows how that heritage converges with a skilled, diverse workforce and unparalleled strength in advanced manufacturing and technology to make Ohio the go-to place for forward-looking innovators in the defense sector.

"You can't outsource national security, and today, Ohio is sending a message to the world: Companies that deliver the most complex, challenging, and sophisticated solutions for the defense of the United States of America will find no better home than right here in the 'Heart of it All,'" said JobsOhio President and CEO J.P. Nauseef. "The intersection of advanced manufacturing, military and defense, technology, innovation, and the nation's hardest-working and highly skilled workers creates the ideal environment for these companies to achieve their goals of making our country safer and stronger. Best of all, Anduril will be just

down the road to the military customer at Wright Patterson Air Force Base - where the Wright Brothers learned to fly more than 100 years ago! As the United States reshores this capability and fundamentally changes the way we develop solutions to safeguard our nation, Ohio is the place that gets it done better, faster, and more affordably than anywhere else.”

Anduril’s new Pickaway County facility will not only push the boundaries of manufacturing technology, it will also catalyze a new frontier of economic development in Ohio. Company officials chose the site in Pickaway County for several reasons, including its adjacent location to Rickenbacker International Airport, which gives the company direct runway access for product testing and development. Rickenbacker is a civil-military public airport that supports the world’s largest aircraft. It also offers a wide range of scalable services for all aircraft types, including corporate, general aviation, commercial, air freight, and military.

“This project will diversify our economy, strengthen our nation, create thousands of terrific jobs, and immediately establish the Columbus Region as a center of defense technology and manufacturing,” said Kenny McDonald, President and CEO of One Columbus. “The bold leadership of the DeWine-Husted Administration, JobsOhio, and Pickaway County were pivotal in making this project a reality.”

Pickaway County Commissioner Jay Wippel added: “Pickaway County has spent nearly two decades preparing for this opportunity, laying the groundwork to attract transformative projects like Arsenal-1. Through deliberate planning, investment in infrastructure, and a shared commitment among local leaders, businesses, and partners like One Columbus and JobsOhio, we’ve created an environment where innovation and advanced manufacturing can thrive. This project reflects the strength of those efforts and marks a new chapter of growth and opportunity for our community.”

Anduril & Ohio: Where Heroes Get Their Hardware

This project represents the clearest and strongest example yet of Ohio’s role in developing and delivering vital national defense strategies and the solutions to execute those strategies. As the birthplace of aviation and the home of the Wright Brothers, pioneering American space icons like Neil Armstrong and John Glenn, Ohio has been and remains a visionary force within the aerospace industry, driving innovation and growth in every facet.

Some of the reasons that make Ohio uniquely qualified to partner with Anduril include:

- Ohio’s vast, supportive [military ecosystem](#), which includes:
 - Home to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; the Air Force Research Laboratory; Defense Supply Center Columbus; Ohio National Guard’s 179th Cyberspace Wing; NASA’s Glenn Research Center and Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility; Central Ohio Aerospace & Technology Center; and the National Space Intelligence Center of the U.S. Space Force

- Ohio's [Aerospace & Aviation](#) sector is a recognized engine of growth and success for both military and commercial endeavors
- Ohio stands apart as a leader in autonomous vehicles and the burgeoning [advanced air mobility](#)
- Ohio is the top supplier state to Boeing and Airbus
- Ohio is the new headquarters for GE Aerospace
- Ohio has the 7th largest aerospace and defense employment in the U.S.

"Ohio's success is built on our investment in people, innovation, and opportunity," said Lydia Mihalik, director of the Ohio Department of Development. "Companies like Anduril are choosing Ohio because we've created an environment where businesses thrive and Ohioans prosper."

[MORE: State, Federal, & Local Business Leaders React to the Announcement](#)

Ohio's Workforce Stands Ready

Ohio combines a skilled manufacturing and technology workforce with one of the country's largest military and veteran populations to provide a pipeline of talent that is uniquely qualified to support Anduril.

- More than 200 higher-education institutions, including 70+ that offer programs leading to Aerospace Occupations
- Five R1 Carnegie Research Institutions
- 6,200 tech graduates every year
- Nearly \$500 million in key workforce development investments, including career tech expansion, higher education workforce training equipment, industry sector partnerships, and upskilling programs
- \$300 million investment in Ohio's Innovation Districts to generate 47,500 STEM graduates over 10 years

- Since 2017, JobsOhio's data-backed approach to attracting, developing, and retaining top talent has helped 85 Ohio companies hire 21,323 new employees
- From 2019 to 2023, a net 97,000 people came to Ohio for job-related reasons
- JobsOhio's [Find Your Ohio program](#) helps connect veterans and transitioning military members with employment opportunities at companies like Anduril

About JobsOhio

JobsOhio, Ohio's private nonprofit economic development corporation, enhances company growth and personnel development through business attraction, retention, and expansion across ten competitive industry sectors. With a team of seasoned professionals, JobsOhio utilizes a comprehensive network to foster talent production in targeted industries and attract talent through [Find Your Ohio](#). Collaborating with seven regional partners, including [Dayton Development Coalition](#), [Lake to River Economic Development](#), [Ohio Southeast Economic Development](#), [One Columbus](#), [REDI Cincinnati](#), [Regional Growth Partnership](#), and [Team NEO](#), JobsOhio delivers world-class customer service to provide companies with a competitive advantage. Learn more at www.jobsohio.com. Follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

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Dear Neighbor,

This newsletter provides an update on National Grid Renewables' Carnation Solar Project being proposed in your community. Please contact us at any time using the contact information at the bottom of this page or visit our website:

www.nationalgridrenewables.com/in-development/carnation-solar/

We look forward to hearing from you!

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The Carnation Solar Project is a 142 megawatt (MW) solar development located in Fairfield County, Ohio. The Carnation Solar Project is a partnership with local landowners and will span approximately 1,700 acres. Benefits include:



Tax revenue

The Project is expected to generate around \$25.5 million over 20 years.



Job creation

Carnation Solar is expected to create around 200 construction jobs.



Energy Independence

Solar energy reduces America's dependence on foreign oil.



Diversified Energy Supply

Solar farms like Carnation provide a substantial and stable source of energy, diversifying electricity supply.

SCHEDULE

2025

File for application with the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) around January 2025.

2026

Construction scheduled to commence

**2026 at the earliest*

2027

The Carnation Solar Project is scheduled to be in service as early as 2027.



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING MATERIALS

If you were unable to attend our in-person meetings this fall, visit our website to see the full suite of materials that were available at our public information meetings.

<https://nationalgridrenewables.com/in-development/carnation-solar/>

There are various avenues for public participation throughout the permitting process. More information can be found via the OPSB website www.opsb.ohio.gov/. If you have questions regarding the OPSB process or public participation, you can contact them directly:



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SEND A LETTER OF SUPPORT TO OPSB FOR CARNATION SOLAR HERE:

Ohio Power Siting Board
180 E Broad St,
Columbus, OH 43215

(866) 270-6772

contactOPSB@puco.ohio.gov



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COMMUNITY GIVING | A NEW LEAF HOLIDAY PARTY

A New Leaf provides foster care services for children and families in Central and Southern Ohio, including Fairfield County. On December 15, 2024, A New Leaf hosted a party for foster children and their families at Scene 75 in Columbus.

Kids enjoyed rides, arcade games, visiting with Santa, and opening gifts. Carnation Solar was proud to sponsor this year's party! We brought an educational game for kids and adults to learn more about solar energy.

Community highlights from 2024

National Grid Renewables has Ohio-based staff living and working near Fairfield County. In addition to our work with A New Leaf, we've also recently been involved in the following community events:

- Hosted a table at the Lithopolis Honeyfest to celebrate beekeeping and provide education on the benefits of solar farms to pollinators
- A New Leaf Back to School Bash sponsor
- United Way 5k sponsor
- Annual Fairfield County Fair sponsor and hosted a table
- Donated funds for theater upgrades to Rise Up Arts Alliance
- Hosted a YMCA Summer Camp presentation and gave a donation
- Donated funds to Amanda Community Garden for a drip irrigation system
- A group of Carnation staff built and decorated a playhouse for a local family at Habitat for Humanity's annual Project Playhouse event

★ OHIO FARMLAND PRESERVATION

Unlike other forms of development, solar energy preserves farmland for future generations. The farmland used for the project is leased from willing landowners. At the end of the project's life, the panels and racking are removed so the land can be returned to traditional farming activities.

Ohio farmland quick facts

13.7 million

acres of farmland, or 53.4% of the state's total land area.

181 acres

the average farm size in Ohio. The state has about 75,800 farms.

94, 717 acres

total acreage involved in utility-scale solar projects in Ohio as of June 2024.

0.7%

current amount of Ohio land being used for solar

For more general information on solar energy and farmland, check out this webpage from American Clean Power:

<https://cleanpower.org/resources/solar-energy-farmland-faq/>

(Source: United States Department of Agriculture and the Ohio Farm Bureau)

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Dear Commissioners,
I am very hopeful about the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project. When I visit my parents I pass a new solar array near New Washington in Crawford County. Fairfield County needs to step up our game in renewable energy as well. The Eastern Cottontail project combines agriculture with solar which could help the U.S. stop importing half of our sheep products. This innovative energy infrastructure will add to the grid without adding to the increasingly harmful blanket of carbon dioxide that is covering our planet. Earth's temperature is now 1.47 degrees Celsius warmer than before the Industrial Revolution. To ponder the seriousness of this temperature increase, please read this excerpt from <https://www.nasa.gov/news-release/temperatures-rising-nasa-confirms-2024-warmest-year-on-record/>
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**What can we
do to help?**

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“The Paris Agreement on climate change sets forth efforts to remain below 1.5 degrees Celsius over the long term. To put that in perspective, temperatures during the warm periods on Earth three million years ago — when sea levels were dozens of feet higher than today — were only around 3 degrees Celsius warmer than pre-industrial levels,” said Gavin Schmidt, director of NASA’s Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) in New York. “We are halfway to Pliocene-level warmth in just 150 years.”

We invested in 16 solar panels on our home last year, conserve, garden, recycle, and drive hybrid vehicles to do our part as a family. Americans, especially Ohioans have accomplished many wonderful things throughout our history. We must start talking more about the climate crisis as a community. We need to stop burning fossil fuels (there is only about 75 years worth of natural gas left anyway-not enough even for our future

grandkids!) and make things better for future generations.
Thank you for doing your part to help ensure the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project's success. We appreciate all you do to make Fairfield County an excellent place to live and work. Thank you for doing what is best for our children, Ian and Emma, and their future children as well.

Sincerely,
Shane and Tesia Ricker

From: [Clayton Baltzer](#)
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Dear County Commissioners: Steve Davis, David Levacy, and Jeff Fix,

Geneva Hills has been a cornerstone of Fairfield County for over six decades, providing transformative experiences for youth and families through our summer camp programs and community outreach. Over the past year, we have worked with a respected professional architecture firm to create a comprehensive master plan, which outlines key strategies to address critical community needs. Our vision includes expanding camp capacity, providing meeting spaces for local businesses and youth sports, and creating job opportunities for both youth and adults. By strengthening families and fostering lasting community connections, Geneva Hills is poised to make a significant and lasting impact on the region.

The first phase of this plan, which we have called "The Trail Ahead," will provide the necessary resources to expand our facilities and programs, ensuring Geneva Hills continues to be a vital asset to Fairfield County for generations to come. We are seeking your support to help bring this vision to life. Your partnership will enable us to enhance our services and create lasting opportunities for growth and connection throughout the county.

Meeting the Growing Need for Summer Camp Capacity in Fairfield County

Summer camps provide an essential space for local families in Fairfield County, offering opportunities for youth development, recreation, and community connection. However, there is a significant gap in available camp facilities for larger groups, limiting access to these valuable experiences for many families.

Currently, Ohio has just 18 camps with a summer occupancy of 150 or more guests, compared to Michigan's 36. This disparity results in a capacity-to-population ratio of one camp bed for every 2,857 residents in Ohio, versus Michigan's ratio of one bed for every 1,929 residents. This shortage leaves many Ohio families with limited options, especially as demand for larger facilities continues to rise.

In Fairfield County, the need for expanded camp capacity is especially clear. Within a 50-mile radius of Geneva Hills, only four camps exceed a 150-person capacity, collectively accommodating just 1,460 guests. This scarcity of larger camp facilities presents a significant opportunity for Geneva Hills to meet the unmet demand for family-friendly, large-group spaces.

Geneva Hills is uniquely positioned to address this gap. With 350 acres of land, it has the capacity to expand and accommodate an additional 650 guests per week. This expansion would provide a vital resource for Fairfield County families, allowing for more access to

enriching summer camp experiences and meeting the growing demand for group facilities. By adding 40 beds and enhancing its facilities, Geneva Hills is poised to play a key role in strengthening the community, offering local families the opportunities they need for youth development and recreation.

In total, Geneva Hills' expansion project will not only enhance its facilities but will also contribute to the broader community by providing much-needed space for families and local businesses seeking a retreat or group gathering location. This expansion will help Fairfield County meet the growing demand for camp services and strengthen the local economy.

The Trail Ahead Project: A Strategic Plan for Growth

The Trail Ahead project, developed in partnership with a professional architecture firm, is a multi-phase initiative designed to expand our capacity and better serve Central Ohio families. This well-established master plan sets a course to reach over 750 children per week at our facility, helping close the gap currently being experienced in our state:

- **Phase 1 (2025-2027):** Increase bed capacity to 150 and add a 60x120 commercial meeting and recreation space for our community, requiring \$1.1 million. This phase will not only meet the need for camp space but also address a critical community need for recreation space for youth sports and large group meetings.
- **Phase 2 (2028-2030):** Expand capacity to 250 beds by 2030, with a total investment of \$4.5 million. This phase will address the growing demand for mid-sized and large groups, increasing our capacity to serve 2,500 campers each summer.
- **Phase 3 (2030-2040):** With a total investment of \$25 million, including the first two phases, we would expand capacity to accommodate 750 guests weekly, addressing a substantial portion of the unmet demand in Ohio's camp infrastructure. State funding could expedite this timeline, allowing Geneva Hills to meet these critical needs faster.

This funding will support critical infrastructure improvements, including new cabins, enhanced recreational spaces, and facilities for year-round programming. By doing so, Geneva Hills can serve a broader range of families while strengthening Ohio's summer camp infrastructure.

Why This Matters: Transformative Benefits of Summer Camp

Summer camps provide Fairfield County families with vital opportunities to grow, learn, and thrive. They address key challenges such as mental health, social development, physical activity, and the growing demand for childcare. Camps like Geneva Hills offer environments where children build resilience, develop life skills, and connect with nature—preparing them for future success while giving parents essential support.

