

**Regular Meeting #3 - 2022
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
January 25, 2022**

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Also present: Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, Carri Brown, Tony Vogel, Tom Lininger, Bart Hampson, Dennis Keller, Dan Neeley, Jon Kochis, Joshua Horacek, Branden Meyer, Jeremiah Upp, Marty Norris, Rick Szabrak, Chris Schmelzer, Ray Stemen, and Judy Stemen.

Attending virtually: Dave Burgei, Calvin Robinson, Liza McKenzie, Lynette Barnhart, James Bahnsen, Michael Kaper, Park, Jeff Baron, Josh Troyer, Joe Ebel, Kathy Jensen, Tony Howard, Ashley Arter, Cathy Jerbic, Stacy Hicks, and Britney Lee.

Welcome

Commissioner Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that he and Commissioner Levacy had attended the viewing of the alley behind 6112 Pickerington Rd. Commissioner Davis then stated that the first item on the agenda was an opportunity for the public to address the commissioners.

Public Comments

Chris Schmelzer of Bremen spoke about President Biden and his belief that the president was trying to start a war. Mr. Schmelzer also spoke about the previous President and an incident in the Persian Gulf during the former President's tenure.

Ray Stemen of Lancaster gave his name and address and stated that he wanted to give the rest of his time to his wife Judy.

Judy Stemen of Lancaster handed out a document and highlighted items she felt were of importance. (This document may be viewed after the "Handouts Provided by the Public During the Public Comment Section of the Meeting are Contained Hereafter" page.)

Audrey Stoffel spoke about her concerns regarding a biosolids plant.

Legal Update

Nothing was presented.

County Administrator Update

Questions During the Meeting

County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle stated that anyone can send an email to her at

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Aundrea.Cordle@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

County Administrator Cordle then reviewed the following items from the "Week in Review" through the "Correspondence" received.

Week in Review

COVID-19 Update

Fairfield County's COVID-19 case numbers increased by 37% this past week. From 01/14/2021 through 01/20/2022 we have had 2990 new COVID-19 cases reported, for a rate of 1898 cases per week per 100,000 population (High Transmission).

47 new hospitalizations were reported in the past week and 7 COVID-19 related deaths were reported. 4 additional deaths were reported for December for a total of 32 Fairfield County resident deaths for the month of December and 3 additional deaths for January for a total of 4 Fairfield County resident deaths so far for the month of January.

Joe Ebel stated Covid cases over the past weekend had stabilized and that the average was 1250 cases per 100,000. He also stated that some areas across the nation were seeing a decline in cases, and that a lot of home tests were not included in the data. Mr. Ebel also stated that there may be many cases of people with Covid who are asymptomatic.

There were 412 new first dose vaccinations given last week, with 58.6% of Fairfield County residents having received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. 40,775 booster doses have been administered. Over 90% of Ohio's COVID-19 ICU patients on ventilators are unvaccinated.

The Fairfield County Health Department offers first and second dose vaccinations for anyone 5 and over, and COVID-19 booster doses for those eligible <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/booster-shot.html>. They are also offering Flu shots at their clinic. Flu and COVID vaccinations can be done at the same time. Call (740)652-2800 to schedule an appointment.

The CDC has recently updated their COVID-19 isolation and quarantine guidelines. To determine how long you need to isolate if you test positive, or quarantine if you are exposed visit <https://doh.sd.gov/covid/calculator/> or go to <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html> for detailed guidance.

Jon Kochis stated that healthcare professionals are still dealing with staffing issues, and that they hope to see a downward trend in the number of cases.

Judy Stemen interjected that she believed hospitals were facing resource issues due to staffing shortages.

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Home self-test kit supplies were depleted due to heavy usage over the holidays. The Health Department is currently out of stock. Check their website, the library, local pharmacies, or your healthcare provider for availability updates. You can request test kits to be mailed to your home by visiting www.covidtests.gov

ARP Update

There are multiple projects under review.

From the \$15,303,451.00 received as the first tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$9.2M has been appropriated, \$2.5M expended, \$4.3M encumbered or obligated.

Homeless Point in Time Count

The Homeless Point in Time Count will take place on February 23. They are seeking donations of travel size hygiene items, hats, gloves, mylar blankets, and flashlights. Donations can be dropped off at Fairfield County 2-1-1 at 108 W. Main Street, Lancaster. Contact jcurtis@fairfieldcounty211.org with questions about donations.

Dr. Carri Brown stated that she had received an email from Jeanette Curtiss at 211 stating that cash donations are also accepted.

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals

Resolution Review

There are 21 resolutions for the voting meeting.

