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Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
February 1, 2022

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Fix called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Jeff Fix and Steve Davis. Also present were Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, Carri Brown, Amy Brown-Thompson, Josh Horachek, Tony Vogel, Chris Schmelzer, Audrey Stofel, Dennis Keller, Dan Neeley, and Joe Ebel, Ray Stemen, Judy Stemen, Branden Meyer, Rick Szabrak, Corey Clark, Jon Kochis, Dan Neeley, and Adam Sedlacko.

Attending virtually: Ashley Arter, James Bahnsen, Dave Burgei, Jeff Barron, Lisa McKenzie, Lynette Barnhart, Park, Raz Sabaiduc, Sheriff Lape, Stacy Hicks, Thomas Lininger, Toni Ashton, Tony Howard, Chief Erwin, Dave Burgei, Belinda Nebbergall, Britney Lee, and Marie Ward.

Welcome

Commissioner Fix welcomed everyone to the meeting and spoke about the United Way Polar Plunge held January 30, 2022, at Buckeye Lake. Commissioner Davis participated in the Polar Plunge which raised money for the United Way Campaign. Also mentioned was the United Way Breakfast held earlier that morning where Deputy County Administrator, Jeff Porter was named President for 2022.

Public Comments

Chris Schmelzer of Bremen spoke about the significance of his smiley face tie and his concerns regarding the convoy across Canada.

Ray Stemen spoke about Iran and its actions in Israel and Syria. He asked that everyone call their representative and let them know this is destroying American properties and lives. Mr. Stemen also spoke about his concern regarding the military and their requirement to receive the vaccine.

Judy Stemen supplied attendees a handout and highlighted the items she felt were of the greatest significance.

Legal Update

Nothing presented.

County Administrator Update

County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle, informed everyone that questions from the meeting could be directed to her and spoke about the Week in Review, Highlights of Resolutions, and special Recognitions.

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Questions During the Meeting

Anyone can send an email to County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle, at Aundrea.Cordle@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

Week in Review

COVID-19 Update

Fairfield County's COVID-19 case numbers decreased over past week. The week of 1/14/2022-1/20/2022 reported cases were artificially high due to a backlog of cases and a 3 to 4-day lag time in reporting. From 01/21/2021 through 01/27/2022 there have been 1605 new COVID-19 cases reported, for a rate of 1018.6 cases per week per 100,000 population (High Transmission). Compared to two weeks ago, the cases have dropped by 26%.

48 new hospitalizations were reported in the past week and 28 COVID-19 related deaths were reported. Across the central Ohio region, more ICU and hospital beds are available this week than in the past few weeks. Overall, numbers appear to be trending down, although still running 10 times the CDC high transmission threshold.

The Health Department is moving away from contact tracing and issuing quarantine orders and will focus on case identification and isolation of positive individuals under the attached revised guidelines. The key message is, "If you are sick, stay home".

Eleven additional deaths were reported for December for a total of 43 Fairfield County resident deaths for the month of December and 13 additional deaths for January for a total of 17 Fairfield County resident deaths so far for the month of January. December's deaths tied January 2021 for the highest number of COVID-19 deaths during this pandemic.

There were 277 new first dose vaccinations given last week, with 58.8% of Fairfield County residents having received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine. 41,772 booster doses have been administered.

Joe Ebel added that cases are continuing but Ohio is seeing a decline, although December had the highest number of cases since January 2021.

ARP Update

There are multiple projects under review.

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From the \$15,303,451.00 received as the first tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$9.2M has been appropriated, \$2.5M expended, \$4.4M encumbered or obligated.

Jeff Porter and Bart Hampson successfully submitted our first report to the Treasury ahead of the 1/31 deadline.

Fairfield County Named 2022 Top Workplaces in USA

Fairfield County has earned the 2022 Top Workplace, USA award, issued by Energage. Winners of the Top Workplaces USA are chosen based solely on employee feedback gathered through an employee engagement survey. Results are calculated by comparing the survey's research-based statements, including 15 Culture Drivers that are proven to predict high performance against industry benchmarks.