Here are the core benefits supported by research and statistics:

- **Child Mental Health:** Exposure to green spaces during camp can reduce the risk of psychiatric disorders by up to 55%, providing a natural environment for stress reduction and emotional well-being.
- **Child Social Development:** According to the American Camp Association, 93% of campers report improved ability to interact with peers from diverse backgrounds, and

96% say camp helped them make new friends, enhancing social skills and cultural awareness.

- **Combating Childhood Obesity:** Camps encourage physical activity, which is crucial in addressing Ohio's childhood obesity rate of 18.6%. Regular participation in camp activities promotes healthier lifestyles among children.
- **Nature Education and STEM Interest:** Engaging in nature-based learning experiences can enhance children's understanding of scientific concepts and foster interest in STEM fields. Outdoor play supports cognitive development and problem-solving skills, laying the groundwork for future academic achievement.
- **Summer Childcare Solutions:** Summer camps serve as essential childcare options for working parents. In Ohio, there is a 13.8% gap between the potential need for child care and the available supply, indicating a shortage of approximately 76,663 child care slots. Programs like summer camps help bridge this gap by offering safe and educational environments for children during the summer months.

By expanding Geneva Hills, we can enhance these benefits, providing more children with opportunities for growth, learning, and development, while also supporting community needs and economic growth.

A Critical Opportunity for Fairfield County: Your Support Can Make a Difference

Geneva Hills is at a pivotal moment in its mission to serve Fairfield County families, and we need your support to make this vision a reality. As we expand our camp capacity and resources, your leadership can help meet the growing demand for quality, accessible summer camp experiences.

The Trail Ahead project is not just about expanding facilities; it's about creating lasting opportunities for youth development, community engagement, and economic growth. Your support will help us move forward with the first phase of this initiative, benefiting generations of Fairfield County families. This is an investment in the future of our children, families, and local economy. We can make a transformative impact, but we need your partnership to make it happen.

I would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you, along with a few of our board members, to explore how we can work together to bring this expansion to fruition. Your support will make a lasting impact on the future of Fairfield County, and we look forward to partnering with you to strengthen our community. Thank you for your consideration.

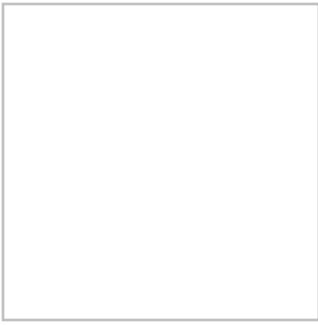
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GENEVA HILLS

NEW BUILD

PROJECT GOALS: RECREATION BUILDING
MAXIMIZE SLEEPING UNITS
& PLUMBING FACILITIES

SCHEMATIC DESIGN BOOK





- 1 Welcome Center
- 2 Recreation Center
- 3 Chickadee
- 4 Hawk Field
- 5 Timber Ridge
- 6 Maintenance Building
- 7 Black Bear
- 8 Pool
- 9 Geneva Lodge
- 10 Craft House
- 11 Canoe Landing
- 12 Archery Range
- 13 Frontier Lodge
- 14 Group Cabin
- 15 Group Cabin
- P Parking

CAMPGROUND MAP

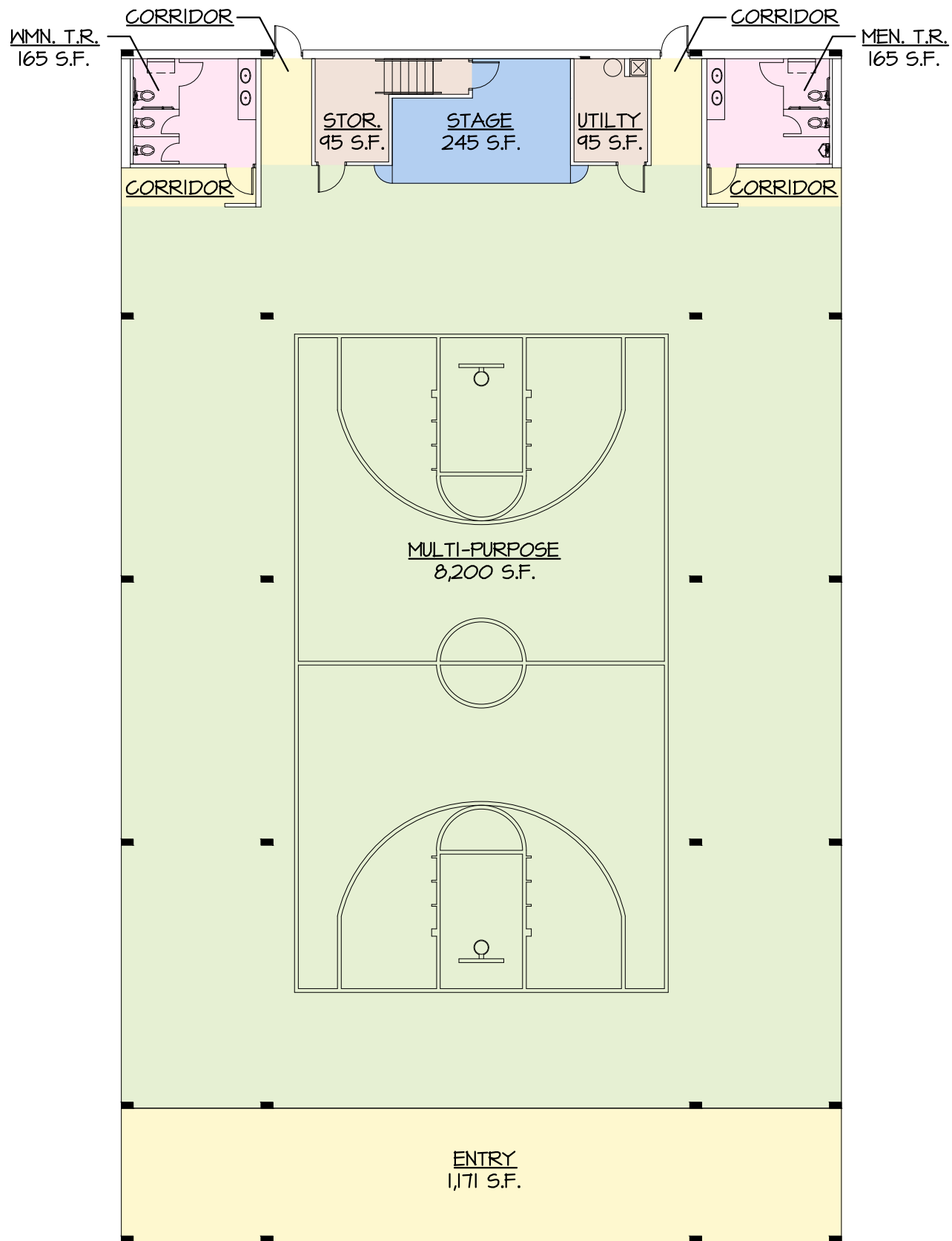


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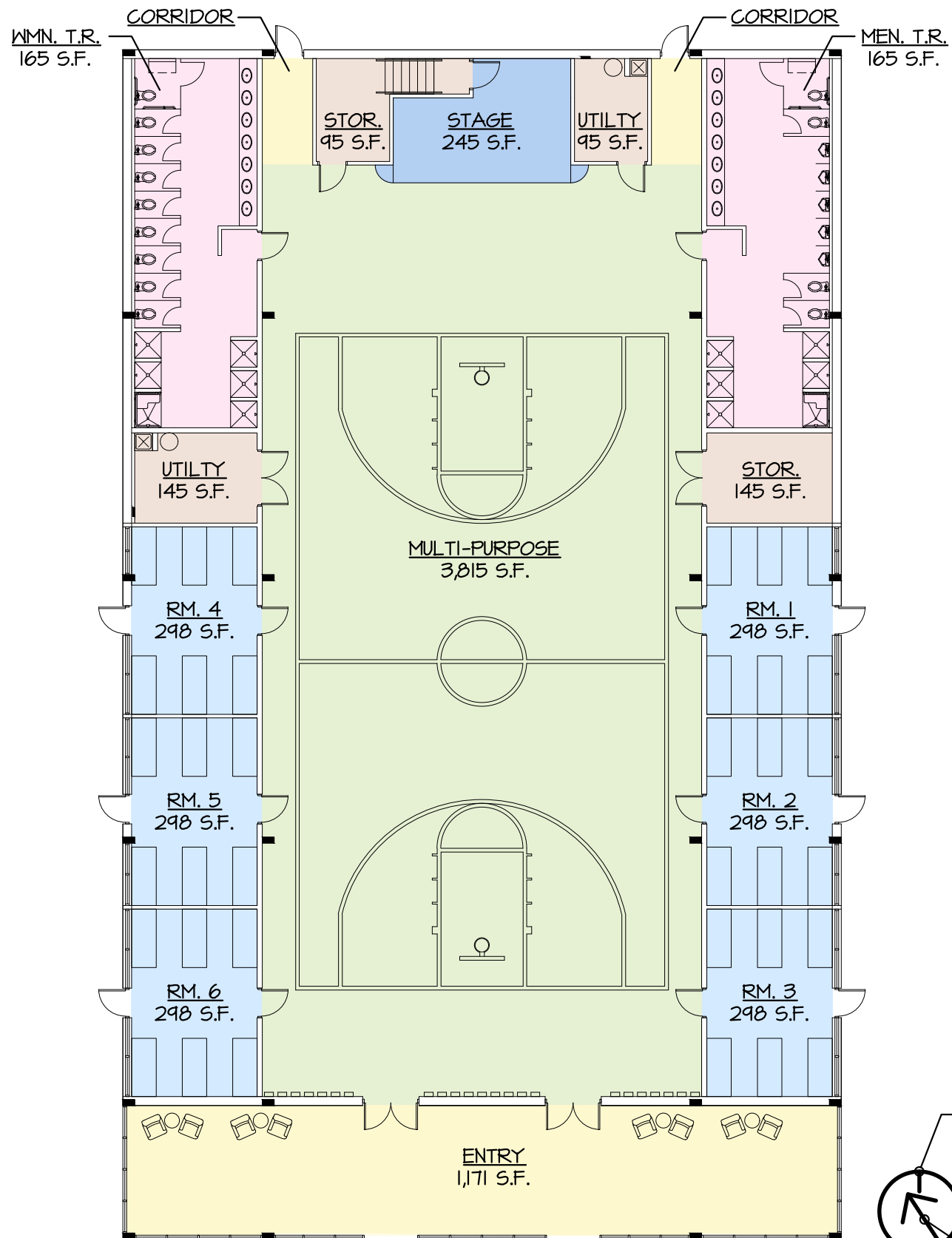
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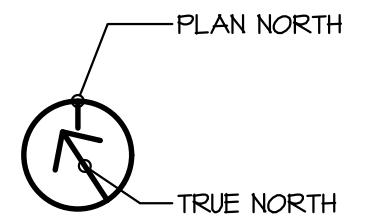




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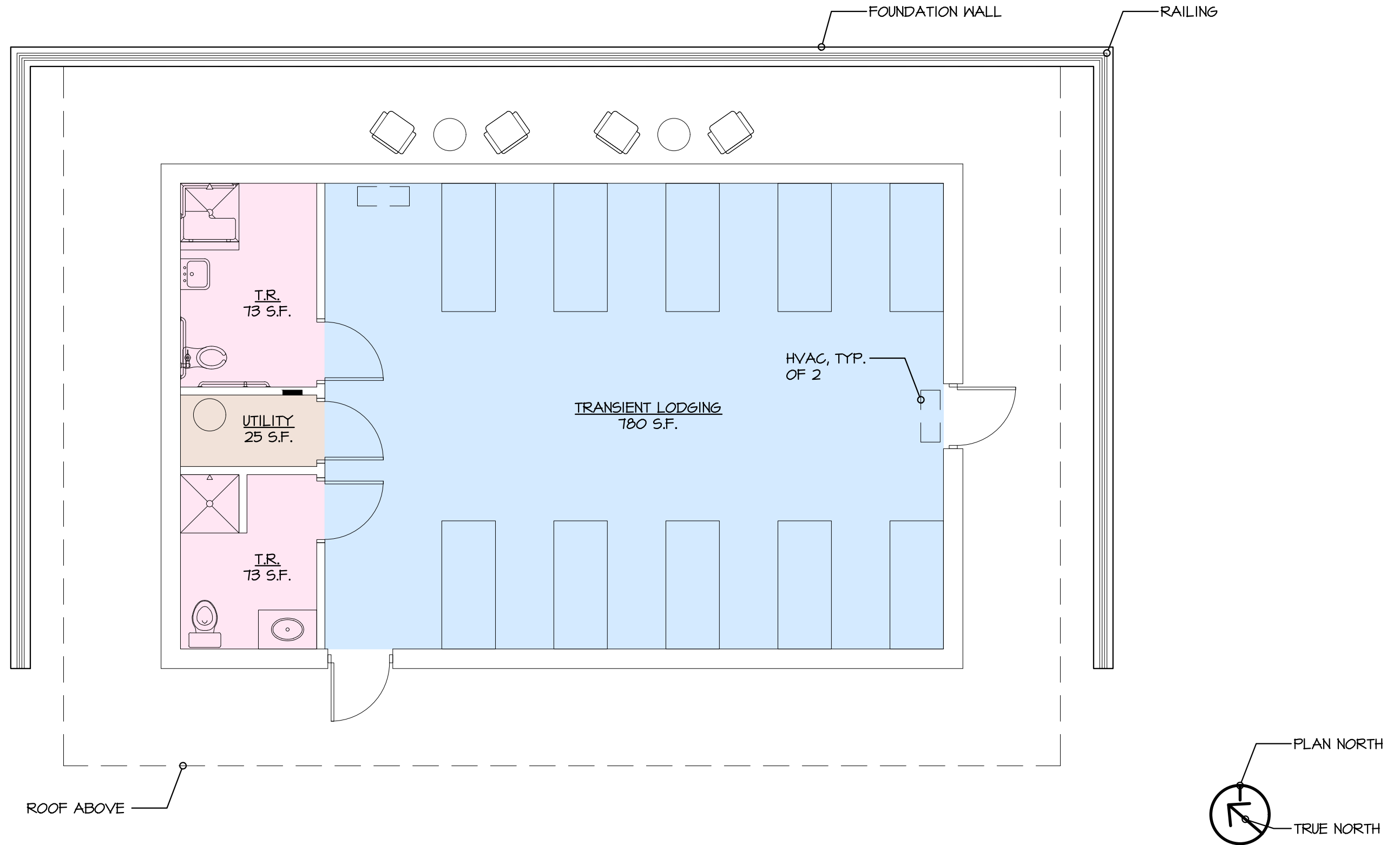


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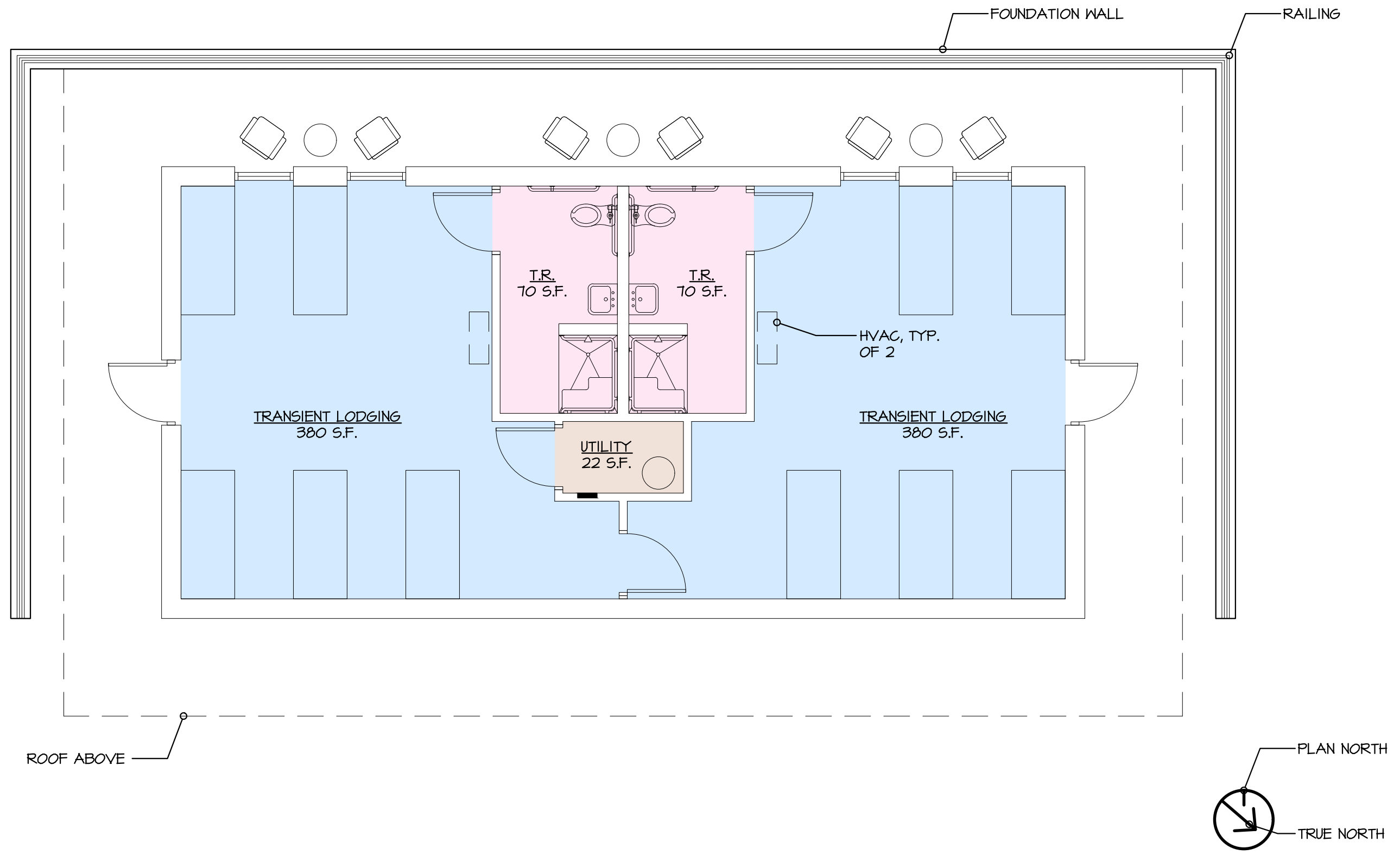


REC. CENTER FLOOR PLANS

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GROUP CABIN 2





WELCOME CENTER VIEW





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Cheryl Subler, Executive Director

January 13, 2025

Fairfield County Board of Commissioners
210 East Main Street
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Dear Fairfield County Commissioners:

It is a great pleasure to share with you, our CCAO membership, the 2024 annual report highlighting many accomplishments from the year which were made possible through the collaborative efforts of our members and staff and for which we are very grateful.

This report reflects on our past year's work and sets the groundwork for our future endeavors and wide-ranging support provided by our various innovative service programs and partners. In the spirit of "Teamwork for a Better Tomorrow," this report is a testament to our collective commitment to advancing the well-being of our counties and their residents as well as navigating a course that leads our state to a brighter future.

Our Association's successes are derived from a collaborative commitment to the common goal of building stronger counties for a stronger Ohio. This year's report documents the many benefits CCAO brings to the people of this great state that we call home.

All the best,

Cheryl Subler
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A MESSAGE FROM CHERYL SUBLER

CCAO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director's Overview

As we reflect on the past year, CCAO President Chris Abbuhl's vision—"Teamwork for a Better Tomorrow"—has proven to be more than a guiding principle; it has been a rallying call that shaped every goal, initiative, and achievement within our organization. This vision inspired a renewed commitment to collaboration, empowering Ohio's counties to work together with purpose and unity, building stronger, more innovative, and more resilient communities.

Advocacy and Policy Support

Advocacy remains at the heart of our mission—strengthening the state-county partnership and equipping county officials with the tools and flexibility they need to serve their communities effectively. This year, our Policy Team spearheaded critical updates through an omnibus bill addressing essential administrative elements and mandates that directly impact counties.

In addition, the team played a vital role in developing the 2025-2026 CCAO Policy Platform. This comprehensive document sets the Association's advocacy priorities, outlining more than 100 positions on key policies and programs to guide our efforts. On a day-to-day basis, the Policy Team continued to support our members by providing timely responses to inquiries, issuing county advisory bulletins with guidance on new laws and updates, and hosting informative webinars.

Enhancing Member Value

Delivering value to our members remains a cornerstone of CCAO's mission. This year, we celebrated significant milestones across our programs:

CORSA membership expanded to 73 counties, reinforcing its reputation as a trusted partner in risk-sharing.

CEBCO reached 49 counties, providing critical health insurance solutions tailored to member needs.

The Service Corporation introduced valuable new offerings, including FREE Amazon Business Prime memberships, enhanced energy purchasing options, and innovative benefits programs such as County Benefits Plus and County Firm.

We also made strides in enhancing the CCAO deferred compensation program—Ohio County Employees Retirement Program (OCERP)—ensuring it continues to deliver meaningful retirement solutions for county employees.

Education and Communication Growth

The CCAO Research & Educational Foundation achieved remarkable progress, doubling its fundraising revenue through a successful golf outing. This growth strengthens our ability to support educational initiatives that empower our members.

Additionally, we expanded our communications efforts with spotlight features and engaging videos that highlight innovative county programs and initiatives. Looking ahead, we are actively exploring new training opportunities to ensure our members have access to the resources and education they need to succeed.

Looking Forward

The accomplishments of this year would not have been possible without the steadfast leadership of President Abbuhl, the CCAO Board of Directors, and our dedicated county officials. Your unwavering commitment to collaboration and innovation exemplifies the spirit of "Teamwork for a Better Tomorrow." Together, we are building a stronger foundation for Ohio's counties and the communities we serve.



Cheryl Subler

CCAO Executive Director



CCAO POLICY UPDATE

As we see this General Assembly come to a close, it feels as though the COVID-19 era is also closed in many respects. The stimulus money through the CARES Act and ARPA has been either allocated or spent at both the state and county level. The years of soaring sales tax revenue have given way to a plateau of revenue, with inflation outpacing revenue growth. The challenges brought on by COVID-19 have been replaced by property tax challenges and a shortage of housing in all areas for counties.

Speaking of challenges, the 135th General Assembly proved to be one of the most challenging General Assemblies in recent memory. Although most of the legislative activity occurred during the main operating budget, we were still able to advance some key policies in 2024 with the General Assembly and the executive branch. It took an all-hands-on deck approach to navigate and the policy team would not have been able to do so without the support of our membership.

Our members rose above the fray and were able to advance legislation and implement key agency programs that would strengthen county government in Ohio. As we close out 2024, it is important to look back on all that we have achieved, recognize the challenges that lie ahead, and prepare to hit the ground running in 2025!

Updating and Streamlining County Government: The County Omnibus Bill

CCAO formers Representative Brian Stewart and Representative Roy Klopfenstein introduced a county omnibus bill, House Bill 497. This bill was a culmination of several years of feedback from our members and their staff on areas of the Revised Code that need updated. The bill language was also reviewed and, in some instances, improved by our various county elected partners. Most of the changes contained in the bill merely updated the Code to reflect the current practice of counties, such as where certain records should be stored. The bill also increased the contracting threshold required for county prosecutors to review county contracts and the threshold for county courthouse and jail repair projects that the commissioners can unilaterally approve. Many of these changes are needed to modify monetary thresholds in the Code following the high levels of construction material inflation experienced by counties.

HB 497 was introduced in late April. In May, CCAO President and Tuscarawas County Commissioner Chris Abbuhl testified in support before the House State and Local Government Committee, chaired by Representative

Scott Wiggam, a former Wayne County Commissioner. The Ohio House of Representatives unanimously passed HB 497 in late June. It is rare to see a bill move that quickly through one legislative chamber and it is a testament to the advocacy efforts of our members, the bill sponsors, and the CCAO policy team. The bill is currently pending in the Senate and its passage into law will be a top priority for CCAO during the lame duck session.

Capital Budget

The General Assembly passed a \$4.3 billion capital budget bill, which provided support to counties in a variety of areas. We were pleased to see the continuation of the state-county partnership in the area of jail funding, investing \$50 million in county jail construction and renovation. Earlier in the year, CCAO and BSSA updated our jail project survey from 2019 and found that there is \$2.2 billion needed for projects. The survey also showed that the price for the project increased by 41.5% on average between the initial bid for the project and the most recent bid, which further illustrates the importance of state assistance.

The bill also allocated \$718.8 million from the operating budget in the One Time Strategic Community Investment Fund (OTSCIF). Of that allocation, 75 county projects were funded totaling \$117 million.

Property Valuations and Taxation

Sale prices of residential homes continued to rise throughout Ohio and the nation in 2024, continuing a long-term trend that has resulted in higher property tax valuations across the state. Forty-one counties experienced an update or reappraisal in 2023, which impacted property taxes paid in 2024. Another 24 counties were undergoing updates or reappraisals in 2024.

In response to homeowners' concerns about rising property tax valuations, the General Assembly established a Joint Committee on Property Tax Review and Reform comprised of five members from each chamber. Committee Co-Chairs were Senator Bill Blessing and Representative Bill Roemer, who were the chairs of their respective Ways and Means Committees. The committee held hearings throughout the spring and early summer.

CCAO members Tony Bornhorst (Shelby County), Don Dixon (Butler County), Dave Burke (Union County), and Mike Yoder (Logan County) provided testimony with their suggestions for reform, and CCAO staff provided additional data and issues for the committee's consideration. CCAO

will continue to advocate for a number of reforms to the valuation system, including improvements to the homestead credit and limits to property tax exemptions, in the 136th General Assembly.

Housing

The shortage of housing options for Ohioans of all ages became a major focus of public policy discussion during 2024. CCAO members were actively involved in developing solutions and shaping the response of other levels of government. Members provided testimony to the Ohio Senate Select Committee on Housing, chaired by Senator Michele Reynolds, as it held hearings around the state.

At the national level, Franklin County Commissioner Kevin Boyce co-chaired a NACo Housing Task Force which produced a report, *Advancing Local Housing Affordability*, that was released in 2023 and led to his testimony in January 2024 in a hearing before the U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget. Commissioner Boyce discussed the rising cost burden of housing on Franklin County families, and called for the federal government to take the following actions:

- Invest additional federal resources to adequately support housing needs
- Modernize and strengthen current federal programs
- Provide more direct-to-local government funding opportunities
- Simplify programs and reduce burdensome compliance requirements on local governments

In the second half of 2024, CCAO partnered with OhioRealtors and the Bricker Graydon law firm to foster regional dialogue about housing issues around the state. Meetings in Allen County, Fairfield County, Portage County, and Ross County featured local real estate and economic development experts and local public officials discussing conditions in regional housing markets and possible approaches for improving housing supply. CCAO will continue to focus on this issue in the state budget process in 2025.

Grants Galore

CCAO was actively engaged with both the General Assembly and the DeWine-Husted Administration as the state contemplated how it would allocate and ultimately distribute its ARPA dollars. Many of the allocation conversations occurred in 2023, but this year CCAO spent a significant amount of time working with state agencies to ensure that grant dollars were distributed in an effective and efficient manner to county partners.

We worked with the Department of Development to modify the application and criteria for grants that support “Mega Site” development, as well as grants for broadband, water and sewer, demolition, and brownfield projects. CCAO staff also worked with the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to help develop their grant application and

distribute funding to counties. Furthermore, we worked with the Department of Aging on the allowable uses and reporting requirements to maximize the value of the Healthy Aging Grants program.

With support from the General Assembly, various executive agencies, and CCAO staff, counties and their partners in local government received the following in 2024:

- \$64.1 million for the Appalachian Children’s Health Initiative (28 projects in 20 counties)
- \$154.4 million for the Appalachian Downtowns and Destinations Initiative (30 projects in 12 counties)
- \$179.3 million for the Brownfield Remediation Program (176 projects in 61 counties)
- \$156 million for the Building Demolition and Site Remediation Program (3,001 projects in 88 counties)
- \$270 million for H2Ohio Funding
 - \$121.3 million to the Ohio Department of Agriculture (1.8 million acres enrolled across 24 counties)
 - \$93.2 million to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (183 wetland projects)
 - \$55 million to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
 - \$264,000 to the Ohio Lake Erie Commission
- \$39 million for Healthy Aging Grants (85 counties)
- \$51.8 million for Ohio’s Wonderful Waterfronts Initiative (18 projects in 10 counties)
- \$94.5 million for the Residential Broadband Expansion Program (Six projects in 23 counties)
- \$29.5 million for the Welcome Home Ohio Program (263 projects in 17 counties)

Looking Forward: The 136th General Assembly

Despite the challenges in the 135th General Assembly, we were able to advance several of our policy priorities. However, we recognize that there is still work to be done. We are optimistic that the 136th General Assembly will continue to support county government in a variety of key areas. In the upcoming biennium budget, the CCAO Board has decided to focus on targeted funding for child welfare, child care, indigent defense, jail construction, and 9-1-1 funding. These areas continue to be in desperate need of funding, despite previous funding increases.