Resolution of note:

- Revenue Replacement Standard Deduction
- RAMA Business Consulting
- MORPC Regional Mobility Plan for ODOT HSTC Region 6
- Expedited Type II Annexation from Violet Twp to Pickerington
- In queue, there were multiple contracting and financial resolutions.

Rick Szabrak stated that labor is an issue everywhere and that he was trying to work with employers, especially mid-sized employers, on recruitment.

Commissioner Davis stated that one of the resolutions on the agenda has to do with local government options as it relates to local revenue loss. He continued regarding the American Rescue Plan and the requirement to file the January 31st Treasury report by either, completing the revenue loss calculation or by taking the standard deduction that assumes a ten million dollar revenue loss. Commissioner Davis also stated that the county

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would not be able to complete the revenue loss calculation and therefore would be taking the standard deduction. He also stated that the County had solicited ideas from a great number of organizations in response to the pandemic.

Budget Review

Preliminary Sales Tax Information

The partial and preliminary sales tax data for the December accounting period that is paid in February shows a 19% increase in non-auto sales tax from 2020 to 2021 and a 4% decrease for auto sales tax from 2020 to 2021. The data provides county and transit authorities' officials with a potential indication of tax revenue performance in advance of complete and actual distributions.

Commissioner Davis stated he thought the net is around 12%. He also stated that the board was in consultation with Dr. Brown and County Administrator Cordle, and that they were waiting for the quarterly data to see if this pattern continues.. Commissioner Davis stated that there was a time when the estimates really mattered, but that today the county has a stronger cash position. He also stated that sales tax was not the only revenue stream and that he believed there is a dichotomy between revenue and what is happening in the world.

Dr. Carri Brown stated that the only difference in the estimates was the rental income of the jail and that there was no experience on which to base the projected amount. She stated that multiple factors go into how many beds can be contracted.

Commissioner Davis stated that good planning, site design, and other factors attributed to the position of the Sheriff's Office.

Commissioner Levacy stated that the county is typically conservative and that we do not know what the future will hold.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- Transportation Improvement District Board Meeting, January 27, 2022, 9:00 a.m., Fairfield County Engineer's Office, 3026 W. Fair Ave., Lancaster, or Virtually
- Special Improvement District Meeting Agenda, January 27, 2022, 4:00 p.m., 109 N. Broad St., Lancaster, or Virtually

Correspondence

Items Requiring Response

Informational Items

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- Law Enforcement Trust Fund Report
- Ohio Children's Trust Fund Biennial Report
- 2021 Fairfield County Common Pleas Annual Report
- Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District 2021 Summary of Accomplishments
- Ohio Department of Taxation Real Property Reappraisals

Jail Population

- January 18 was 271 with 24 of those being contracted placements
- January 25 is 270 with 27 of those being contracted placements

Old Business

Dr. Carri Brown thanked those who agreed to participate in Auditor's Office focus groups.

Commissioner Davis spoke about the announcement of the new Intel microchip plant that will be located in New Albany. . He also spoke about the direct jobs, construction jobs, and ecosystem jobs that will coincide with the new microchip industry and the impact that will have on Fairfield County.

Rick Szabrak stated that many of our existing manufacturers will benefit from having the chips produced so close.

Commissioner Levacy spoke about the Governor's comments about the industry putting Ohio on the map and that the states future is very bright.

New Business

No new business.

Regular (Voting) Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022, beginning at 9:41a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy and Steve Davis. Also present were Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, Carri Brown, Amy Brown-Thompson, Tony Vogel, Tom Lininger, Bart Hampson, Sheriff Lape, Chris Schmelzer, Dennis Keller, Dan Neeley, and Joe Ebel.

Attending virtually were: Chief Ervin, Chief Collins, Josh Horacek, Dave Burgei, Calvin Robinson, Jeff Barron, Jon Kochis, Liza McKenzie, Lynette Barnhart, James Bahnsen, Stacey Hicks, Corey Clark, Michael Kaper, and Nikki Drake.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Davis asked everyone to rise as able, and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Announcements

Commissioner Davis asked if there were any announcements.

There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, January 18, 2022

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, January 18, 2022, Regular Meeting.