Jeff Porter added that Fairfield County was in the top 80% for innovation, top 15% for county government benefits, and that the county would continue to get feedback from the departments and employees.

Commissioner Davis affirmed that the Top Workplace Award is very encouraging, and that he is very appreciative of the Fairfield County leadership.

Commissioner Fix stated that it is about the people and that the county is accomplishing this with the lowest tax rate in Ohio. Commissioner Fix also affirmed that the award was a testament to the county's leadership, and said, "It is a big deal that we are in the top 500 places to work in the country."

Jeff Porter stated that the award showed the work culture of Fairfield County and that it is encouraging that there are so many people that make a big impact.

Aundrea Cordle stated that people outside of the county are always asking what Fairfield County is doing to create such a great work culture.

ADAMH Board Vacancy

ADAMH is looking for a Fairfield County resident who is a family member of a person with lived experience of substance use or addiction and recovery.

Interested applicants need to fill out the OMHAS application which is available on the ADAMH website

Idea Box

Idea: Prior to the floor being revitalized, the 1st floor ladies' restroom had a chair and fainting couch. Those items appear to have been disposed of. A table or stand along with a bench or chair(s) even coat hangers would be greatly appreciated.

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Response: Thanks for your suggestion. Maintenance Supervisor, Tammy Smith, will be installing some hooks to hang items as well as a securing a bench to place in the 1st Floor Women's Restroom.

Scholarships for Workforce Center Students

Park National Bank is offering three \$1,000 scholarships to Hocking students at the Workforce Center.

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:

- Lease renewal with Education Service Center

Recognition

- Dr. Brown said, great job to the payroll team for preparing W-2s ahead of the deadline. Special thanks to Jen Dickerson, Payroll Trainer, for her leadership.
- Dr. Brown thanks Rachel Elsea for the first civic education video and for setting up times for new photos for staff. Thanks to the multiple employees (from many different departments) who have interest in civic education and are willing to be a part of a virtual group. Thanks also to people interested in the Speakers' Bureau, which will be introduced formally during Sunshine Week.
- Dr. Brown expressed thanks to all the County Auditor's Office who as a team sent cards of encouragement to FMC employees, and FMC leadership has appreciated the multiple rounds of cards and notes received.
- • Aundrea Cordle thanked Jon Kochis and Garrett Blevins for their work on the technological improvements to the hearing room.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

Nothing Presented.

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Correspondence

Informational Items Received

- Energage Top Workplaces
- Retrieval Technologies

Jail Population

- January 25 had 270 with 27 of those being contracted placements
- February 1 had 267 with 25 of those being contracted placements

Old Business

Commissioner Davis touched on the January 25th meeting with Michael Burns and the county's debt structure. The Commissioner stated that Mr. Burns had said the county's fiscal management has been very strong.

New Business

Nothing was discussed in new business.

Regular (Voting) Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 1, 2022. The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Fix called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Jeff Fix and Steve Davis. Also present were Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, Carri Brown, Amy Brown-Thompson, Josh Horachek, Tony Vogel, Chris Schmelzer, Audrey Stofel, Dennis Keller, Dan Neeley, and Joe Ebel, Ray Stemen, Judy Stemen, Branden Meyer, Rick Szabrak, Corey Clark, Jon Kochis, Dan Neeley, and Adam Sedlacko.

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Pledge of Allegiance

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

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Announcements

Commissioner Fix asked if there were any announcements.

There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, January 25, 2022

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, January 25, 2022, Regular Meeting.

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

Approval of the Auditor's Resolution

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

2022-02.01.a A resolution to approve the payment of vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders for all Departments that are approved by the Commissioners [Auditor- Finance]

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

Approval of the Commissioners' Resolutions

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

2022-22.01.b A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in major expenditure object category – Fairfield County Commissioners Debt Service Fund# 4851, County Building Series [Commissioner]

2022-22.01.c A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to the General Fund – Fund #2730, sub fund 8200 for the PY2018 CHIP/HOME [Commissioners]

2022-02.01.d A resolution to approve to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category & Advance General Fund #1001 Cash for Fund # 2730, subfund# 8294, PY2021 CHIP/CDBG grant [Commissioners]

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- 2022-02.01.e A resolution to approve to appropriate from unappropriate into a major expense category & Advance General Fund #1001 Cash for Fund # 2731, subfund# 8295, PY2021 CHIP/HOME grant [Commissioners]
- 2022-02.01.f A resolution to approve to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category & Advance General Fund #1001 Cash for Fund # 2732, subfund# 8296, PY2021 CHIP/OHTF grant [Commissioners]
- 2022-02.01.g A resolution to approve a petition to conform the boundaries of Hocking Township with the City of Lancaster [Commissioners]
- 2022-02.01.h A resolution approving a vacation request to vacate a part of a public road, North Alley, Violet Township [Commissioners]

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

Approval of the Common Pleas Court's Resolution

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

- 2022-02.01.i A resolution to approve the disposal of a vehicle – Fairfield County Common Pleas Court Adult Probation – Transfer to Troy Snyder [Common Pleas Court]

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

Approval of the Board of Developmental Disabilities Resolution

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

- 2022-02.01.j A resolution to approve a reimbursement for share of costs for Smartnet Warranty Support paid to CBTS as a memo expenditure for fund# 2060 - Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities [Board of Developmental Disabilities]

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

Approval of the Dog Shelter's Resolution

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

2022-02.01.k A resolution approving an account to account transfer (Dog Shelter) [Dog Shelter]

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

Approval of the Emergency Management's Resolutions

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

2022-02.01.l A resolution to request for appropriations for receipts for EMA Emergency Performance Grant Fund 2707 (Subfund 8160) [EMA]

2022-02.01.m A resolution to request for appropriations for receipts for EMA Hazard Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Fund 2091 (Subfund 8281) and Advance [EMA]

2022-02.01.n A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to the General Fund from EMA 2091 Hazardous Materials Emergency Training Grant Fund. [EMA]

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

Approval of the Facilities' Resolution

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

2022-02.01.o A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Lease Renewal Agreement with the Fairfield County Educational Service Center [Facilities]

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Dennis Keller stated that this is a proactive response to extend the lease under the same terms for the next five years.

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

Approval of the Job and Family Services' Resolutions

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

- 2022-02.01.p A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 2072 – Children Services Fund - Fairfield County JFS [JFS]
- 2022-02.01.q A Resolution regarding an Amendment to a previously approved Grant Agreement between Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption and Fairfield County Job & Family Services (FCJFS), the Protective Services Department (FCPS) [JFS]
- 22-02.01.r A Resolution of a Title IV-D Contract between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Agency and Fairfield County Domestic Relations Court. [JFS]

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

Approval of the Juvenile Probate Court's Resolutions

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

- 2022-02.01.s A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category – Juvenile Court Fund #2036 Department of Youth Services (reclaim) [Juvenile/Probate Court]

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

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Approval of the Utilities' Resolution

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

2022-02.01.t A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Utilities Fund #5820, Sub Fund #8087 Mingo Sewer Phase 2 [Utilities] [Utilities]

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

Approval of the Payment of Bills

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

2022-02.01.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: Steve Davis and Jeff Fix

Commissioner Fix called a recess at 9:56 a.m.

**Meeting with Sonja Simpson, DBA
To Discuss Transportation Improvement District
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Commissioner Fix reconvened at 10:15 a.m. to open discussion with Sonja Simpson, DBA regarding the Transportation Improvement District (TID). Commissioners present: Jeff Fix and Steve Davis. Also present were Sonja Simpson, Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, Tony Vogel, Chris Schmelzer, Dennis Keller, Ray Stemen, Judy Stemen, Rick Szabrak, Jon Kochis, Michael Kaper, and Adam Sedlacko.

Attending virtually: James Bahnsen, Chief Ervin, Nick Brown and an unnamed caller.

Sonja Simpson spoke of her accomplishments and former and current positions.

Commissioner Fix spoke of the potential job boom and infrastructure issues with Intel coming to New Albany in Franklin County. The Commissioner spoke of the Route 33 connection and asked Ms. Simpson what opportunities she would want to pursue as a member on the TID.

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Ms. Simpson stated that road capacity is an issue that should be addressed especially with people traveling more for work and pleasure. She also highlighted the importance of entities projecting out their infrastructure plans.

Commissioner Davis spoke about the concerns and impacts, both positive and negative, of business owners when routes are moved.

County Engineer, Jeremiah Upp, spoke about his knowledge of Ms. Simpson's former positions and ideas that the TID Board has for county. He also noted that Ms. Simpson's ability to grow relationships would be very valuable to the county.

Commissioner Fix stated the importance of relationships with individuals and agencies when creating long range visions for transportation.

Commissioner Davis stated he appreciated seeing a reenergized TID.

Ms. Simpson asked if the county was engaging with other counties and TID's.

Jeremiah Upp stated that he shares the county's vision with Franklin County's TID.

Commissioner Fix stated that a resolution regarding the TID Board appointment would be on the next Commissioners' Agenda.

Commissioner Fix called a four-minute recess at 10:32 a.m.

Airport Authority Update
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Commissioner Fix reconvened at 10:36 a.m. to meet regarding an update on the Airport Authority. Commissioners present: Jeff Fix and Steve Davis. Also present were Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, Tony Vogel, Chris Schmelzer, Dennis Keller, Rick Szabrak, Jon Kochis, Michael Kaper, and Adam Sedlacko.

Attending virtually: James Bahnsen, Chief Ervin, Nick Brown, Stephanie Niese, and an unnamed caller.

EMA Director, Jon Kochis presented the Master Plan for the Fairfield County Airport. Mr. Kochis spoke about the demand for additional hanger space and the ability to add different types of hangers. The repair of a runway culvert was also discussed. The repair is slated for 2022 and will correct a formation in one of the runways. The ability to expand due to available land and the number of customers waiting to rent hanger space were discussed. (PowerPoint presentation of the Airport Authority Update is attached as part of the official February 1, 2022, Fairfield County Commissioners' Meeting Minutes.)

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Rick Szabrack spoke about construction costs and revenue streams such as hanger rental and the sale of fuel.

Commissioners Fix and Davis spoke on the advantages of expanding the Fairfield County Airport and the advantages the airport offers customers over other area airports. The commissioners asked about the financial status of the airport.

Staci Knisley, Fiscal Clerk for the Fairfield County Airport, stated there are no transfers or advances on the 2022 airport ledgers. She did advise that there is paving budgeted each year for the airport in Capital Improvements.

Jon Kochis added that the airport has reached a point where it is financially self-sustained, and that investing in the airport will drive economics.

Executive Session – To Discuss Security Matters

On the motion of Steve Davis and second of Jeff Fix, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss Matters of Security at 11:09 a.m.

Discussion: Commissioner Davis stated that the following people be included in the executive session: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Fix, County Administrator Aundrea Cordle, Deputy County Administrator Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Dan Neeley, and Jon Kochis.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis and Jeff Fix

On the motion of Jeff Fix and second of Steve Davis, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 11:58 a.m.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix and Steve Davis

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Steve Davis and a second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 11:59 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis and Jeff Fix

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.


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Motion by: Steve Davis Seconded by: Jeff Fix
that the January 25, 2022, minutes were approved by the following vote:


YEAS: Steve Davis and Jeff Fix NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on February 1, 2022

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Jeff Frix
Commissioner


Dave Levacy
Commissioner


Steven A. Davis
Commissioner

Rochelle M. Menningen
Rochelle M. Menningen, Clerk