With a strong partner in the DeWine-Husted Administration and many champions in the legislature, we are strongly positioned to advance our policy priorities. The policy team would like to thank our members for their strong support in 2024 and we are excited to continue this work in 2025!



CCAO STRATEGIC PLAN AND SUMMER SYMPOSIUM

CCAO Strategic Plan

The CCAO Strategic Plan continues to be our road map for operations. Our 2024 goals focused on supporting Association members through outreach, education opportunities, and relationship building.

In the spring, CCAO launched the "County Spotlight" program, designed to amplify county innovation and collaboration. As members share information about new initiatives or program successes, CCAO staff highlight the examples through CCAO social media channels, publications, and website.

With many outgoing CCAO members at the end of 2024, the Association worked to capture their insight and valuable lessons through video interviews. Former CCAO President and Licking County Commissioner Tim Bubb and CCAO Communications Coordinator Jessica Newbacher produced a video series to showcase the diverse backgrounds of our members and how they applied their past experiences to serving county government. The series spotlights seasoned leaders who have been in office two, three, and even 11 terms.

This Annual Report highlights our Summer Symposium event, as well as the many regional events that connected CCAO members throughout the year. CCAO is proud of the many partnerships (page 16) and additional service options provided to our members from the Service Corporation (pages 7-8).

CCAO Summer Symposium



CCAO members gather on the top level of the Hocking Hills Lodge & Conference Center during the 2024 CCAO Summer Symposium for a photo (see the bottom half of this photo at the top of this page).



Ohio EPA Director Anne Vogel and Columbiana County Commissioner Mike Halleck pose for a photo after Director Vogel's session on emergency management.

In August, CCAO hosted its 2024 Summer Symposium at the Hocking Hills Lodge and Conference Center in Hocking County. The theme of the symposium was "Teamwork for a Better Tomorrow." Many CCAO members and county staff were in attendance for sessions covering a wide range of topics. Sessions included leadership strategy with Ashtabula County Commissioner Kathryn Whittington, strategic planning process lessons with Lorain County, public safety infrastructure, artificial intelligence use in county administration and more.

During the symposium, attendees heard from Ohio EPA Director Anne Vogel on emergency management and lessons learned from the East Palestine train derailment crisis and other previous environmental crises. Several counties experienced emergency management situations in 2024, including devastating tornadoes and floods. CCAO members partnered with the state and local emergency management agencies to coordinate an effective response and ensure help and resources were deployed to Ohioans affected.

Thank you to the Planning Committee: Casey Kozlowski, Ashtabula County Commissioner, Chair; Joe Antram, Logan County Commissioner; Tim Bubb, Licking County Commissioner; Sabrina Christian-Bennett, Portage County Commissioner; Denise Driehaus, Hamilton County Commissioner; Lenny Eliason, Athens County Commissioner; Matt Old, Erie County Commissioner; Donnie Willis, Jackson County Commissioner; and Melanie Wilt, Clark County Commissioner.



CCAO RESEARCH & EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Foundation Continues to Invest in Ohio's Future Leaders

The CCAO Research and Educational Foundation awarded the 2024 Ohio Counties Scholarships in July. Established in 1991, the foundation operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing our members and the people of Ohio with the high-quality information, tools, and education. The scholarships, funded through private donations and events like the County Classic, support outstanding students pursuing higher education.

Congratulations to the following recipients:

- Central: Alexis Cupp, Pickaway County
- Northeast: Nicholas McClure, Ashtabula County
- Northwest: Riley Barhorst, Shelby County
- Southwest: Sophia Shenk, Montgomery County
- Southeast: Ava Fierbaugh, Harrison County

These scholarships reflect the foundation's commitment to investing in future leaders who will contribute to the continued growth and development of Ohio's counties.

A Swing for Scholarships: 2nd Annual County Classic Golf Outing

On July 19th, under the warm midsummer sun, the 2nd Annual County Classic Golf Outing brought together golf enthusiasts, commissioners and other leaders for a day that perfectly blended sport and purpose. The event, with its picturesque fairways and the enticing aroma of a delicious lunch spread, was a resounding success. Participants were not just swinging their clubs; they were swinging for scholarships, with proceeds benefiting the Scholarship Fund for the CCAO Research and Educational Foundation.

A Swing for a Cause

The essence of the County Classic Golf Outing lies in its dedication to the CCAO Research and Educational Foundation Scholarship Fund. With each stroke of the club, participants directly contributed to the future of promising students throughout Ohio. This year, the Foundation proudly awarded five deserving students with \$2,000 scholarships, empowering them to pursue their academic endeavors and shape the leaders of tomorrow.

The 2024 County Classic Champions were Sean Dunn,

1/21/2025



Top left: Ashtabula County Commissioners JP Ducro, Kathryn Whittington and Casey Kozlowski, NE District winner Nicholas McClure and his parents and CCAO's Steve Caraway

Bottom left: Shelby County Commissioners Bob Guillozet, Julie Ehemann and Mack Knupp, NW District winner Riley Barhorst and CCAO's Tim Hoverman

Top right: Harrison County Commissioners Paul Coffland and Dustin Corder, SE District winner Ava Fierbaugh with her parents and CCAO's Steve Caraway

Middle right: Pickaway County Commissioners Gary Scherer and Jay Wippel Harold Henson, Central District winner Alexis Cupp and CCAO's Steve Caraway

Bottom right: Montgomery County Assistant Prosecutor Ward Barrentine, Montgomery County Commissioners Judy Dodge, Debbie Lieberman and Carolyn Rice, SW District winner Sophia Shenk, and CCAO's Steve Caraway

David Salisbury, Jimmy Wolf and Andrew Huffman from Sean P. Dunn and Associates (David Salisbury and Jimmy Wolf pictured top middle of this page). Over the past two years, the CCAO Research and Educational Foundation has awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to high school students across Ohio who seek a career in public service.

If you would like to support the foundation, you can donate online at the Research and Educational Foundation page at ccao.org or you can send a personal or campaign account check made payable to:

CCAO Research and Educational Foundation
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CCAO Partners with Amazon Business



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Program is First of its Kind with Counties

This fall, CCAO announced a new partnership with Amazon Business, bringing a host of exclusive benefits to all county offices and departments in Ohio. This collaboration, the first of its kind with county governments nationally will streamline the procurement process, enhance cost savings and provide unparalleled convenience for county operations.

In just a few short weeks, CCAO was able to register nearly 400 accounts to the program. The team will continue to present the program to all county departments early in 2025 with the goal of increasing program participation.

The key benefits of the program are:

- Free Business Prime Membership, courtesy of CCAO, pre-approved lines of credit and significant discounts on essential products.
- With the addition of this service, the CCAO Service Corporation continues to have a laser focus on providing resources and cost saving measures to counties.

CCAO Launches Strategic Partnership with County FIRM

At CCAO, we're not just listening – we're taking action to help shape the future of county operations!



COUNTY FIRM
FACILITY INVESTMENT RETROFIT MAINTENANCE

Inspired by the feedback from our member counties, this year we announced County FIRM (Facility Investment, Retrofit, and Maintenance) – a proven team of former contractors, licensed professional engineers, and other facilities industry experts that are using their expertise to support our counties in their endeavors around facility maintenance and facility capital projects (including jails).

"Our mission is to bring this expertise to the table solely for the benefit of counties, providing skilled advocacy

and oversight during facility construction and upgrade projects," said Joe Sokel, Regional Manager at County FIRM.

A recent example illustrates the impact County FIRM can have: Marion County was considering a \$1,000,000 proposal for HVAC upgrades at their administrative building. They engaged Palmer Conservation Consulting (program manager of County FIRM) to review the contractor's proposal and assess the scope and pricing, initially set up through a cooperative purchasing program.

Following our complimentary review, they determined a competitive price would fall closer to \$750,000. County FIRM then provided the county with a full-service bid package and managed the process to select and oversee a contractor for the HVAC upgrades. The project was completed on time, within budget, and with zero change orders.

"At County FIRM, we're passionate about using our expertise to advance the best interests of CCAO member counties," said Sokel. "We find real enjoyment in delivering value and making a difference in each county we serve. Whether you have upcoming facility projects, jail upgrades/new builds, or capital planning needs for the year ahead, we're here to provide support that makes your job easier and protects your county's interests."

CCAO Service Corporation Services: Meeting the Needs of Ohio Counties!

By the Numbers: Energy Programs

Electric Program:

- 62 members in the Electric Energy Program.
- Estimated Electric Energy Program Savings:
 - \$21+ million (38% increase from 2023)
 - \$68+ million estimated savings for member counties since program inception

Natural Gas Program:

- 64 members in the Natural Gas Energy Program
- Estimated Natural Gas Energy Program Savings:
 - \$4.3 million
 - \$20+ million estimated natural gas program savings for member counties since program inception

Aggregation:

- 171,000 meters in the electric agg program.
- The September 2023 through August 2024 usage is 1.8TWh or 1.8 billion kWh. That's enough electricity to power the Empire State Building for over 20 years!
- \$76 million estimated electric aggregation savings.
- 49,000 natural gas accounts, +38% year over year.

CCAOSC: Delivering Results!

The CCAO Service Corporation continues to maintain and strengthen multiple enterprise programs all designed to save counties money.

- Workers Comp Group Rating and Retro Plan
- CCAO Cyber Defense (Protecting your county IT infrastructure)
- County Benefits+ (Supplemental health benefits program)
- Comm-Core (VoIP and Security Infrastructure Services)
- Roof Connect (Roofing and paving of county facilities)
- Maximus (Cost Recovery)
- Ohio County Commercial Card Consortium (Making government purchasing easier)

OCERP

The Ohio County Employee Retirement Plan (OCERP) is the only deferred compensation plan designed specifically for Ohio's county employees. With nearly \$1 billion in assets under management and over 22,000 participants, OCERP continues to serve as a secure and trusted partner in helping county employees build the future they imagine.

2024 has been a milestone year for OCERP. CCAO leadership is finalizing a new contract that will significantly reduce participant fees, a move expected to benefit all participants and strengthen the plan's long-term value. The Retirement Plan Advisors with OCERP have been remarkably active, reaching participants across the state. Key achievements this year include:

- 58 group meetings conducted.
- 1,930 meetings with participants.
- 1,097 individual consultations.
- 833 Retirement Readiness Reviews completed.
- 432 new participants joined the OCERP family.
- 470 employees chose to increase the amount they are investing for the future they imagine.
- 92 roll-ins, bringing \$3,434,641 into the plan. Employees may consolidate outside accounts into OCERP, as long as they are qualified.



OCERP's Retirement Plan Advisors are highly rated by participants, who appreciate their dedication and expertise. Eugene, a county employee, praised Northern Ohio RPA Rick Dyson, saying, "Rick was extremely knowledgeable and helpful. I've already reached out to several coworkers as a result of our meeting, to have them give Rick a call."

Looking ahead to 2025, OCERP will mark its 40th anniversary, a testament to its enduring commitment to Ohio's county workforce. Celebrations will honor this remarkable journey, and OCERP eagerly anticipates helping thousands more employees achieve their retirement dreams.

Join the Ohio County Employees Retirement Plan by visiting OCERP457.com.



CORSA

Looking back over the last year, CORSA has achieved significant milestones, not the least of which has been continuing to provide all lines of coverage with the same limits. That alone was a challenge, especially with social inflation limiting the amount of excess coverage available.

Looking to the future, we face new opportunities and challenges. Our next focus will be on enhancing our educational efforts and looking at options to control some of the reinsurance rates we have been experiencing. I'm confident that, with our collective effort and unwavering dedication, we will continue to build on our successes and drive positive change.

-Dave Wilson, CORSA Board President

73 counties and 50 county affiliates strong!

CORSA is proud to announce the addition of **Van Wert County** to the pool along with 3 new county affiliates:

- Star Community Justice Center
- Wood County ADAMHS
- Northwest Community Corrections Center

\$17 billion in covered assets

\$5.3 million returned to members in the form of dividends, grants and services



CORSA Board of Directors (pictured above, left to right): Dave Wilson, President, Guernsey County Commissioner Charlie Schilling, Member, Washington County Commissioner Mark Stahl, Secretary, Ottawa County Commissioner Dan Dean, Member, Fayette County Commissioner Diane Ward, Member, Adams County Commissioner Gary Merrell, Treasurer, Delaware County Commissioner Teresa Bemiller, Member, Knox County Commissioner Cory Noonan, Member, Allen County Commissioner Craig LaHote, Vice President, Wood County Commissioner

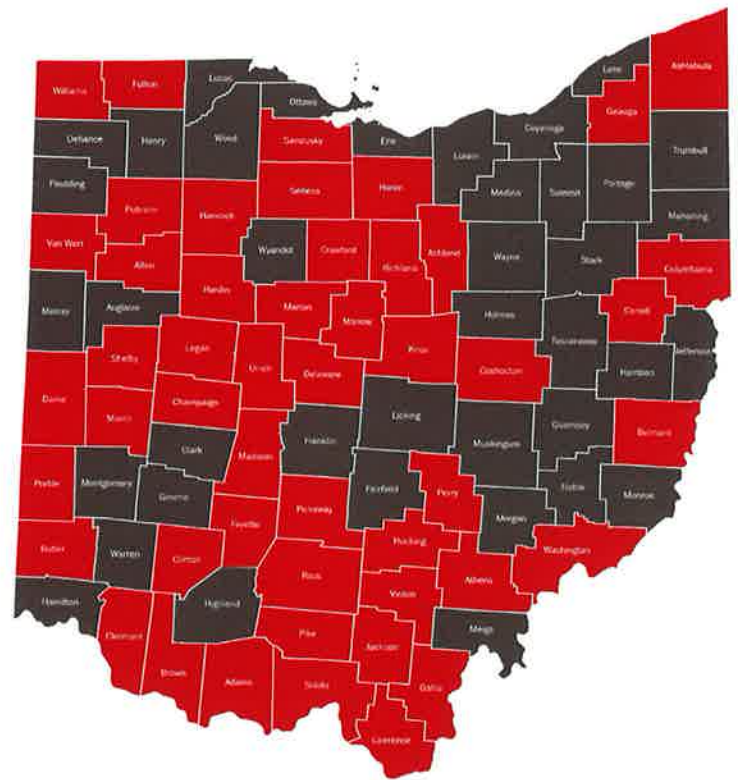


CEBCO continues its mission to provide cost stability, financial strength, and broad coverage with an array of wellness and health management services that our member counties could not purchase, alone.

CEBCO is pleased to announce that Clermont County will join our pool on January 1, 2025. With this addition, CEBCO's Medical/Rx program will consist of **49 counties**, serving over **16,600 employees** and **37,000 members**.

Also, Butler County is adding Dental coverage and Darke County is adding Vision coverage.

CEBCO will return over \$4 million back to our members, which includes \$660,000 through Wellness Grants and Wellness Program reimbursements.



The first year of our new CEBCO Wellness Rewards 200, saw members earn in excess of \$1.6 million in gift card rewards. The most important part of the program is to reward members for visiting their Primary Care Physician (PCP). Data has shown that members with a PCP have a much lower claims spend than members without a PCP.

CEBCO Board of Directors (pictured above, left to right): Tony Bornhorst, Member, Shelby County Commissioner Kevin Ritter, Member, Washington County Commissioner Jeff Benton, Member, Delaware County Commissioner Lenny Eliason, Member, Athens County Commissioner Lew Hilkert, Member, Williams County Commissioner Cory Noonan, President, Allen County Commissioner Mike Welch, Member, Ashland County Commissioner Jon Rupp, Member, Fulton County Commissioner Steve Hess, Member, Champaign County Commissioner Harry Brady, Vice President, Huron County Commissioner J.P. Ducro, Secretary, Ashtabula County Commissioner Bryan Davis, Treasurer, Scioto County Commissioner *Not pictured:* Steve Robinson, Member, Union County Commissioner



MEMBER ENGAGEMENT AND TRAINING

CCAO/CEAO District Meetings

CCAO staff joined CCAO and CEOA members at six district meetings across the state this year. Fulton County hosted the Northwest District in March where members toured their recently renovated courthouse. The district's second meeting, hosted by Hancock County, included tours of the Marathon Pipeline Control Center and the county juvenile/probate courthouse renovations. Henry County hosted the district's final 2024 meeting where members heard from two local agribusiness operations.

Harrison County hosted the Southeast District in May where members heard presentations regarding solar power activity in the region.

In May, Fairfield County hosted the Central District at their Workforce Center for discussions on land use planning, workforce development, and transit. Central District members also gathered in Champaign County in October and toured the Sutphen Corporation (pictured above) and Champaign Aviation Museum.

Thank you to our host counties for bringing the membership together this year!

America 250



CCAO Events Manager and Boards' Liaison Robin Garrett, CCAO Policy Analyst James Kennedy and CCAO Managing Director of Policy Kyle Petty pose with Rear Admiral Dr. Peter Cressy, who presented at Tuscarawas County's America 250-Ohio Event, along with CCAO President and Tuscarawas County Commissioner Chris Abbuhl.

CCAO is partnering with the America 250 Commission to encourage counties to become America 250 counties
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and prepare for this exciting celebration in 2026. CCAO President and Tuscarawas County Commissioner Chris Abbuhl spearheaded a celebratory event in his county in October. The event featured Retired U.S. Navy Rear Admiral Dr. Peter Cressy to inspire community leaders through his "Strategic Approach to Leading Through Times of Crisis and Change: Washington, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Churchill." We look forward to more celebrations to come!

County Celebrations

This year, four counties celebrated their bicentennial birthdays. Congratulations to Holmes County, Lorain County, Seneca County, and Williams County! CCAO members and staff along with legislators and other officials gathered to honor the history and achievements of each of these counties over the past 200 years.



Lorain County Commissioners David Moore, Michelle Hung, and Jeff Riddell during the county's bicentennial celebration.

Membership Events

In August, the association hosted its annual Summer Symposium at the Hocking Hills Lodge and Conference Center (read more on page 5). December brought the annual CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference which centered on "Teamwork for a Better Tomorrow." CCAO members gathered for deep dives into key county policy areas and share updates on their own innovative solutions.

National County Government Month

Counties across the state celebrated National County Government Month in April. During this month,



Licking County Commissioners Duane Flowers, Rick Black and Tim Bubb pose with National County Government Month signs in front of their courthouse.

commissioners, executives, and council members take the opportunity to educate the public on county government functions and engage with the state on fostering a continued state-county partnership. This year, CCAO created a toolkit to help with educational efforts, including window slicks and informational posters, yard signs, a sample resolution, social media posts, Why Counties Matter brochure, and the option to customize Ohio Counties Matter booklets.

Additional Support

The CCAO Policy Team hosted webinars, published County Advisory Bulletins and CCAO Handbook Chapters, responded to many phone calls and email inquiries about best practices, and more to help county commissioners, executives and council members build stronger counties



Whittington (middle front) gathered with other county elected officials at the 2024 NACo County Leadership Institute.

for a stronger Ohio. Ashtabula County Commissioner and CCAO Human Services Committee Chair Kathryn Whittington participated in the 2024 NACo County Leadership Institute. The Institute brings together county elected officials to learn strategies for innovation and creative responses to the complex issues they face in county government.

Every summer, the John Glenn College of Public Affairs hosts a bipartisan class who are nominated by leaders from their jurisdiction, including county commissioners, township trustees, school board members, city council, mayors, and state representatives. The goal of the Academy is to build trust among participants so they can return to political life with a better understanding of their colleagues and a renewed commitment to public service. The commissioners selected to attend the academy in 2024 were: Ashtabula County Commissioner and CCAO Treasurer Casey Kozlowski, Harrison County Commissioner and CCAO Board Member Amy Norris, Cuyahoga County Councilmember Meredith Turner, Defiance County Commissioner and CCAO Board Member David Kern and Tuscarawas County Commissioner Kristin Zemis.



John Glenn College of Public Affairs Leadership Academy participants from left to right: Turner, Norris, Zemis, Kozlowski and Kern.



The CCAO Small County Affairs Committee was hosted by Jackson county, Chairman Donnie Willis' home county. The committee welcomed Ohio Office of Budget & Management Assistant Director Christina Frass, Manager of Government Affairs for JobsOhio RJ Mancini, and Vice President of Ohio SE Economic Development Katy Farber to give presentations regarding economic development to the committee. The committee was also greeted by Senator Shane Wilkin, who represents Ohio's 17th Senate District.

DECADES OF DEDICATION AWARDS

CCAO members who hit service milestones this year receive a Decades of Dedication Award. Congratulations and thank you for your years of dedicated service to our counties!

10 Years

- Jeff Benton, Delaware County Commissioner
- Denny Bittle, Ashland County Commissioner
- Rick Black, Licking County Commissioner
- Cindy Cameron, Muskingum County Commissioner
- David Daniels, Highland County Commissioner
- Bryan Davis, Scioto County Commissioner
- Tom Grossman, Warren County Commissioner
- Mark Holtsberry, Paulding County Commissioner
- Craig LaHote, Wood County Commissioner
- Barb Lewis, Delaware County Commissioner
- Jeff Rupp, Fulton County Commissioner
- Dave Wilson, Guernsey County Commissioner

20 Years

- Chris Abbuhl, Tuscarawas County Commissioner
- Tim Bubbs, Licking County Commissioner
- Pete Gerken, Lucas County Commissioner
- Debbie Lieberman, Montgomery County Commissioner
- David Maple, Jr., Jefferson County Commissioner
- Vincent Schroeder, Putnam County Commissioner
- Dane Shryock, Coshocton County Commissioner
- Anthony Traficanti, Mahoning County Commissioner
- David Young, Warren County Commissioner

PHOTOS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



The Henry County Commissioners and Engineer hosted the fall CCAO/CEAO Northwest Region in October.



CORSA President Dave Wilson & CCAO President Chris Abbuhl along with staffers John Brownlee & Cheryl Subler following CORSA's March Board meeting.



CCAO Staffers and Members attended the 2024 Ohio State College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences Farm Science Review.



CCAO Board Member and Fayette County Commissioner Tony Anderson, CCAO Assistant Director John Leutz, CCAO Secretary and Ashtabula County Commissioner Casey Kozlowski and Tuscarawas County Commissioner and CCAO President Chris Abbuhl.

CCAO NUMBERS AT A GLANCE





STAFF SERVICE MILESTONES AND NEW STAFF

Congratulations to our staff who hit service milestones this year!



20 YEARS

John Brownlee, Managing Director, Property and Casualty



10 YEARS

Mike Kindell, Managing Director, Health and Wellness



5 YEARS

Robin Garrett, Boards' Liaison and Events Manager

Herring joins CEBCO



This past October, CEBCO welcomed Cindi Herring as their new Benefit Specialist. A native of Delaware County, Cindi earned her B.S. in Business Management from Mt. Vernon Nazarene College. Cindi brings over 25 years of experience in employee benefits and property and liability insurance and previously worked for Delaware County.

Miller retires



March 15, 2024 marked the retirement of CORSA Claim and Litigation Manager Beth Miller after 25 years of dedication and service to Ohio counties. She was instrumental in the growth of CORSA's loss control program and claim litigation services. Beth's experience and commitment to the CORSA membership has proven to be invaluable.

Dillingham retires



After 18 years of service to CEBCO and CCAO, Senior Benefits Specialist Wendy Dillingham will retire at the end of 2024. Wendy has been instrumental in the CEBCO program and will be missed by the entire organization and the counties she has served. We wish her health and happiness in her retirement.

Staff Updates

Allen joins CORSA



In January, Brandy Allen joined the CORSA team as a Claims Representative. Brandy previously served as the CCAO Senior Accountant for 8 years. In October, Brandy was promoted to CORSA Underwriter. Her attention to detail along with her strong analytical skills make her a perfect fit to enhance CORSA's already exemplary team.

Stretch joins CCAO



Isaac Stretch joined CCAO as a Senior Accountant in March. Prior to joining CCAO, Stretch worked as the Office Manager/Accountant for Darling Ingredients in Morrow County. He received a B.A. in Finance and Business Management from the University of Findlay.

Farewells



CORSA Program Assistant Tricia Callihan departed this fall following over 20 years of service. CCAO

Administrative Professional Nedra Benson left this fall after 5 years with the organization. We wish Tricia and Nedra the best in their future endeavors.



PARTNERSHIPS

Buckeye Boys State and Buckeye Girls State

CCAO continued to partner with the Buckeye Boys State and Buckeye Girls State programs. These immersive week-long experiences bring together high school students to learn about city, state and county government. Current county commissioners attend to provide advice to the student “elected” county commissioners. Pictured at the top of this page are the 2024 Buckeye Girls State participants with Wood County Commissioner Doris Herringshaw.

OSU Extension

CCAO partnered with OSU Extension to create a county land use and zoning survey, in which 77 counties participated. The survey data will allow CCAO and others to better understand how counties handle zoning, comprehensive plans, the handling of solar farms, subdivision regulations, land use planning, and many other related topics.

BroadbandOHIO

The CCAO Broadband Task Force has met with BroadbandOhio numerous times throughout the year to discuss the Ohio BEAD Challenge Process. The state’s BEAD Program proposal is awaiting approval from the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). This program allowed counties and ISPs to submit challenges to the NTIA maps for the purpose of creating the most accurate map, which will be beneficial in determining which broadband projects receive funding. Within this process, a project will receive 13 points if the board of county commissioners adopts a resolution in supporting a specific project, which carries roughly a 2.5% scoring weight within the grading process.

Ohio Chamber of Commerce

CCAO collaborated with the Ohio Chamber of Commerce to continue preparations for economic development across our counties. Ohio Chamber Senior Vice President of Government Affairs Rick Carfagna attended CCAO’s Board of Directors’ Retreat in the spring to share highlights of The Blueprint for Ohio’s Economic Future. The organizations will continue to partner on removing barriers to work, such as child care challenges, and preparing our workforce and infrastructure for further development opportunities. Additionally, CCAO is partnering with the Ohio Chamber and the Department of Development to create a Mega Development Caucus as a space for CCAO members planning for large projects to share ideas.

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Thank you to our 2024 Corporate Partners for your support of our work.

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Vice Chair: Tony Anderson, Fayette County Commissioner

General Government and Operations

Chair: John O'Grady, Franklin County Commissioner

Vice Chair: Bill Pursel, Knox County Commissioner

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Chair: Kathryn Whittington, Ashtabula County Commissioner

Vice Chair: Carolyn Rice, Montgomery County Commissioner

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Chair: Cory Noonan, Allen County Commissioner

Vice Chair: Judy Dodge, Montgomery County Commissioner

Joint Committee on Administration of Elections

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REGULAR AGENDA #3
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
JANUARY 21, 2025

AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

- 9:00 AM Review
- Regular Meeting
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Announcements
- Approval of Minutes for January 14, 2025
- Commissioners
- 2025-01.21.a A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category for fund # 2736, Subfund#8364 – FY2025 CFLP Grant – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]
- Fairfield County Auditor- Finance
- 2025-01.21.b A Resolution to Approve to Rescind Resolution # 2025-01.14.cc, #2025-01.14.dd, #2025-01.14.ee, #2025-01.14.ff [Auditor- Finance]
- Fairfield County Auditor- Payroll
- 2025-01.21.c A resolution authorizing a memo expense memo receipt for the General Fund 2% administration fee for managing the county self-insurance program, Fund# 5376 TO GENERAL #1001 - Fairfield County Auditor [Auditor- Payroll]
- Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development
- 2025-01.21.d A Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Ms. Chelsie Huffman to the Area 20 Workforce Development Board [Economic & Workforce Development]
- Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency
- 2025-01.21.e A resolution authorizing an EMA fund to fund transfer. [EMA]
- Fairfield County Engineer
- 2025-01.21.f A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for repairs and maintenance. [Engineer]
- 2025-01.21.g A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category Fund #3445, ODOT Projects for Intersection Improvements ODOT - 110862 [Engineer]

Fairfield County Family and Children First Council

- 2025-01.21.h A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to the General Fund – Fund #7521, Subfund #8195 Safe Communities Grant [Family and Children First Council]

Fairfield County Job and Family Services

- 2025-01.21.i A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Bus Passes paid to Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit as a memo expenditure for fund# 2072 Public Children's Services [JFS]

Fairfield County Juvenile/Probate Court

- 2025-01.21.j A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for Juvenile Court; Fund # 2317 Computer Fund [Juvenile/Probate Court]
- 2025-01.21.k A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for Juvenile Court; Fund # 8209 ATP Sub Fund to Drug Ct #2408 [Juvenile/Probate Court]
- 2025-01.21.l A Resolution Approving an Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure Object Category – Fund # 2036 DYS [Juvenile/Probate Court]

Fairfield County Sheriff

- 2025-01.21.m A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for Sheriff's Office; Fund 1025, Furtherance of Justice [Sheriff]

South Central Major Crimes Unit

- 2025-01.21.n A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the general fund to MCU – Fund 7864 (Subfund 8359) Recovery Ohio 2024 [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]

Fairfield County Utilities Department

- 2025-01.21.o A Resolution to Approve a Reimbursement for the Share of Costs as a Memo Expenditure for Funds #5044, 5046, 5842 & 5841 [Utilities]

Payment of Bills

- 2025-01.21.p A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Payments of Vouchers Without Appropriate Carry-Over Purchase Orders and the Cash Disbursement for Departments that are Approved by the Commissioners [Commissioners]

The Next Regular Meeting is Scheduled for January 28, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn

Commission Connection Video, 10:30 a.m.

Regular Meeting #2 - 2025
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
January 14, 2025

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. at 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Fix called the meeting to order, and the following Commissioners were present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and David Levacy. County employees present: County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle; Deputy County Administrator, Jeff Porter; Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen; Communications & Information Coordinator, Bennett Niceswanger; Budget Director, Bart Hampson; JFS Director, Corey Clark; IT Director, Dan Neeley; Facilities & EMA Director, Jon Kochis; Economic & Workforce Development Director, Rick Szabrak; Utilities Director, Tony Vogel; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Amy Brown-Thompson; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer; Engineer, Jeremiah Upp; Recorder, Lisa McKenzie; DD Superintendent, Dr. David Uhl; FCFC Manager, Tiffany Wilson; Planner, Josh Hillberry; Deputy Director Protective Services, Sarah Fortner; Human Resources Coordinator; Ashley Fahner; and Sheriff's Deputy, Gary Hummel. Also in attendance: Melissa Hoover, Sherry Pymer, and Lyne Kennedy-Starnier.

Virtual attendees: Virtual attendees: Shelby Hunt, Tony Vogel, Park Russell, Michael Orland, Colleen Cook, Jennifer Morgan, Michael Kaper, Baylie Blevins, Jessica Murphy, Barb Martin, Belinda Nebbergall, Shannon, Amberly Hannum, Nick, Deborah, Jeff Barron, Marcy Fields, Greg Forquer, Britney Lee, Ashley Arter, BGM, Joe Ebel, Jeanie Wears, Josh Horacek, Jane Harf, Stacy Hicks, Vince Carpico, Tiffany Daniels, Andy Boystel, and Bev Hoskinson.

Welcome

Commissioner Fix opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance.

Public Meeting to Rehire Retiree, Aundrea Cordle

Commissioner Fix stated that during the public meeting there would be time for people to support the impending February 1, 2025, rehire of Ms. Cordle, as well as time to state reasons against or provide comments.

Auditor Brown encouraged the Commissioners to vote favorably in their decision to rehire Ms. Cordle as County Administrator. She recalled the promotion of Ms. Cordle to the position of Deputy County Administrator and subsequent move to County Administrator, and stated she believes it is in the best interest of the Commissioners to rehire Ms. Cordle.

Engineer Upp seconded the sentiments of Auditor Brown.

Clerk of Courts Meyer stated that he had signed the letter to support the rehiring of Ms. Cordle and added that Ms. Cordle has been very helpful to him over the years, especially when he first assumed the duties of the office of the Clerk of Courts.

Commissioner Davis stated that he is supportive of the rehiring of Ms. Cordle and added that the Commissioners are very fortunate to have her as the County Administrator.

Commissioner Levacy stated that Ms. Cordle has done a wonderful job since stepping into the role of County Administrator over three years ago.

Commissioner Fix spoke about a conversation with former congressman Steve Stiver who said that Fairfield County has an amazing team. Commissioner Fix added that the county has been fortunate to have a great team for several years including the leadership of the previous County Administrator, Dr. Carri Brown.

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Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
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Commissioner Fix closed the public hearing at 9:08 a.m.

Public Comments

Melisaa Hoover of Walnut Township stated that 12 out of 13 townships have asked the commissioners to oppose the Eastern Cottontail project. She read a piece of the OPSB staff report. She stated she would have liked for the Commissioners' opposition to have been voiced in the staff report but it is not too late as the hearing is yet to occur and asked for the Commissioners' support.

Legal Update

Amy Brown-Thompson and Commissioner Fix spoke about leaving the section for a Legal Update on the Agenda.

County Administration Update

- *The County Administration Update was provided by County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle, unless otherwise noted.*

Week in Review

Governor DeWine signs the County Omnibus Bill, will take effect in April

On Wednesday, Governor DeWine signed [House Bill 497](#) (Representatives Brian Stewart and Roy Klopfenstein). The language in HB 497 will become effective 90 days after the Governor's signature, which places the bill's effective date on April 8, 2025.

A full list of the bill's provisions can be found in last week's [Statehouse Report](#). Some of them include:

Approval of plans for courthouse or jail projects

The bill adds a \$75,000 threshold for boards of commissioners to approve courthouse or jail renovation/repair projects without the approval of the clerk of the court of common pleas, the sheriff, the probate judge, and the appointee of the judge of the court of common pleas. The board of commissioners may seek the advice of these elected officials. If the project exceeds the \$75,000 threshold, the current approval process in R.C. 153.36 remains in effect.

Contracts submitted to the prosecuting attorney

The bill increases the dollar threshold for contracts the board of commissioners must submit to the county prosecutor for approval to \$20,000. This statute was last updated in 1953.

County contract terms and conditions

The bill makes certain terms and conditions unenforceable if they are included in county contracts, including an indemnity clause, a requirement for binding arbitration, and the naming of a court or venue for legal action outside of the county. The language is based on an existing law that applies to state contracts.

Electronic notice requirements

The bill modifies notice requirements for county competitive bidding to allow publication in a newspaper, a newspaper's website, the state public notice website, or the county's

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website and social media account.

Children services caseworker educational requirements

The bill provides more flexible educational requirements upon hiring a children services caseworker and gives a PCSA director the permissive authority to waive the requirement that an employee in good standing obtain a job-related bachelor's degree within five years of employment.

CCAO will release a County Advisory Bulletin (CAB) on the bill prior to its effective date. Additionally, the policy team will release CABs on other bills passed and enacted during the 135th General Assembly Lane Duck Session.

February 4, 2025, Commissioners' Review and Regular Meeting

The February 4th Commissioners' Meeting will be our first evening meeting for 2025. The meeting will be held in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at 7:00 p.m.

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

Resolution Review

There are 33 resolutions on the agenda for the Regular voting meeting.

Resolutions of note:

- The first resolution on the agenda is regarding our 9:00 a.m. public meeting. I will be retiring on January 31st and would like the Commissioners to consider my rehire.
- We have two resolutions appointing members to the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Jason Boothe for a four-year term, expiring December 31, 2028. And Becky Schaade will be filling an unexpired term which ends December 31, 2025. Both appointees were interviewed at the Commissioners' January 14th meeting along with two additional candidates. All four candidates were highly qualified.
- We have a resolution declaring the necessity to place a renewal of the existing levy on the May 6th primary/special election ballot.

Dr. David Uhl offered his enthusiasm for the two new Board of DD appointments and thanked the Commissioners for taking the time to interview such strong applicants.

- Economic Development has a resolution to amend the agreement with Hicks Partners for grant writing services. This amendment will continue the service contract through December 31, 2025.
- A resolution from EMA to approve the 2025 Emergency Operations plan and the signing of the Promulgation Statement.

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- A resolution from the Engineer's Office to approve weight reductions on eleven county and township roads.
- There are two resolutions from Regional Planning regarding Heron Crossing in Violet Township. The first resolution is to approve a development agreement with MI Homes, and the second is to approve the final plat.
- We have several financial resolutions today, including four resolutions from Utilities regarding debt service bond transfers.

Budget Review

There was no Budget Update.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

Items Requiring Response

Informational Items

- Family and Children First Council Meeting, January 16, 2025, 8:30 a.m., Fairfield County Agricultural Center, 831 College Ave., Lancaster
- Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency, Board of Director's Meeting, Recycling Center, 1761 E. Main St., Lancaster
- Decorative Arts Center of Ohio, Member Reception, "The Nearest Faraway Place Ohio's Painters, Makers & Their Mentors", January 24, 2025, 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., DACO at the Reese-Peters House, 145 E. Main St., Lancaster

Correspondence

- Letter of Support for the Rehiring of Aundrea Cordle as County Administrator, January 2, 2025
- Press Release, Fairfield County Health Department, January 10, 2025, "The Fairfield County Health Department Announces the 2024 Public Health Guardian Award"
- Fairfield County Prosecuting Attorney, R. Kyle Witt, Furtherance of Justice Report, January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024
- Fairfield County Recorder, Lisa McKenzie, Letter Regarding Filing Fees for Zoning Resolutions, January 8, 2025
- Correspondence from the Office of the County Auditor
- Correspondence Regarding Industrial Solar Projects

Updates from Elected Officials and Department Heads

Engineer Upp stated the salt barn is near completion and will have a big impact on the services provided by his office. He also spoke about the importance of properly storing salt.

Auditor Brown spoke about the November sales tax, the update on the website of the Tax Estimator tool, and the mailing of the CAUV applications. She also thanked the Treasurer's Office for their work on the Tax Estimator tool, and added that during the Auditor's Office retreat, NACO graduates were recognized, as well as Kayla Speakman for completing the Leadership Academy.

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Commissioner Fix stated that he attended the BOR Reorganization Meeting and added that the county's BOR is another example of how Fairfield County continues to lead.

Mr. Szabrak spoke about a grant that the City of Lancaster received for a feasibility study to improve traffic through the downtown corridor.

Commissioner Fix spoke about the family of Jack Sawyer and added he was thrilled about his performance in the Cotton Bowl and wished the entire team the best of luck in competing for the National Championship.

Mr. Kochis spoke about the impending new conference center at the Sheridan Center.

Mr. Neeley stated he attended the AI leadership program and that the IT team will look at implementing AI policies.

Mr. Clark provided a brief update on the end of SNAP benefit replacements due to theft and reported Fairfield County has replaced \$180,000 which is about \$10,000 a month.

Mr. Porter thinks it is important to mention Aunie has 35 years of public service experience. This is something from the perspective of Fairfield County that is not unique because there are many employees that have dedicated their lives to public service in Fairfield County. He also reminded everyone to obtain your dog licenses before January 31st.

Old Business

Commissioner Levacy stated the first meeting for the Fairfield County Veterans Hall of Fame would take place later that day.

Commissioner Fix was interviewed by MORPC about the land use plan and how to assist other counties with their plans. He met with Jeff LaRe to discuss daycare in the county. Daycare is a current barrier to work for many people. He added that Marie Ward has an idea for a program to train students in childcare at Eastland Fairfield Career Center. The Commissioner read an email response into the record that was sent to a constituent regarding industrial solar. The email will be included in the minutes packet.

Commissioner Levacy stated that daycare is a priority topic for the Governor's Workforce Transformation Board.

New Business

Commissioner Levacy stated January 20th will be a wonderful day with the inauguration, remembering Martin Luther King Jr., and the OSU Buckeyes playing for the championship.

Commissioner Fix stated he is meeting with MORPC regarding infrastructure needs and added he will be attending a roundtable meeting with the Ohio Business Gateway.

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Regular (Voting) Meeting

The Commissioners continued to their Regular Meeting and Commissioner Fix called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and David Levacy. County employees present: County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle; Deputy County Administrator, Jeff Porter; Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen; Communications & Information Coordinator, Bennett Niceswanger; Budget Director, Bart Hampson; JFS Director, Corey Clark; IT Director, Dan Neeley; Facilities & EMA Director, Jon Kochis; Economic & Workforce Development Director, Rick Szabrak; Utilities Director, Tony Vogel; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Amy Brown-Thompson; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer; Engineer, Jeremiah Upp; Recorder, Lisa McKenzie; DD Superintendent, Dr. David Uhl; FCFC Manager, Tiffany Wilson; Planner, Josh Hillberry; Deputy Director Protective Services, Sarah Fortner; Human Resources Coordinator; Ashley Fahner; and Sheriff's Deputy, Gary Hummel. Also in attendance: Melissa Hoover, Sherry Pymer, and Lyne Kennedy-Starner.

Virtual attendees: Virtual attendees: Shelby Hunt, Tony Vogel, Park Russell, Michael Orland, Colleen Cook, Jennifer Morgan, Michael Kaper, Baylie Blevins, Jessica Murphy, Barb Martin, Belinda Nebbergall, Shannon, Amberly Hannum, Nick, Deborah, Jeff Barron, Marcy Fields, Greg Forquer, Britney Lee, Ashley Arter, BGM, Joe Ebel, Jeanie Wears, Josh Horacek, Jane Harf, Stacy Hicks, Vince Carpico, Tiffany Daniels, Andy Boystel, and Bev Hoskinson.

Announcements

Ms. Menningen announced that the voting agenda had been updated from the agenda published at 5:00 p.m. on January 13, 2025.

Approval of Reorganization Minutes for January 7, 2025

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of David Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Reorganization Minutes for the Tuesday, January 7, 2025, meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, David Levacy, and Jeff Fix

Approval of Minutes for January 7, 2025

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of David Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, January 7, 2025, meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, David Levacy, and Jeff Fix

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Commissioners

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Commissioners:

2025-01.14.a A Resolution to Approve the Rehiring of Aundrea Cordle as County Administrator

Commissioners Davis and Fix reiterated their support for the rehiring of County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle.

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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Commissioners:

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| 2025-01.14.b | A resolution approving the appointment of Mr. Jason Boothe to the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities |
| 2025-01.14.c | A resolution approving the appointment of Ms. Becky Schaade to the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities |
| 2025-01.14.d | A Resolution Declaring it Necessary to Levy a Tax Outside the Ten-Mill Limitation and Further Stating the Intent to Proceed to Place a Renewal of an Existing Levy on the May 6, 2025, Primary/Special Election Ballot on Behalf of Fairfield County DD Board |
| 2025-01.14.e | A resolution approving to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category relating to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fiscal Recovery Fund# 2876 |
| 2025-01.14.f | A resolution authorizing fund to fund transfers for intergovernmental agencies for 2025 Allocations |
| 2025-01.14.g | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated, memo transactions, and repayment of an advance for Fund# 3034, FY2023 ODOT Grant, sub fund# 8320 |
| 2025-01.14.h | A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer to the Fairfield County Family Adult Children First Council for Multi-Youth Committee, 1st payment for the 2025 Allocation |
| 2025-01.14.i | A resolution authorizing fund to fund transfers for Fairfield County Job and Family Services , 1st Quarter 2025 Allocation |
| 2025-01.14.j | A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer for the 1st Quarter 2025 Allocation for the Multi County Juvenile Detention Center |
| 2025-01.14.k | A resolution authorizing fund to fund transfers for intergovernmental agencies for the 1st half 2025 Allocations |
| 2025-01.14.l | A resolution to approve a Memo Receipt & Expense for reimbursement for salt supplied to County Facilities from the County Engineer. |

The Commissioners stated that they are in a very fortunate position to have such strong candidates apply for these boards.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis and Jeff Fix

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Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development:

2025-01.14.m A resolution to authorize an amendment to the agreement for grant writing services

Commissioner Levacy stated that Hicks Partners provides a great service to entities in the county.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency:

2025-01.14.n A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer for EMA Fund ` 2890 HMEP Grant 2024/2025

2025-01.14.o A resolution to approve the 2025 Fairfield County Emergency Operations Plan and signing of the Promulgation Statement.

Administrator Cordle offered her appreciation for EMA staff who always step up to do what needs to be done.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer:

2025-01.14.p A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for vacation time payout

2025-01.14.q A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle to engineering consulting services.

2025-01.14.r A Resolution to Allow Weight Reductions on County and Township Roads for 2025.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

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Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Family and Children First Council

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Family and Children First Council:

2025-01.14.s A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Check Deposited from Nationwide Children's Hospital paid to Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities as a memo expenditure for fund# 7521 Family Children First Council

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

Approval of Resolutions from Fairfield County Job and Family Services

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from Fairfield County Job and Family Services:

2025-01.14.t A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2015 reimbursing Fund 2018

2025-01.14.u A Resolution to Approve a Reimbursement for Share of Costs for Postage as a Memo Expenditure for Fund# 2018

2025-01.14.v A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Birth Certificates paid to Fairfield County Health Departments as a memo expenditure for fund# 2072 Public Children's Services

2025-01.14.w A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Birth Certificates paid to Fairfield County Health Departments as a memo expenditure for fund# 2072 Public Children's Services

2025-01.14.x A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2072 reimbursing Fund 2018

2025-01.14.y A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2599 reimbursing Fund

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Jeff Fix, and Steve Davis

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission:

2025-01.14.z A resolution to approve a Development Agreement for the Heron Crossing South subdivision

2025-01.14.aa A resolution to approve the Heron Crossing South, Final Plat

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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Jeff Fix, and Steve Davis

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff:

2025-01.14.bb A resolution approving an account-to-account transfer into a major expenditure object category.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

Approval of Resolutions from Fairfield County Utilities

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from Fairfield County Utilities:

2025-01.14.cc A resolution authorizing fund to fund transfer from the Greenfield Water Fund #5841 to #5846 Debt Service Payments for 2025

2025-01.14.dd A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer from Greenfield Sewer Fund #5842 to #5847 Debt Service Payments for 2025

2025-01.14.ee A resolution authorizing fund to fund transfers from the Sewer Fund #5044 to: #5533, #5554, #5776, #5817, #5823 Debt Service Payments for 2025

2025-01.14.ff A resolution authorizing fund to fund transfers from the Water Fund #5046 to: #5534, #5556, #5776, #5818, #5823, #5849 Debt Service Payments for 2025

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

Approval of the Payment of Bills

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution for the Payment of Bills:

2025-01.14.gg A resolution authorizing the approval of payments of the vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders and the cash disbursement for all departments that are approved by the Commissioners

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

Adjournment

With no further business, On the motion of Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 9:55 a.m.

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category for fund # 2736, Subfund#8364 – FY2025 CFLP Grant – Fairfield County Commissioners

WHEREAS, appropriations are necessary to set up the 2025 budget for the CFLP FY2025 grant approved per Resolution 2024-12.03.j; and

WHEREAS, appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category will allow the budget to be in place and for expenses to occur.

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

Section 1. Request that the Fairfield County Commissioners Appropriate from Unappropriated funds to the following major expense category for contractual services:

\$ 1,106,620.99	12273625	contractual services
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A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category for fund # 2736, Subfund#8364 – FY2025 CFLP Grant – Fairfield County Commissioners

For Auditor's Office Use Only:

Section 1.

\$ 1,106,620.99 12273625 530000 contract services

Section 2. *Issue an Amended Certificate in the amount \$1,106,620.99 to the credit of fund # 2736, subfund# 8364*

Section 3. *Request that the Fairfield County Auditor, on behalf of the Budget Commission, update receipt line 12273625 433400 in the amount of \$ 1,106,620.99*

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Resolution No. 2025-01.21.a

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category for fund # 2736, Subfund#8364 – FY2025 CFLP Grant – Fairfield County Commissioners

(Fairfield County Commissioners)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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.

A Resolution to Approve to Rescind Resolution # 2025-01.14.cc ,#2025-01.14.dd , #2025-01.14.ee , #2025-01.14.ff

WHEREAS, Utility Department asks to rescind Resolution # 2025-01.14.cc , #2025-01.14.dd , #2025-01.14.ee , #2025-01.14.ff due to Incorrect object number.

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 County Commissioners approves to rescind Resolution #2025-01.14.cc,2025-01.14.dd,2025-01.14.ee,2025-01.14.ff.

Prepared by: Lori Hampshire
cc: Tony Vogel.

A resolution authorizing fund to fund transfer from the Greenfield Water Fund #5841 to #5846 Debt Service Payments for 2025 - Utilities

WHEREAS, the Water Fund is responsible for payments of debt service; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer the cash to meet obligations; and

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

Section 1. That the Board of Commissioners approves the following fund to fund transfers:

Amount	From		To	
\$6,661.50	12584123	700000	12584600	600060
\$33,425.02	12584123	700000	12584600	600020
\$10,733.84	12584123	700000	12584600	600030
\$50,820.36	TOTAL			

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Prepared by: Tony Vogel
cc: Utilities

2025-01.14.dd

A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer from Greenfield Sewer Fund #5842 to #5847 Debt Service Payments for 2025 - Utilities

WHEREAS, the Sewer Fund is responsible for payments of debt service; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer the cash to meet obligations; and

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

Section 1. That the Board of Commissioners approves the following fund to fund transfers:

Amount	From		To	
\$89,744.82	12584229	700000	12584700	600020
\$10,399.02	12584229	700000	12584700	600030
\$100,143.84	TOTAL			

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Prepared by: Tony Vogel
cc: Utilities

2025-01.14.ee

**A resolution authorizing fund to fund transfers from the Sewer Fund
#5044 to: #5533, #5554, #5776, #5817, #5823 Debt Service
Payments for 2019 - Utilities**

WHEREAS, the Sewer Fund is responsible for payments of debt service; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer the cash to meet obligations; and

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

Section 1. That the Board of Commissioners approves the following fund to
fund transfers:

Amount	From		To	
\$83,000.00	12504429	700000	12553333	600020
\$913.00	12504429	700000	12553333	600030
\$406,000.00	12504429	700000	12555433	600020
\$4,466.00	12504429	700000	12555433	600030
\$55,000.00	12504429	700000	12577626	600020
\$22,656.25	12504429	700000	12577626	600030
\$80,000.00	12504429	700000	12581700	600020
\$36,856.26	12504429	700000	12581700	600030
\$50,000.00	12504429	700000	12582300	600020
\$22,956.25	12504429	700000	12582300	600030
\$761,847.76	TOTAL			

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Prepared by: Tony Vogel
cc: Utilities

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A resolution authorizing fund to fund transfers from the Water Fund #5046 to: #5534, #5556, #5776, #5818, #5823, #5849 Debt Service Payments for 2025 - Utilities

WHEREAS, the Water Fund is responsible for payments of debt service; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer the cash to meet obligations; and

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

Section 1. That the Board of Commissioners approves the following fund to fund transfers:

Amount	From		To	
\$220,000.00	12504623	700000	12553426	600020
\$2,420.00	12504623	700000	12553426	600030
\$55,000.00	12504623	700000	12577626	600020
\$22,656.25	12504623	700000	12577626	600030
\$35,000.00	12504623	700000	12581800	600020
\$16,112.50	12504623	700000	12581800	600030
\$50,000.00	12504429	700000	12582300	600020
\$22,956.25	12504429	700000	12582300	600030
\$39,347.04	12504623	700000	12584926	600061
463,492.04	TOTAL			

Prepared by: Tony Vogel
cc: Utilities

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Resolution No. 2025-01.21.b

A Resolution to Approve to Rescind Resolution # 2025-01.14.cc, #2025-01.14.dd,
#2025-01.14.ee, #2025-01.14.ff

(Fairfield County Auditor- Finance)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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.

A resolution authorizing a memo expense memo receipt for the General Fund 2% administration fee for managing the county self-insurance program, Fund# 5376 TO GENERAL #1001 – Fairfield County Auditor

WHEREAS, the Auditor Finance Department manages agency fund #5376, the Self-Funded Health Insurance fund; and

WHEREAS, the general fund is to be reimbursed a 2% administration fee for management of the fund and program; and

WHEREAS, the 2% administration fee for October through December 2024 for \$92,308.63; and

WHEREAS, a memo expense memo receipt will move the administration fee to the General Fund; and

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

Section 1. That the Fairfield County Auditor reflect the following memo receipt:

00100110 434100 General Government Legislative/Executive \$92,308.63

Section 2: That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners approves the following expenditure of other expenses and requests that the Fairfield County Auditor accomplish the transaction as if a regular County Auditor warrant paying the General Fund its two percent Administrative Fee.

Memo expenditure as referenced below:

12537600 580111 Health Insurance Admin \$92,308.63

Prepared by: Jessica Ferguson
cc: Staci Knisley, Commissioners Office

Account Detail History



2024 Period 10 to 12
Entry Date On or After: 1/1/1900
Include Entries: No Selection

Year	Pe r	Journal	Src	Eff Date	Reference 1	Reference 2	Reference 3	Check #	OB	Debits	Credits	Net Change
<u>12537600 434501</u>					PREM ER&EE HEALTH/RX					7.39	4,603,738.48	(4,603,731.09)
2024	10	104	PRJ	10/4/2024	2419E	72419E	9E				16,631.49	-16,631.49
2024	10	107	PRJ	10/4/2024	2420	12420	0				628,556.41	-645,187.90
2024	10	845	PRJ	10/18/2024	2421	12421	1				635,595.97	-1,280,783.87
2024	10	991	PRJ	10/21/2024	2420E	72420E	0E				14,916.48	-1,295,700.35
2024	11	24	PRJ	11/1/2024	2422	12422	2			3.17		-1,295,697.18
2024	11	24	PRJ	11/1/2024	2422	12422	2				635,524.29	-1,931,221.47
2024	11	138	PRJ	11/6/2024	2421E	72421E	1E				16,202.21	-1,947,423.68
2024	11	647	PRJ	11/15/2024	2423M	22423M	3M				2.11	-1,947,425.79
2024	11	752	PRJ	11/15/2024	2423	12423	3				628,810.83	-2,576,236.62
2024	11	1108	GEN	11/15/2024	EXPADJ	EXPADJ_BOE	EXPADJ_BOE			2.11		-2,576,234.51
2024	11	1206	PRJ	11/21/2024	2422E	72422E	2E				16,204.32	-2,592,438.83
2024	11	1839	PRJ	11/27/2024	2424	12424	4			2.11		-2,592,436.72
2024	11	1839	PRJ	11/27/2024	2424	12424	4				631,852.71	-3,224,289.43
2024	12	365	PRJ	12/6/2024	2423E	72423E	3E				17,012.23	-3,241,301.66
2024	12	918	PRJ	12/13/2024	2425	12425	5				674,312.09	-3,915,613.75
2024	12	1365	PRJ	12/20/2024	2424E	72424E	4E				17,014.34	-3,932,628.09
2024	12	1412	PRJ	12/27/2024	2426	12426	6				671,103.00	-4,603,731.09
<u>12537600 434502</u>					PREM EE SELF PAY HEALTH/RX					0.00	11,700.46	(11,700.46)
2024	10	224	CRP	10/2/2024	1204	1007503					141.63	-141.63
2024	10	1032	CRP	10/17/2024	1204	1010419					2,903.42	-3,045.05

Account Detail History



2024 Period 10 to 12
Entry Date On or After: 1/1/1900
Include Entries: No Selection

Year	Pe r	Journal	Src	Eff Date	Reference 1	Reference 2	Reference 3	Check #	OB	Debits	Credits	Net Change
2024	11	868	CRP	11/13/2024	1204	1014266					4,891.52	-7,936.57
2024	12	1273	CRP	12/12/2024	1204	1019197					3,763.89	-11,700.46
										7.39	4,615,438.94	(4,615,431.55)

$$4,615,431.55 * 0.02 = \$92,308.63$$

Resolution No. 2025-01.21.c

A resolution authorizing a memo expense memo receipt for the General Fund 2% administration fee for managing the county self-insurance program, Fund# 5376 TO GENERAL #1001 - Fairfield County Auditor

(Fairfield County Auditor- Payroll)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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.

A resolution to approve the appointment of Ms. Chelsie Huffman to the Area 20 Workforce Development Board (WDB)

WHEREAS, Brad Munn is no longer able to continue serving on the Area 20 WDB; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is authorized to fill vacancies on the Area 20 WDB by appointment of qualified individuals; and

WHEREAS, Chelsie Huffman is eligible and willing to fill the vacant seat on the board.

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 hereby appoints Chelsie Huffman to fill the vacant seat on the Area 20 WDB.

Section 2. That this appointment is effective January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

Prepared by: Angel Conrad

Resolution No. 2025-01.21.d

A Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Ms. Chelsie Huffman to the Area 20 Workforce Development Board

(Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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.

A resolution authorizing an EMA fund to fund transfer. [EMA]

WHEREAS, funds are needed to match grant funds for the Emergency Management Performance Grant Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to transfer the cash to meet obligations.

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

Section 1. That the transfer of funds in the amount of \$150,000.00 is hereby authorized as follows:

From: 12209035 700000 Transfers Out
To: 12270724 439100 Transfers In

Prepared by: Christy Noland
cc: EMA

Resolution No. 2025-01.21.e

A resolution authorizing an EMA fund to fund transfer.

(Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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.

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for repairs and maintenance.

WHEREAS, additional appropriations are needed in the major expenditure object category for 2024 Motor Vehicle; and

WHEREAS, appropriate from unappropriated will allow proper accounting in the major expenditure object category.

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

Section 1: The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners resolves to approve appropriate from unappropriated into the following category:

\$50,000.00 16202403- Contractual Services

Prepared by: Julie Huggins
cc: Engineer

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for repairs and maintenance.

For Auditor's Office Use Only:

16202403-543000 \$50,000.00

Prepared by: Julie Huggins
cc: Engineer

Resolution No. 2025-01.21.f

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for repairs and maintenance.

(Fairfield County Engineer)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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.

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category 3445 ODOT Projects for Intersection Improvements ODOT-110862

WHEREAS, additional appropriations are needed in the major expenditure object category for 3445 ODOT Projects and

WHEREAS, appropriate from unappropriated will allow proper accounting in the major expenditure object category.

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

Section 1. The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners resolves to approve appropriate from unappropriated into the following category:

\$43,825.67 16344506-Contractual Services

Prepared by: Julie Huggins
cc: Engineer

**A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major
expenditure object category 3445 ODOT Projects for Intersection
Improvements ODOT-110862**

For Auditor's Office Use Only:

16344506-573600-55954 \$43,825.67

Prepared by: Julie Huggins
cc: Engineer

Resolution No. 2025-01.21.g

A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object
Category Fund #3445, ODOT Projects for Intersection Improvements ODOT - 110862

(Fairfield County Engineer)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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.

A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to the General Fund – Fund #7521, Subfund #8195 Safe Communities Grant

WHEREAS, an advance from the General Fund was approved on November 14, 2023, Resolution 2023-11.14.j for Fund# 7521, Subfund# 8195 SFY24 Safe Communities Grant for \$6,974.00; and

WHEREAS, the monies have been collected and deposited to make repayment to the General Fund.

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

Section 1. Request that the Fairfield County Auditor repay the following advance:

DEBIT: 8195 090001 SFY24 Safe Communities Grant \$6,974.00

CREDIT: 1001 223000 General Fund Advances In \$6,974.00

Prepared by: Morgan Fox, Fiscal Officer
cc:

Resolution No. 2025-01.21.h

A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to the General Fund – Fund #7521, Subfund #8195 Safe Communities Grant

(Fairfield County Family and Children First Council)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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.

A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Bus Passes paid to Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit as a memo expenditure for fund# 2072 Public Children's Services

WHEREAS, FCJFS is responsible for paying Lancaster- Fairfield Public Transit for their Bus Passes cost; and

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

Section 1: That the Fairfield County Auditor reflect the following memo receipt:

12290800-433034 Charge Code:4111 Grant:PT000 Reimbursement-\$600.00

This amount represents monies owed to Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit for FCJFS's cost paid to Lancaster-Public Transit as denoted in the attached documentation.

Section 2: That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners approves the following expenditure of other expenses and requests that the Fairfield County Auditor accomplish the transaction as if a regular County Auditor warrant reimbursing Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit for FCJFS's Bus Passes cost.

Memo expenditure as referenced in supporting documentation:

Vendor #5672 Lancaster Public Transit System

Account: 12207207-562600 Materials & Supplies
Amount: \$600.00

Prepared by: Morgan Fox, Fiscal Officer

cc: Courtney Martin, Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit

Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit



746 Lawrence St

P: 740-681-5086

Email: courtney.martin@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

Lancaster Ohio, 43130

F: 740-681-5088

Website: co.fairfield.com/transit/

Bill To:Job & Family Services

Contact: Susan Schaudt

Invoice #: 11525

Address: 239 W Main St

Email: Susan.Schaudt@jfs.ohio.gov

Invoice Date: 1/15/2025

Lancaster Ohic 43130

Terms: 30 Days

Invoice For: Loop Passes

Note: PLEASE INCLUDE INVOICE # ON CHECK

Due Date: 2/14/2025

Pass Type	Description	Qty	Unit Price	Account Code	Price
31 Day	Loop Pass	20	\$ 30.00	Object Code:433034 Org: Code: 12290800 Charge Code: 4111 Grant:PT000	\$ 600.00
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
					\$ -
Make all checks payable to Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit. CREDIT CARDS NOT ACCEPTED				Invoice Subtotal	\$ 600.00
				TOTAL	\$ 600.00

Resolution No. 2025-01.21.i

A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Bus Passes paid to Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit as a memo expenditure for fund# 2072 Public Children's Services

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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.

A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for Juvenile Court; Fund # 2317 Computer Fund

WHEREAS, additional appropriations are needed in the major expenditure object category for #2317, Computer Fund; and

WHEREAS, appropriating from unappropriated will allow proper accounting in the major expenditure object category.

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

Section 1. The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners appropriate from unappropriated into the following category:

\$7,633.00 17231700 Contractual Services

Prepared by: Alisha Hoffman
cc: Juvenile Court

**Appropriate from Unappropriated
For Auditor's Office Use Only:**

\$7,633.00

17231700-530000 Contractual Services

Resolution No. 2025-01.21.j

A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for Juvenile Court; Fund # 2317 Computer Fund

(Fairfield County Juvenile/Probate Court)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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.

A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for Juvenile Court; Fund # 8209 ATP Sub Fund to Drug Ct #2408

WHEREAS, additional appropriations are needed in the major expenditure object category for #8209 ATP Sub Fund to Drug Ct #2408; and

WHEREAS, appropriating from unappropriated will allow proper accounting in the major expenditure object category.

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

Section 1. The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners appropriate from unappropriated into the following category:

\$2,000.00 17820900 Supplies

Prepared by: Alisha Hoffman
cc: Juvenile Court

**Appropriate from Unappropriated
For Auditor's Office Use Only:**

\$2,000.00

17820900-536000 Food

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Resolution No. 2025-01.21.k

A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for Juvenile Court; Fund # 8209 ATP Sub Fund to Drug Ct #2408

(Fairfield County Juvenile/Probate Court)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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.

A Resolution Approving an Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure Object Category – Fund # 2036 DYS

WHEREAS, appropriations are needed to cover expenses for 2025; and

WHEREAS, an account-to-account transfer will allow proper classification of major expenditure object categories.

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

Section 1. That the transfer of appropriations in the amount of \$475.00 is hereby authorized as follows:

From: 17203600 RJJ25 Fringe Benefits
To: 17203600 RJJ25 Contractual Services

Prepared by: Alisha Hoffman
cc: Juvenile Court

**Account-to-Account Transfer
For Auditor's Office Use Only:**

Total Transfer of Appropriations \$475.00

From: 17203600-526000-RJJ25 Workers Comp \$475.00
To: 17203600-530000-RJJ25 Contractual \$475.00

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Resolution No. 2025-01.21.I

A Resolution Approving an Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure
Object Category – Fund # 2036 DYS

(Fairfield County Juvenile/Probate Court)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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.

A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for Sheriff's Office; Fund 1025, Furtherance of Justice

WHEREAS, additional appropriations are needed in the major expenditure object category for fund 1025, Furtherance of Justice; and

WHEREAS, appropriating from unappropriated will allow proper accounting in the major expenditure object category.

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

Section 1. The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners appropriate from unappropriated into the following category:

\$50,670.50; 23102500, OTHER

Prepared by: Elisa Dowdy
cc:

**Appropriate from Unappropriated
For Auditor's Office Use Only:**

SEC 1

\$50,670.50

23102500; 590100; Allowance - FOJ

Section 2. Issue an Amended Certificate in the amount of \$50,670.50 to the credit of fund 1025

Section 3. Request that the Fairfield County Auditor, on behalf of the Budget Commission, update the following receipt lines:

23102500 439100; \$50,670.50

Resolution No. 2025-01.21.m

A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for Sheriff's Office; Fund 1025, Furtherance of Justice

(Fairfield County Sheriff)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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.

A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the general fund to MCU – Fund 7864 (Subfund 8359) Recovery Ohio 2024

WHEREAS, a grant has been awarded to the South Central Ohio Major Crimes Unit; and

WHEREAS, an advance of allocations is necessary in the amount of \$60,000.00 for the purpose of paying vendors in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, grant monies will be reimbursed as spent; and

WHEREAS, said advance shall be repaid to the General Fund when monies are received.

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

SECTION 1. Request the Fairfield County Commissioners make the following advance:

DEBIT	1001 090000 General Fund Advance	<\$60,000.00>
CREDIT	8359 223001 Recovery Ohio 2024 Grant	\$60,000.00

SECTION 2. Request that the advance be paid back to the General Fund, no later than December 15, 2025.

Prepared by: Christy Noland
cc: Commissioners – Christina Foster

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Resolution No. 2025-01.21.n

A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the general fund to MCU – Fund 7864 (Subfund 8359) Recovery Ohio 2024

(South Central Major Crimes Unit)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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.

A resolution to approve a reimbursement for share of costs as a memo expenditure for fund# 5044, 5046, 5842 & 5841 – Utilities

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners contracts with Maximus to prepare a share of costs allocation plan for all departments; and

WHEREAS, the Utilities Department is responsible for reimbursing the General Fund for their share of costs; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Funds need to reimburse the General Fund by using account codes 12504429 530000, 12504623 530000, 12584229 530000, and 12584123 530000; and

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

Section 1: That the Fairfield County Auditor reflect the following memo receipt:

00100110 434114 CAP – Maximus Utilities - \$196,848.00

This amount represents monies owed to the General Fund for the Utilities Department share of costs originally paid by the Board of Commissioners as denoted in the attached documentation.

Section 2: That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners approves the following expenditure of other expenses and requests that the Fairfield County Auditor accomplish the transaction as if a regular County Auditor warrant reimbursing the General Fund for Utilities share of costs.

A resolution to approve a reimbursement for share of costs as a memo expenditure for fund# 5044, 5046, 5842 & 5841 – Utilities

Memo expenditure as referenced in supporting documentation:

Vendor # 2280 Fairfield County Commissioners

Account: 12504429 530000 Sewer contract services
Amount: \$ 83,163

Account: 12504623 530000 Water contract services
Amount \$ 81,489

Account: 12584229 530000 Greenfield Sewer contract services
Amount \$ 16,924

Account: 12584123 530000 Greenfield Water contract services
Amount: \$ 15,272

Prepared by: Tony Vogel
cc: Staci Knisley, Commissioners' Office

2023 Allocation costs for 2025 Billing purposes per Cost Allocation Plan

2025 Costs	
Sewer	\$86,255.00
Water	\$84,581.00
	<u>\$170,836.00</u>
Greenfield Sewer	\$20,016.00
Greenfield Water	\$18,364.00
	<u>\$38,380.00</u>

Tussing Government Service Building - Credit of \$12,368

per Anthony Iachini (Ec Devpt) research 1.16.2025 - \$16 square feet for business sectors near the Pickerington area

3092 square feet
<u>\$16 dollar per sq foot</u>
<u>\$49,472 estimated yearly rent</u>

Fairfield County Utilities
2023 Allocation costs for 2025
minus building credit of 25%

\$196,848.00 due to Fairfield Co Board of Commissioners

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO
COST ALLOCATION PLAN
2023 FOR USE IN 2025
Schedule A - Allocated Costs By Department**

Central Service Departments	SEWER FUNDS#	WATER FUNDS#	GREENFIELD SEWER	GREENFIELD WATER	DD BOARD
BUILDING CAPITAL CHARGES	0	0	0	0	0
EQUIPMENT CAPITAL CHARGES	0	0	0	0	0
PROPERTY & FLEET INSURANCE	0	0	0	0	0
LIABILITY INSURANCE	0	0	92	92	0
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	3,039	2,683	346	191	12,273
TELEPHONE EXPENSES	1,639	1,639	415	415	40,698
PHOTOCOPY EXPENSES	0	0	0	0	0
MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT	0	0	0	0	0
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS	18,350	17,747	7,055	6,368	14,686
DATA PROCESSING DEPARTMENT	26,438	26,438	2,404	2,404	358,118
COUNTY TREASURER	6,815	6,630	2,267	2,057	61,199
COUNTY AUDITOR	21,965	21,437	6,709	6,109	208,568
MAIL SERVICES	0	0	0	0	0
HUMAN RESOURCES	8,008	8,008	728	728	43,679
RECORDS CENTER	0	0	0	0	0
Allocated Costs for Fiscal 2023	86,255	84,581	20,016	18,364	739,222
Roll Forwards	0	0	0	0	0
Fixed Costs	86,255	84,581	20,016	18,364	739,222
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Proposed Costs Future Period	86,255	84,581	20,016	18,364	739,222

Resolution No. 2025-01.21.o

A Resolution to Approve a Reimbursement for the Share of Costs as a Memo
Expenditure for Funds #5044, 5046, 5842 & 5841

(Fairfield County Utilities Department)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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.

A resolution authorizing the approval of payments of the vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders and the cash disbursement for all departments that are approved by the Commissioners.

Whereas, 2024 carry-over purchase orders for obligations were not requested; and

Whereas, a then and now certification is not possible; and

Whereas, the Commissioners approve the payments of the obligations outside of the normal budgetary process and the Cash Disbursement Journal; and

Whereas, the County Auditor should consider this in lieu of a then and now certificate;

Whereas, the State Auditor has stated that no exception would be taken to the bills provided the Commissioners approve the payments on a separate resolution; and

Whereas, carry-over purchase orders were missed because purchase orders cannot be carried over when cash or purchase orders have been exhausted.

WHEREAS, departments that need the Board of Commissioners' approval for payment of their invoices that are \$77,250.01 and over and other miscellaneous invoices, have submitted their invoices to the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has submitted the cash disbursement journal for payment of invoices for the check date of January 23, 2025.

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 County Commissioners approves the attached cash disbursement journal totaling \$ 479,475.58 which also includes the then and now invoices of more than \$77,250.
(See attached - Excel/PDF spreadsheet with detail entries)

Department									
Check #	Check Date	Vendor #	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Date	PO #	Warrant	Line Item Description	Amount
1200	COMMISSIONERS ADMIN								
	Fund: 1001 - GENERAL FUND								
5418779	01/23/2025	8854	VIOLET TWP TRUSTEES	2014-12.16.JJ	01/01/2025	25002392	C0121	VIOLET TSP SETTLEMENT -	129,246.69
								DEPUTY AGREEMENT	
5418781	01/23/2025	32690	FAIRFIELD CO MUNICIPAL COURT	1.11.25	01/07/2025	628	C0121	2025 Allocation	212,000.00
TOTAL: COMMISSIONERS ADMIN									341,246.69

INVOICES BY DEPARTMENT

01/23/2025 to 01/23/2025

Department									
Check #	Check Date	Vendor #	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Date	PO #	Warrant	Line Item Description	Amount
1280	CDBG								
	Fund: 2788 - CDBG FORMULA								
5418780	01/23/2025	11049	FLECTO LLC	1	12/20/2024	736	C0121	Pleasantville Otte Park Concessions12/20/24	138,228.89
TOTAL: CDBG									138,228.89

INVOICES BY DEPARTMENT

01/23/2025 to 01/23/2025

Department

Check #	Check Date	Vendor #	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Date	PO #	Warrant	Line Item Description	Amount
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Summary Total for this report: \$479,475.58

Commissioner Steven A. Davis

Commissioner Jeffrey M. Fix

Commissioner David L. Levacy

Date

Ven#	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	ORG	OBJECT	PROJECT	PURCHASE ORDER	DESCRIPTION
11049	FLECTO LLC	\$ 138,228.89	12278812	570000		736	PLEASANTVILLE OTTE PARK CONCESSIONS

\$ 138,228.89

Resolution No. 2025-01.21.p

A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Payments of Vouchers Without
Appropriate Carry-Over Purchase Orders and the Cash Disbursement for Departments that are
Approved by the Commissioners

(Fairfield County Commissioners)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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.

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