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

Approval of the Auditor's Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Auditor's resolution:

2022-01.25.a A resolution granting Fairfield County Auditor Carri L. Brown permission to attend. [Auditor- Admin]

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

Approval of the Commissioners' Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners' Office resolutions:

2022-01.25.b A resolution authorizing the election of the "Standard Allowance" of up to \$10,000,000 as the amount of revenue loss for the provision of governmental services under Section 603(c)(I)(C) of the American Rescue Plan [Commissioners]

2022-01.25.c 2021-2026 Regional Mobility Plan for ODOT HSTC Region 6 [Commissioners]

2022-01.25.d Expedited Type II Annexation to the City of Pickerington of 1.455=- Acres, more or less, From Violet Township [Commissioners]

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2022-01.25.e A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category for fund # 2736, Subfund#8293 – FY2022 CFLP Grant – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]

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

Approval of the Workforce & Development Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Workforce and Development resolution:

2022-01.25.f A resolution to authorize an agreement for business support services through the use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funds for a response to the public health emergency with respect to COVID19 or its negative economic impacts to Fairfield County businesses and Appropriate from Unappropriated into a major expenditure object category [Economic and Workforce Development] [Economic & Workforce Development]

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

Approval of the Engineer's Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Engineer's Office resolutions:

2022-01.25.g A resolution to approve the Annual County Highway System Mileage Certification for 2021. [Engineer]

2022-01.25.h A resolution to approve a License Agreement with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. [Engineer]

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

Approval of the Job and Family Services' Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Jobs and Family Services' resolutions:

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2022-01.25.i A resolution approving an account to account transfer Fund
2072 Public Assistance [JFS]

2022-01.25.j A resolution approving an account to account transfer Fund
2072 Public Assistance [JFS]

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

Approval of the Juvenile Court's Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Juvenile Court's resolution:

2022-01.25.k A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major
expenditure object category – Juvenile Court Fund #2036
Department of Youth Services (reclaim) [Juvenile/Probate
Court]

2022-01.25.l A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from
unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund #2036
Department of Youth Services (reclaim) Fund [Juvenile/Probate Court]

2022-01.25.m A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from
unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund #2036
Department of Youth Services (reclaim) Fund [Juvenile/Probate Court]

2022-01.25.n A resolution authorizing the approval of a contract by and between
Fairfield County Probate Court Guardianship Services Board and
Fairfield Medical Center (Probate Court) [Juvenile/Probate Court]

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

Approval of the Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes resolution:

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2022-01.25.o A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category. COSSAP 7858 SF 8212 Major Crimes Unit [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]

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

Approval of the Commissioners/Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners/Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency resolution:

2022-01.25.p A resolution to approve the application for funding by the Ohio EPA for the 2022 Community and Litter Grant.
[Community Action]

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

Approval of the Sheriff's Office Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Sheriff's Office resolution:

2022-01.25.q A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to Fund 2503 Police Revolving
[Sheriff]

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

Approval of the Utilities Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Utilities resolutions:

2022-01.25.r A resolution authorizing fund to fund transfers from the Sewer Fund #5044 to: #5469, #5533, #5554, #5555, #5776, 5817 & #5823 - Debt Service Payments for 2022 [Utilities]

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2022-01.25.s A resolution authorizing fund to fund transfer from the Water Fund #5046 to #5849 Debt Service Payment for 2022 [Utilities]

2022-01.25.t A resolution authorizing fund to fund transfer from the Greenfield Water Fund #5841 to #5846 Debt Service Payment for 2022 [Utilities]

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

Approval of the Payment of Bills

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Payment of Bills resolutions:

2022-01.25.u A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval [Commissioners]

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

At 9:57 a.m., Commissioner Davis stated that he would be filming a Commission Connection Video and that The Commissioners would recess until the Public Hearing at 11:00 a.m.

Public Hearing

Public Hearing for a petition to vacate the north alley at 6112 Pickerington Rd., Carroll, was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Commissioner Davis. Mr. Davis stated that he and Commissioner Levacy had gone that morning to view the alley and that no one from the public attended.

County Engineer, Jeremiah Upp stated that the county has areas like this alley, where an alley is platted but never built, but it remains a public right-away. He stated that there have been multiple vacations in this area.

Commissioner Davis asked if there was anyone that wanted to speak in favor or against the petition. No one spoke against or in favor of the petition.


On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the petition to vacate.

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy and Steve Davis

Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 1, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

*Approved on January 18, 2022


Steven A. Davis
Commissioner

Rochelle M. Menningen
Rochelle M. Menningen, Clerk

2022-01.25.a

A resolution granting Fairfield County Auditor Carri L. Brown permission to attend.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 325.20 of the Ohio Revised code Carri L. Brown, Fairfield County Auditor, has requested permission for herself and the employee of the County Auditor's Office to attend any conventions and meetings deemed pertinent to the operation of the Auditor's Office 2022

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 approve this travel request for Carri L. Brown, Fairfield County Auditor, and employees of the Auditor's Office, not to exceed the amount appropriated for travel expenses during 2022 and as consistent with the Fairfield county travel policy and additional policies filed by the County Auditor with Human Resource.

Prepared by: Bev Anders
cc: