

Review Meeting

Fairfield County Board of Commissioners

January 27, 2026

Commissioners' Hearing Room

210 E. Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio

Call to Order

The Commissioners met at **9:00 a.m.** in the Commissioners' Hearing Room. Commissioner Steve Davis called the meeting to order.

Commissioners Present

- Steve Davis
- David Levacy
- Jeff Fix

Also Present

- Aundrea Cordle, County Administrator
- Jeff Porter, Deputy County Administrator
- Rochelle Menningen, Clerk
- Bennett Niceswanger, Communications and Information Coordinator
- Bart Hampson, Budget Director
- Corey Clark, Job and Family Services Director
- Dan Neeley, Information Technology Director
- Jon Kochis, EMA and Facilities Director
- Rick Szabrak, Economic and Workforce Development Director
- Tony Vogel, Utilities Director
- Amy Brown-Thompson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney
- Dr. Carri Brown, Auditor
- Lisa McKenzie, Recorder

- Michael Kaper, Land Bank Director
- Alex Lape, Sheriff
- Taylor Forquer, Financial Analyst
- Nikki Drake, Soil and Water Manager
- Heather O’Keefe, Deputy Job and Family Services Director
- Kevin Romine, Deputy

Additional Attendees

None.

Virtual Attendees

None.

Welcome

Commissioner Davis welcomed everyone in attendance.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Legal Update

There was no legal update.

County Administration Update

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

Week in Review

Administrator Cordle announced that the **first evening meeting of 2026** is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Commissioners’ Hearing Room.

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

Resolution Review

There are **19 resolutions** on the agenda for the Regular Voting Meeting.

Resolutions of Note:

- **County Engineer (6 resolutions):**
 - Authorization to purchase a John Deere utility tractor
 - Agreement with the City of Lancaster for reconstruction of a portion of Whiley Road
 - Agreement with ODOT for the Coonpath Road/Election House Road Intersection Safety Improvement Project
 - Agreement with Burgess & Niple, Inc. for professional services related to that project
 - Contract approval with U.S. Bridge for the 2026 Superstructure Replacement Project
 - Approval of the Notice to Commence for the 2026 Superstructure Replacement Project
- **Job and Family Services (3 resolutions):**
 - Service agreements with Bunker Hill Haven for Boys
 - Marie's House of Hope, Inc.
 - Keystone Richland Center, LLC

Budget Review

None.

Calendar Review and Invitations

Informational Items:

- South Licking Water Conservancy District Meeting
 - January 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.
 - Licking Agricultural Center, 771 E. Main Street, Newark
- Fairhope Hospice and Palliative Care – Fairhope Celebrates Life

- March 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.
- Mill Event Center, 431 S. Columbus Street, Lancaster
- United Way of Fairfield County Awards and Appreciation Luncheon
 - March 5, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.
 - Levacy Center, 1550 Sheridan Drive, Lancaster

Correspondence

- Fairfield County Municipal Court Criminal/Traffic Division Fees Report for December 2025

Updates from Elected Officials and Department Heads

None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Regular (Voting) Meeting

The Commissioners continued to the Regular Voting Meeting.

Commissioners Present

- Jeff Fix
- David Levacy
- Steve Davis

Also Present

(Attendance remained the same as listed above.)

Virtual Attendees

Tony Vogel, Lori Lovas, Jessica Murphy, Steven Darnell, Holly Lybrook, Meredith B., Deborah, Ashley Arter, Lori Hawk, Lisa Rector, Fred, Jeff Barron, Stacy Hicks, Shelby Hunt, Britney Lee, Andy Roberts, Jason Grubb, and Leighann Adams.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Davis asked those **who were able** to stand and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

Bennett Niceswanger announced that the Board of Commissioners will meet on **Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Commissioners' Hearing Room.

Approval of Minutes

January 20, 2026

On motion by **Jeff Fix**, seconded by **David Levacy**, the Board approved the minutes.

Roll Call Vote:

- Jeff Fix – Aye
 - David Levacy – Aye
 - Steve Davis – Aye
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Approval of Resolutions

(All motions were made by Jeff Fix and seconded by David Levacy unless otherwise noted.)

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- 2026-01.27.a
- 2026-01.27.b

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Clerk of Courts – Legal Division

- 2026-01.27.c

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Emergency Management Agency

- 2026-01.27.d

Vote: Unanimous approval.

County Engineer

- 2026-01.27.e through 2026-01.27.j

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Job and Family Services

- 2026-01.27.k through 2026-01.27.p

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Fairfield County Utilities

- 2026-01.27.q

Vote: Unanimous approval.

South Central Major Crimes Unit

- 2026-01.27.r

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Payment of Bills

- 2026-01.27.s

Vote: Unanimous approval.

Adjournment

With no further business, on motion by **Jeff Fix**, seconded by **David Levacy**, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 **a.m.**

Roll Call Vote:

- Jeff Fix – Aye
- David Levacy – Aye
- Steve Davis – Aye

Next Meeting

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 210 E. Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio.