

Regular Meeting #5 - 2025
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
February 4, 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; Deputy JFS Director, Heather O'Keefe; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer; and Health Department Director, Joe Ebel. Also, in attendance were: Bryan Everitt, Frank Uhl II, Kris Keller, Louise Pence, Teresa Speakman, Terry Horn, Mary Hutton, Pamela Hutton, Betsy Alt, Cheryl Tatusko, Breg Tatusko, Amanda Everitt, Janet Duncan, Sherry Pymmer, Wayne Harris, Barg Martin, Frank Martin, Judy Zollinger, Bill Krusling, Christina Hill, Patricia Hill, Lisa Thomas, Nick Cavalaris, Lori Sword, Betty Bennett, George Bennett, Brad Berry, Isaac Berry, Alan Turnbull, Melissa Hoover, Tim Knisley, Mike Connor, Chris Douglas, and Joe Ebel.

Virtual attendees: Lisa Dan, Karshner, Scott Barr, Jane Harf, Chris Snider, Shelby Hunt, Nicole Schultz, Bill, Deborah, EM, Jennifer Morgan, MB.

Welcome

Commissioner Fix opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and speaking about the purpose of the evening meeting, which is to allow those who are unable to attend during the day the opportunity to attend meetings in the evening.

Budget Update, End of Year, Bart Hampson

Mr. Hampson spoke about the county's 2024 end of year financials and the General Fund's revenue and expenses. A PowerPoint was provided and is available in the meeting minutes which provided the end of year numbers, a financial trend analysis, and a financial dashboard with a General Fund budget overview. Mr. Hampson explained the revenue categories, provided the annual sales tax amount, and spoke about the expense categories. Charts were provided with percentages for revenues and expenditures. He added that the finance team continues to analyze financial data to ensure the county is meeting its goals and stated that the county continues to experience a strong return on investment revenue. Mr. Hampson also stated that the sales tax revenue decreased in 2024 due to a decrease in auto sales and that \$6,000,000 went to the capital improvement fund for one time expenditures.

Commissioner Fix stated his appreciation for Mr. Hampson and for Staci Knisely for their outstanding work.

Commissioners Davis and Levacy echoed Commissioner Fix's sentiments and thanked Mr. Hampson for his presentation.

Public Comments

Melissa Hoover-Conner of Walnut Township stated that the American Farmland Federation Bureau published that industrial solar is not a suitable use for land that is suitable for agriculture. She asked the Commissioners to write a letter to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) against the Eastern Cottontail Project.

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Frank Uhl II of Christmas Rock Road spoke in support of the Eastern Cottontail solar project because he believes it creates jobs and protects the land from development.

Craig Tatusko stated he is part of the Eastern Cottontail project and attended the OPSB public hearing and was offended by the way the Fair Fields group conducted themselves. He added that there is an option for the land besides keeping it as farmland or using it for industrial solar power, and that would be developing the land for residential, commercial or industrial use.

Cheryl Tatusko stated she is part of the Eastern Cottontail project and attended the OPSB meetings and was also disappointed by the behavior of the Citizens for Fair Fields. She added that individuals who had leased their land were visibly shaken. She read a letter from someone who leased their land for industrial solar and who has been repeatedly slandered for three years. The letter also spoke about misinformation regarding industrial solar.

Betsy Alt of Baltimore thanked the Commissioners for attending the OPSB meetings and spoke about the behavior of those who opposed the solar project. She stated her support for the Eastern Cottontail project.

Wayne Harris of Pleasantville asked the Commissioners to deny Eastern Cottontail and all other solar projects in the county. He added that he does not believe the County, schools, and communities will receive tax benefits/revenue from the projects.

Mary Hutton of Baltimore stated she is a property owner who supports Eastern Cottontail and leased her land to the solar project.

Louise Pence of Columbus owns land near the proposed project and believes in good stewardship of land. She spoke in opposition to the project and feels it would be detrimental to the current landscape.

Pam Hutton of Baltimore stated she is a landowner who has leased her land to the project. She thinks it is important to look for alternative sources of energy and is worried that this does not give a good image of our community and that businesses may avoid the county if they feel it is not conducive to development.

Janet Duncan of Pleasantville stated that she believes there is a difference between misinformation and different information. She spoke about a solar farm in California that stopped in its eleventh year of operation and added that she fears we are investing in 8 tracks when we already have streaming music. She requested a denial of Eastern Cottontail as well as any other industrial solar project in the county.

Christopher Douglas of Pickerington stated his support for the Eastern Cottontail project and stated that there are risks in the air we breathe and the water we drink but that he believes the future will be better if we invest in alternative energy sources.

Francis Martin of Walnut Township stated that he lives across the street from the proposed Eastern Cottontail project. He stated that property rights should be equal for all owners and should end when they negatively impact neighbors. He asked the Commissioners to have a strong united front against the Eastern Cottontail project.

Chris Keller of Deep Cut Road stated he has concerns regarding property rights and added that if land is developed, it is never again farmland. He spoke about climate change and added that solar energy may provide a solution. He spoke about people who stated that solar panels should be

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installed on roofs of large facilities and added that roofs would need reengineered to support solar panels.

Amanda Everitt, the Executive Director of Destination Downtown Lancaster, stated her support for the Eastern Cottontail project. She added that the project would be good for local businesses, especially those that look for clean energy options.

Teresa Speakman of Lancaster stated that alternatives are needed for energy and added that grazing sheep will enrich the land, and the project will bring jobs and money to the area.

Bill Krusling from Albany, Ohio stated he is a sheep farmer and has been rotationally grazing livestock for 35 years. We do our machinery dealings locally and sell our sheep to a local group. Sheep farming has not been taken over by large businesses. He added that he hopes to have his sheep on the property. He stated that the project should not be viewed as either agricultural or solar, but as both.

Tim Kneisley of Cattail Road spoke in opposition to the solar project. He stated that he thinks all the elected officials should be on the same page and protect Walnut Township.

Brad Berry of Pleasantville stated he has lived in Fairfield County his entire life and the farm has been in his family for 200 years and 8 generations. He stated the watershed from the project will come onto his farm where he raises both crops and livestock. He started direct marketing off his farm after working two jobs for 25 years and is concerned about the impact the solar project will have on that business.

Mary Berry of Pleasantville stated that energy that runs into fields and ruins family businesses is not clean energy. She spoke about the disposal issues with lithium and solar batteries and added that she does not believe the solar project will be good for Fairfield County.

Lori Sword of Hampson Road stated that landowners must follow strict guidelines for developing their own land but thinks the solar companies don't have to go through as many hoops. She added that many of the people speaking in support are not from the area. She knows property values will go down because she is a real estate agent. She added that her grandchildren live near the proposed solar project and that she is concerned about their health.

Barb Martin of Pleasantville has lived in Fairfield County for 30 years and moved to Walnut Township so she could be surrounded by farmland. She is directly adjacent to the proposed land. Many of the people in support are not from Walnut Township or even Fairfield County. The jobs created by these projects are only for the construction of the project. She thanked Commissioner Fix for writing a letter to oppose the project and asked Commissioner Levacy to also write a letter.

Issac Berry of Pleasantville stated the noise from the project would be difficult for his cattle. He added that the country will experience food shortages by 2050, and we should be focusing on the next generation.

Alan Turnbull of Pleasantville stated he is in favor of the Eastern Cottontail project and that this allows land to be preserved for future farm use.

Jim Shelf of Pleasant Township stated he drives through the project area frequently and is in favor of the project. He added that 20% of the farmland in the United States is used to grow corn for ethanol production and that corn is not safe for consumption. He further added that solar technology is better today than it was 10 years ago and continues to improve.

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Annalise Berry of Pleasantville stated that the decision regarding Eastern Cottontail will affect her future. She is involved with her family's farm and raises sheep on that farm. Sheep are afraid of sounds. The pounding of the posts will be traumatic for the sheep and that will affect the quality of the meat.

Sherry Pymer of Walnut Township spoke about visiting the Yellow Bud project and the small numbers of workers at the project. She also spoke about the wet fields and cracked panels at that project. She asked the Commissioners to ask the OPSB to deny the Eastern Cottontail project.

Mike Connor of Pleasantville stated that he feels his wife has been respectful when addressing others about the Eastern Cottontail project and added that he is opposed to the project. He believes local zoning is being denied, and that the project will cause harm to wildlife and the water supply, and cause construction and safety issues. He asked the Commissioners to unanimously oppose the project.

Allison Barrick of Millersport stated she lives ¼ mile from the project and asked the Commissioners to write a letter of opposition to the OPSB. She added that there are 138 homes within 15 feet of the proposed Eastern Cottontail solar project and 257 homes within .5 mile. She believes the land is too populated to accommodate a project this size. She is not against diversifying our energy sources but thinks we do not need this project. She asked Commissioners Levacy and Davis to oppose the project.

Betty Bennett of Somerset Road stated that her way of life has already been affected by the project. She asked the commissioners to oppose the Eastern Cottontail project.

Lisa Thomas of Pleasantville moved to the area unaware of the proposed Eastern Cottontail project and added that the conflict over the project has made her an angry person. She urged the Commissioners to oppose the project.

Commissioner Fix thanked everyone except one for the way they conducted themselves and for being respectful. He added that the comment made by the one person regarding Commissioner Levacy was disrespectful and that he does not know a single person who has more integrity than Commissioner Levacy.

Commissioner Davis spoke about the effect on the Commissioners of stating incorrect things about their character.

Commissioner Fix called a 7 minute recess at 8:43 p.m.

Legal Update

There was no legal update provided.

County Administration Update

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

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Week in Review

New Security Staff at the Administrative Courthouse

Beginning yesterday, February 3rd, the Administrative Courthouse will have a new security presence. We are happy to have Deputy Andy Roberts working in the building and want to thank Sheriff Lape for helping us fill this role.

County Elected Official and Department Head Roundtable

The first Roundtable meeting for 2025 is scheduled for February 25 from 1-4:00 pm at the Agricultural Center. We will be reviewing the final draft of the 2025-2028 strategic plan.

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

Resolution Review

There are 17 resolutions on the agenda for the Regular voting meeting.
Resolutions of note:

- A resolution to approve an Expedited Type II Annexation of 5.08 Acres from Pleasant Township to the City of Lancaster. David Hodge is the agent for the petitioner. This petition involves the Blue Label Packaging Company property.
- We have two resolutions authorizing advances from the General Fund to CDBG Funds. One for \$392,500 for the FY2023 CDBG Critical Infrastructure Fund and \$500,000 for the FY2024 CDBG Allocation Grant.
- A resolution approving funding from – Domestic Relations Special Projects Fund to the Visitation Center Fund.
- A resolution from Economic and Workforce Development to approve a Revolving Loan Fund for the Creative Coach Co. The loan is in the amount of \$75,000 for a term of five years. This will allow for the purchase of a motorcoach.
- A resolution from the Engineer's Office to approve an agreement between that office and CTL Engineering, Inc. for construction inspection and testing services.
- A resolution from JFS authorizing a shared family foster home agreement between Fairfield County Child Protective Services and Perry County Children Services.
- A resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between JFS and Family and Children First Council for fiscal services.
- A resolution approving a service agreement extension between the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and the City of Canal Winchester. This agreement is for law enforcement and jail services.
- And a resolution from MCU for an advance from the General Fund for \$75,000 to be paid back by the end of 2025. MCU received a Violent Crime Reduction Grant, and the advance is necessary to allocate monies to pay vendors in a timely fashion.

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Budget Review

No additional budget information was provided.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

Bennett Niceswanger provided an invitation received for the Ribbon Cutting for the ClearSky Rehabilitation Hospital of Lancaster. The Ribbon Cutting would be February 12, 2025, 4:00 p.m., at 1201 River Valley Blvd. in Lancaster.

Informational Items

- US 33 Stakeholder Meeting, Wednesday, February 5, 2025, 1:30 p.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room
- MCJDC Board of Trustees Meeting, Friday, February 7, 2025, 9:00 a.m. at 923 Liberty Dr., Lancaster, OH
- MCJDC Joint Board of Commissioners Meeting, Friday, February 7, 2025, 10:30 a.m. at 923 Liberty Dr., Lancaster, OH
- Invitation from Center for Energy Education to the Utility-Scale Solar Workshop, Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 4:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Masonic Temple, 224 S. High St., Lancaster, OH
- Invitation from the Ohio Chamber of Commerce 2025 Annual Housing Summit, Thursday, February 20, 2025, 8:30 a.m. at the Ohio Statehouse
- Invitation from CCAO to attend the Legislative Reception, Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 5:00 p.m. at the Ohio Statehouse Atrium

Correspondence

- Correspondence Regarding Industrial Solar Project
- Correspondence Regarding Property Taxes
- Lancaster Law Director & City Prosecutor 2024 Annual Report
- Letter from Corey Schoonover, Executive Director of Fairfield Area Humane Society, regarding the 2025 Humane Officer stipend
- 2024 Law Enforcement Trust Fund Reports from the Fairfield County Prosecutor and Fairfield County Sheriff

Updates from Elected Officials and Department Heads

Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer, thanked Mr. Kochis for his assistance with an incident at the Fairfield Center earlier that day.

Auditor Brown thanked Transit and the Commissioners for approval of the organ donation advertisement. She stated that her office will send correspondence with updates for the Homestead Program, and the website has updates to the tax estimator tool allowing people to voice concerns. She added the February's map of the month is for the 8 presidents that hail from Ohio and area schools are already requesting copies of the map.

Mr. Szabrak spoke about the ClearSky rehabilitation facility and their upcoming grand opening.

Mr. Ebel stated that hospitals are seeing a lot of influenza.

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Mr. Kochis spoke about the damage at the Fairfield Center and added that the driver was fully insured. There will be about 20 feet of frontage that will have to be removed, but there was not any apparent structural damage.

Commissioner Davis spoke about the solar array field at the BMV in Lancaster and suggested the requests for proposals are ready in case the window of cost reductions is met.

Mr. Neeley stated that the new badge readers act differently and are still being verified.

Mr. Clark spoke optimistically about the Governor's budget.

Old Business

Commissioner Davis stated he attended the OPSB public hearings. He added that he received a notice from the OPSB that he was not required to attend the hearings or the evidentiary hearings, but did attend the public hearings and will attend the evidentiary hearings.

Commissioner Levacy attended the OPSB meeting on Monday when most speakers were heard.

Commissioner Fix attended the Silicon Heartland meeting for officials located within a certain radius of Intel where Fairfield County was commended for being a model in creating a land use plan. He added that he will be attending the Greenfield Township zoning meeting.

New Business

Commissioner Davis stated he was invited to the Yellow Bud project and added that it was an informative tour.

Commissioner Fix referenced the letter that he sent to the OPSB. He spoke about the Village of Thurston's desire to grow, and the Eastern Cottontail project will be very close to that growth and will prevent future development in that area.

Regular (Voting) Meeting

The Commissioners continued to the Voting portion of the meeting 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; Deputy JFS Director, Heather O'Keefe; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer; and Health Department Director, Joe Ebel. Also present were: Bryan Everitt, Frank Uhl II, Kris Keller, Louise Pence, Teresa Speakman, Terry Horn, Mary Hutton, Pamela Hutton, Betsy Alt, Cheryl Tatusko, Breg Tatusko, Amanda Everitt, Janet Duncan, Sherry Pymmer, Wayne Harris, Barg Martin, Frank Martin, Judy Zollinger, Bill Krusling, Christina Hill, Patricia Hill, Lisa Thomas, Nick Cavalaris, Lori Sword, Betty Bennett, George Bennett, Brad Berry, Isaac Berry, Alan Turnbull, Melissa Hoover, Tim Knisley, Mike Connor, Chris Douglas, and Joe Ebel.

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Announcements

There were no additional announcements.

Approval of Minutes for January 28, 2025

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, January 28, 2025, meeting.

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 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:

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| 2025-02.04.a | A Resolution to Approve the Annexation of 5.8 +/- Acres from Pleasant Township to the City of Lancaster, Expedited Type II, Pursuant to ORC 709.023, David Hodge Petitioner |
| 2025-02.04.b | A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to the FY2023 CDBG Critical Infrastructure Fund # 2788, Sub fund# 8334 |
| 2025-02.04.c | A resolution to approve a memo expense for interest allocation reimbursements for Fairfield Department of Health, Fairfield County Parks, & Fairfield County Port Authority – Fund #7012, #7321, #7308, & #7865 |
| 2025-02.04.d | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category and request for an advance from the general fund for fund #2788 for FY2024 CDBG Allocation Grant |

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Domestic Relations Court

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 Domestic Relations Court:

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| 2025-02.04.e | A resolution approving funding from – Domestic Relations Special Projects Fund # 2625 to Visitation Center Fund # 1001; appropriate from unappropriated Special Projects Fund |
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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development

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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:

2025-02.04.f A resolution to approve loan documents to fund Creative Coach Co. as a Fairfield County Revolving Loan project

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution 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 resolution from the Fairfield County Engineer:

2025-02.04.g A resolution to approve an Agreement between Fairfield County and CTL Engineering, Inc.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Facilities

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 Facilities:

2025-02.04.h A Resolution to approve a Contract Amendment between Steed Hammond Paul, Inc., d/b/a SHP Architects, Inc., and the Fairfield County Commissioners

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 Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from Fairfield County Job and Family Services:

2025-02.04.i A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Transportation paid to Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit as a memo expenditure for fund# 2018 Public Assistance Fund

2025-02.04.j A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Transportation paid to Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit as a memo expenditure for fund# 2599 Workforce Fund

2025-02.04.k 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

2025-02.04.l A resolution regarding a Memorandum of Understanding between the Fairfield County Family and Children First Council and Fairfield County Job and Family Services

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2025-02.04.m A resolution authorizing the approval of a Shared Family Foster Home Agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Perry County Children Services

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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:

2025-02.04.n A resolution authorizing the approval to extend service agreements by and between Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and the City of Canal Winchester

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from South Central Major Crimes Unit

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:

2025-02.04.o A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the general fund to MCU – Fund 7911 Violet Crime Reduction Grant 2024

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Transit

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:

2025-02.04.p A resolution to approve a memo exp./memo receipt for the costs of flood insurance premiums effective 8/1/2024 paid by general fund during Transit transition as a memo expenditure for Fund #1246 Transit Fund

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:

2025-02.04.q 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

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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

The Commissioners and Ms. Cordle thanked deputies Hedrick and Romine for being in attendance.

Adjournment

With no further business, On the motion of Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 9:18 p.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH.

Motion by: David Levacy

Seconded by: Steve Davis

that the February 4, 2025, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

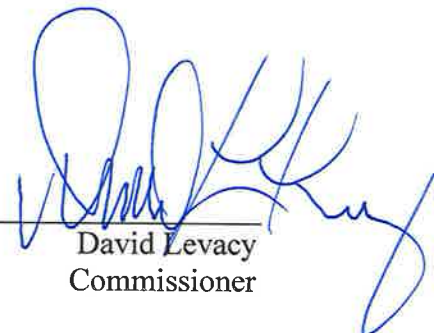
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS:

*Approved on February 11, 2025


Jeff Fix
Commissioner

Steve Davis
Commissioner


David Levacy
Commissioner


Rochelle Menningen, Clerk



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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners:

Steven A. Davis
Jeffrey M. Fix
David L. Levacy

County Administrator

Aundrea N. Cordle

Deputy County Administrator

Jeffrey D. Porter

Clerk

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Tuesday, February 4, 2025
7:00 p.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. End-of-Year Budget Update

4. 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.*

5. Legal Update

6. County Administration Update

- a. Week in Review
- b. Highlights of Resolutions
- c. Budget Review
- d. Calendar Review/ Invitations Received
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 - ii. Correspondence Regarding Property Taxes

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- iii. Lancaster Law Director & City Prosecutor 2024 Annual Report
- iv. Letter from Corey Schoonover, Executive Director of Fairfield Area Humane Society, regarding the 2025 Humane Officer stipend
- v. 2024 Law Enforcement Trust Fund Reports from the Fairfield County Prosecutor and Fairfield County Sheriff

7. Updates from Elected Officials and Department Heads

8. Old Business

9. New Business

10. Regular (Voting) Meeting

11. Adjourn

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ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY ITEMS
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
JANUARY 27, 2025 TO February 02, 2025

Fairfield County Commissioners

- AA.01.29-2025.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]
- AA.01.29-2025.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]

Fairfield County Human Resources

- AA.01.29-2025.c An administrative approval to approve an order of reduction [Fairfield County Human Resources]

Fairfield County Transit

- AA.01.31-2025.a An Administrative Approval for ODOT Certification of In-Kind Cost for Fairfield County Transit Building Rent Agreement [Transit]

Fairfield County Treasurer

- AA.01.31-2025.b An administrative authority to approve an agreement for services by and between the Fairfield County Treasurer, the Board of Fairfield County Commissioners, and the Fairfield County Land Reutilization Corporation in 2025, as per the attached Agreement for Services. [Treasurer]

Quarters Total 2021, Total 2022, Total 2023, Total 2024, Quarter 1 2025 – American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds, as of 1.31.2025.

Of the \$30,606,902.00 received at the first and second tranche of the American Rescue Plan Fund, \$30,606,902.00 has been appropriated, \$27,282,725.00 expended, \$3,144,046.35 encumbered or obligated.

Project/Category		As of 1/31/25 Appropriations	As of 1/31/25 Expenditure	As of 1/31/25 Obligation
Public Health				
Room	Public Health, CDC	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Room	Public Health, Medical Assistance	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
Room	Public Health, COVID Media Costs and Benefit Program	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
Room	Public Health, Vaccination Initiatives and Related Expenses	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Room	Public Health, Vaccination Incentives and Public Facilities of the County	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000
Room	Public Health, Vaccination Incentives for Air Quality Improvement	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000
Room	Public Health, Vaccination Incentives for Health Facilities, Mobile Morgue	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000
Room	Public Health, Vaccination Incentives for Hereditary to Respond to Increased Violence	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000
Room	Professional Organization on Behavior of the Board of Health	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000
Room	Public Health, Creation of a County Health Department HHS	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000
Room	Public Health Care Support	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000
Room	Public Health Care Support	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
Room	Other Public Health Care Support	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
Room	Mental and Behavioral Health	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
Subtotal Public Health		\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000	\$1,000,000,000
Negative Economic Impacts				
Room	Emergency Assistance for Non- Profit Organizations, a Grant to the City of Lancaster	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
Room	Emergency Assistance for Non- Profit, Grant The Highhouse	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
Room	Education Grant	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
Room	Habitat for Humanity	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000

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Of the \$30,606,902.00 received at the first and second tranche disbursements and \$30,606,902.00 has been appropriated, \$27,282,725.00 expended, \$3,144,046.35 encumbered or obligated.

Project/Category		As of 1/31/25 Appropriations	As of 1/31/25 Expenditure	As of 1/31/25 Obligation
Room	Domestic Housing Project	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00
Room	Harbor House	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00
Room	Carroll House	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00
Room	Housing Project	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00
Room	Sanitary Facility	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00
Room	Subgrant for Tourism, Support for the Airfield County Fair	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00
Room	Sub to Tourism, Trade, Hospitality	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00
Room	Emergency Assistance Business Planning	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00
Room	Support for Agriculture and the Growing Food Unit	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00
Room	Technical Assistance for Townships Other	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00
Room	Contract for Service to Support Resident Housing Project of the Landfill	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00
Subtotal Negative Economic Impacts		\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00
Room	Housing Support, Affordable Housing Strategic Plan	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00
Subtotal Services Disproportionately Impacted Communities		\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00
Premium Pay				
Room	Prepaid Pay, Prepaid Pay for Emergency Management General Worker	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00
Subtotal Premium Pay		\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00	\$,000,000.00

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Project/Category		As of 1/31/25 Appropriations	As of 1/31/25 Expenditure	As of 1/31/25 Obligation
Infrastructure				
R00a	Clean Water Entitled Collection and Conveyance, Airport	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
R000	Clean Water Entitled Collection and Conveyance, Walnut Creek Sewer District	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
R000	Clean Water Entitled Collection and Conveyance, Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
R00a	Clean Water, Stormwater	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
R000a	Drinking Water Transmission Distribution, Grant Hastings	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
R0000	Drinking Water Transmission Distribution, Airport	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
R0000	Drinking Water Transmission Distribution, Greenfield	\$1,000,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
R000d	Drinking Water Transmission Distribution, Bathore	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
R000e	Drinking Water Transmission Distribution, Oakland	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
R000a	Broadband, "Last Mile" Projects	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000
Subtotal Infrastructure		\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
Revenue Loss				
R00a	Capital and Technological Equipment	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
R000	Reorder Document Printing	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
R000	Permanently Safe Management	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
R00d	MOR Tower Project	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$100,000
Project/Category		As of 1/31/25 Appropriations	As of 1/31/25 Expenditure	As of 1/31/25 Obligation

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Room	District Conference	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Room	Unfurnished Office Purchase	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$100,000.00
Room	Unfurnished Office Renovation	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$100,000.00
Room	Food Unit School Attendance Program	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Room	Workforce Center Expansion	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Room	Smart Growth	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Room	United Way and DoD Barton Inagination Center	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$100,000.00
Room	Auditor Historical Record Planning	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Room	Engineer's Radios	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$100,000.00
Room	Auditor Printer	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$100,000.00
Room	Auditor Office	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$100,000.00
Room	Breast and D-Race	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$100,000.00
Room	Transportation School Education Vehicle	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$100,000.00
Room	Capital and Security	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$10,000.00
Room	Metropolitan Auto Towing Authority Management Organization	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00
Room	County Radio	\$10,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$10,000.00
Room	Transportation	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00
Room	Transportation Rebranding	\$10,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$10,000.00
Room	Beaver Field Office	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$100,000.00
Revenue Loss		\$10,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00	\$100,000.00
Project/Category		As of 1/31/25 Appropriations	As of 1/31/25 Expenditure	As of 1/31/25 Obligation
Administration				

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Row	Administrative Expense	000,000.00	000,000.00	000.00
Subtotal Administration		000,000.00	000,000.00	000.00
Grand Total		\$30,606,902.00	\$27,282,725.00	\$3,144,046.35

There are multiple projects under review in addition to the projects already approved

The county will be using a community visioning process to inform final decisions and prepare for the second tranche, as well as prepare for broad community goals, beyond the fiscal recovery program. We expect a report for the 2025 unit strategic plan at the end of 2025. The county will be using the the 2025 airfield forward for strategic planning. There are two main uses that stand out for Fairfield County's fiscal recovery:

Responding to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID or its negative economic impact, including assistance to households, agriculture, and non-profit, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.

Making necessary investment in water, sewer, or road and infrastructure.

When we think about the first purpose, we are required to

- Identify a need or negative impact of the public health emergency,
- Identify how the county investment would effectively address that need, and
- Readily explain how the investment helps the county respond to the disease or the harmful economic consequences of the economic disruption.

Project Listing

Public Health

Row	Public Health, 000
Row	Public Health, Medical Expense
Row	Public Health, COVID Medical Cost County Benefit Program
Row	Public Health, Vaccination Clinic
Row	Public Health, Capital Investment and Public Facilities of the County
Row	Public Health, Capital Investment for Air Quality Improvement
Row	Public Health, Capital Investment for Health Facilities, a Mobile Morgue
Row	Public Health, Capital Investment for Sherburne Center to Respond to Increased Violence
Row	Professional Services on Behalf of the Board of Health
Row	Public Health, Creation of a County Health Department
Row	Public Health, Construction
Row	Public Health, Construction
Row	Other Public Health Construction
Row	Mental and Behavioral Health

From: [Lisa Dan](#)
Cc: [Joshua Bain](#); [Reginald Bynum, Jr.](#); [Lisa Olliver](#); [Christy Gibson](#); [Ayanna Wallace](#); [Mozine Lowe](#)
Subject: [E] Upcoming Workshop for Public Officials/Community Leaders
Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2025 10:33:12 AM
Attachments: Outlook-fjmgldbj
Feb 18 Fairfield Co OH POCL workshop letter FINAL 01242025.pdf
Feb 18 Public Official Workshop.pdf
Feb 19 Solar 101 PDF.pdf

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Good Morning,

Please see attached a personal invitation to attend an upcoming workshop that the Center for Energy Education is hosting in Lancaster on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. This specific workshop is for public officials and community leaders. A flyer regarding the workshop is also attached, and you may RSVP via the link in the letter or the QR code on the flyer. This workshop will provide an opportunity for open dialogue in a more intimate setting, as it is being offered only to public officials, governmental entities, and community leaders. Please feel free to share this information with other local governmental entities, department heads, etc.

We will also be hosting a second workshop on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 for the general public. If you are unable to join us on February 18, please feel free to join us on February 19. I've also included the flyer for February 19 in this email as well, and you can RSVP via the QR code on the flyer.

Please contact me at your convenience if you have any questions regarding the upcoming workshops or questions about the Center for Energy Education. Thank you and have a great day!



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Center for Energy Education

January 24, 2025

Dear Public Official/Community Leader:

The Center for Energy Education is excited to offer its Utility-Scale Solar Workshop to public officials and community leaders in Fairfield County, Ohio, at the **Lancaster Masonic Temple, 224 S. High Street, Lancaster, OH 43130, on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, 4 – 7 pm**. The workshop is designed to provide information to local leaders to better understand Ohio's current energy environment – solar energy in particular – as they consider the county's posture toward energy generation. The workshop is also designed to promote a conversation and collaboration between all participants. **There is no cost for the workshop.**

The interactive session is designed to provide significant information on utility-scale solar to elected and appointed officials, municipal and county staff members, economic development professionals and community leaders.

By attending the workshop, you will receive up-to-date, fact-based information on topics related to utility-scale solar presented by industry leaders, academia, and county officials. Some of the topics that will be discussed are:

- Utility-Scale Solar Industry in Ohio and the United States
- What to Expect in Ohio Over the Next 3-5 Years
- Economic Opportunities and Benefits of Utility-Scale Solar Projects
- Environmental and Safety Impacts of Solar Technology

A light dinner will be provided. You will have an opportunity not only to learn from experts in renewable energy related fields, but also experience a virtual tour of an operational solar farm.

To join us, please RSVP by Thursday, February 13 or by clicking [this link](#). If you are unable to attend, you are welcome to send a representative.

Should you have any questions or require special accommodations, please do not hesitate to contact us directly at contact@center4ee.org or by phone at 252-541-3004.

C4EE is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and its mission is to build a place where education, research, and industry-leading professionals work and learn side-by-side and to educate and inform the community about all aspects of energy, from generation to consumption. For more information visit, <https://center4ee.org/>.

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Sincerely,

Mazine Lowe
Executive Director



Center for **Energy Education**

Utility-Scale Solar Workshop for Public Officials & Community Leaders



Tuesday, February 18, 2025
4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Workshop Topics Include:

- Utility-Scale Solar Industry in Ohio and the United States
- Economic Opportunities and Benefits of Solar
- Environmental & Safety Considerations for Solar Technology



**Scan or click the link
to register**

<https://forms.gle/NHYG6vwMg1KzGZfv7>



Lancaster Masonic Temple
224 S. High Street,
Lancaster, OH 43130

For more information:

www.center4ee.org or call (252) 541-3004

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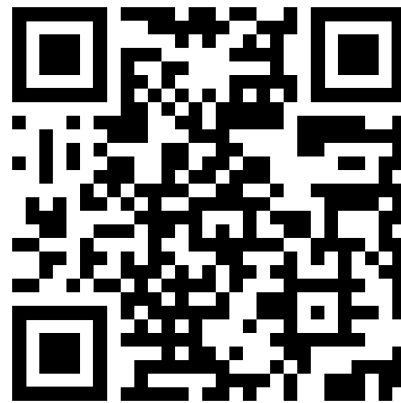
Let's Talk Solar 101

Workshop Topics

- Utility-Scale Solar Industry in Ohio and the United States
- Economic Opportunities and Benefits of Solar
- Environmental & Safety Considerations for Solar Technology



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Date & Location

Lancaster Masonic Temple
224 S. High Street, Lancaster, OH 43130

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

4:30pm - 7:30pm

You're Invited!
CCAO
LEGISLATIVE
RECEPTION



Ohio Statehouse Atrium
FEBRUARY 25, 2025
5:00 P.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Please join CCAO in welcoming our newly elected and appointed county commissioners and council members at this reception.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

Please RSVP to Robin Garrett at rsvp@ccao.org by February 18, 2025.

From: [Josh McRoberts](#)
To: [Contact Web](#)
Subject: [E] Eastern Cottontail Solar SUPPORT
Date: Friday, January 31, 2025 9:56:57 AM

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Attention Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Levacy

Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Levacy,

I hope this email finds you well and off to a great start in 2025. I want to write to you as a Fairfield County resident in support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar project. The opposition to this project has been well organized in directing their members to email and write to you often. They have characterized themselves as the majority. I do not believe that is the case. Of course they are the most affected by this project and I understand the concern. The reality is the opposition boils down to neighbors of the project that do not want to have to look at solar panels. I do not believe the inconvenience of not enjoying looking at your neighbors land is justification for reducing your neighbors property rights. The arguments that his project would damage the land, pollute ground water, and destroy roads are meritless. As a sheep farmer and someone that married into a grain farming family, I find it a bit ironic that the neighboring farm families are opposing this project. No citizen of the county contributes more to groundwater issues and road damage than a grain farmer. I have no problem with the toll farming takes on our water and roads. I believe it is necessary and important. I just don't agree with the hypocritical approach insinuating that this project would do more harm than these same opponents are already causing. In fact the native grasses that are planted on this solar project will improve the groundwater significantly compared to both the till and no till grain farming that currently takes place. Once construction is complete there will be far less truck and equipment traffic on the roads than what takes place under the current grain farming use. I believe the opposition to this project is a very, very vocal minority. As a sheep farmer, I hope to graze my sheep on the solar project. My number one goal will be to change perceptions. It will take time, but I believe a well run sheep operation coupled with the proposed setbacks and tree screening will prove to those that are resisting this change that it's not that bad. Most of us don't like change, but change is a reality. I believe this project will be a productive and positive change. If you ever have questions concerning the grazing of solar land please don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks,
Josh McRoberts
614-216-1131

From: [Sue Weber](#)
To: [Contact Web](#)
Subject: [E] Commissioner Levacy Eastern Cottontail
Date: Monday, February 3, 2025 10:19:32 AM

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Gregory Weber

4160 Canal Rd NE

Pleasantville, OH 43148

Commissioner Levacy

201 E Main St., 3rd Floor

Lancaster, OH 43130

February 3, 2025

Dear Commissioner Levacy:

Please follow the wishes of Walnut Township and oppose the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project. Commissioner Fix has written his opposition to the OPSB and I ask you do as well.

I urge you to write to OPSB asking them to deny Eastern Cottontail Solar Project.

I am sure you are aware of all the health risks and detrimental economic impact Eastern Cottontail would subject more than **258 home owners who live within a half mile** of the proposed project. There are only 5 homes out of 258, that is less than 2%, that would benefit financially from their lease. Out of the 258 homes, 85 are within 500 feet of the project and would be greatly impacted. Please request OPSB deny Eastern Cottontail.

Sincerely,

Gregory Weber

From: [Sue Weber](#)
To: [Contact Web](#)
Subject: [E] Commissioner Levacy Deny Eastern Cottontail
Date: Monday, February 3, 2025 10:46:33 AM

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Dear Commissioner Levacy,

You are aware of the financial, emotional and adverse health risks the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project would impose on over 250 homes less than a half mile from the proposed project in Walnut Township. I urge you to write to the OPBS and request they deny the project.

Commissioner Fix has written his opposition of the project to OPSB. The people of Fairfield County and Walnut Township do not want large industrial solar in rural residential and on agriculture zoned land. I implore you to write OPSB and request they deny Eastern Cottontail.

Sincerely

Sue A Weber
4160 Canal Rd NE
Pleasantville, OH 43148

From: [Courtney Tiller](#)
To: [Contact Web](#)
Subject: [E] Letter of Opposition
Date: Friday, January 31, 2025 4:13:41 PM

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Commissioner Levacy:

I reside in Richland township...just on the border of Walnut Township. Our precious farmland is in danger of being gone forever if Eastern Cottontail Solar is allowed to go in. I am about 1 mile from the proposed phase 1, but will be 1/4 of a mile from phase 2. I as a mother of 6 am VERY concerned about the poisonous chemicals these panels will put into my and my children's environment and water. Also, there's a VERY real concern that our water will become nonexistent due to the Solar using it to keep the panels from burning up. We're on a well so our aquifer will dry up. Lastly, my home value will take a huge hit (could be as high as 50%). The housing market is too expensive at the moment for our large family & low budget but once it turns around we have to move. Our family of 8 is crammed in a 1500 sq. ft. home...so our equity is very important. By not opposing Solar, you're allowing my equity and property value to be stolen from me.

Our community spoke loud and clear on January 27-28, that they don't want this industrial Solar in their back yards. It's time you, our elected official, stand up for those in your constituency. The majority don't want this. I am urging you to stand up and write a letter to the OPSB urging them that you oppose this project.

Courtney Tiller
7356 Rader Rd, Pleasantville

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Patricia M. Stack](#)
To: [Contact Web](#)
Subject: [E] Opposition to Eastern Cottontail Solar Project
Date: Friday, January 31, 2025 9:38:43 AM

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Commissioner Levacy and Staff,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment, again, regarding my family's opposition to the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project. Please heed our community's vigorous outcry against this dystopian nightmare, and send a letter to the Ohio Power Sitting Board communicating your opposition to the project. The permanent damage to our environment, properties and community is indefensible. We should not fall prey to this sort of corporate colonialism. Again, please join your colleague and Walnut Township neighbors and oppose this project.

Respectfully,
Patricia Stack
Millersport, Ohio
Sent from my iPad

From: burst@emailmeform.com on behalf of [EmailMeForm](#)
To: [Contact Web](#); [Menningen, Rochelle M](#)
Subject: [E] County Contact Form
Date: Friday, January 31, 2025 8:17:48 PM

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Your Name*: Linda Karshner

**Office /
Department*:** Commissioners'

**Other:
Department:**

Email*: lkarshner@columbus.rr.com

Phone*: 7402464924

**What can we
do to help?**

NOTE: If this is an
urgent request please
call the appropriate
office*:

Mr Levacy.... I am asking you to write to the Ohio Siting Board against Eastern Cottontail Solar.... This is very important to us who live here and we have great concerns with this project

To the OPSB,

I am excited to support the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project will create much-needed jobs for our community while also providing a clean, affordable source of energy. The economic boost from the project, particularly the additional funding for schools, police, and fire services, will enhance the quality of life in Fairfield County.

I hope that you recognize the value this project will bring to both the local economy and our region's growing energy needs.

To have cheaper monthly costs electric bills.

Sincerely,

Veronica Wilson
vernda2000@yahoo.com
101 Edgewater Beach Blvd
Thornville, OH 43076

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I'm writing to express my support for the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project is not just an investment in Fairfield County, but a step forward in Ohio's commitment to clean energy. By generating locally-produced solar energy, it helps reduce our dependence on non-Ohio energy sources and contributes to a more sustainable energy grid. It's a proactive move that aligns with the state's goals of reducing carbon emissions and promoting energy independence.

Furthermore, the project's potential to create more than 500 direct construction jobs, along with an additional 270 indirect jobs, will boost local employment. It's essential to consider the positive economic impact these jobs will bring to our community, particularly during construction when local suppliers and industries will see increased demand. The ripple effects of these jobs will benefit countless families and local businesses.

The project also supports landowners' rights by allowing them to choose how to utilize their private property for long-term financial stability. This kind of freedom is crucial for farmers, many of whom are looking for ways to diversify their income streams while maintaining the integrity of their land. I urge you to approve this project to benefit Ohio's economy, environment, and agricultural community.

Thank you,

Jon Freeland

jcfreeland21@gmail.com

808 Yonkalla Ln., RR 1 Box 244

Bremen, OH 43107

Ohio Power Siting Board,

The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN) offers numerous benefits that are worth highlighting. As Ohio seeks to generate more clean, affordable energy to meet growing demand, this project stands out as a model of how to integrate energy generation with agricultural practices. By implementing solar grazing, the project will support local farmers while maintaining the agricultural use of the land. This innovative approach will enhance soil quality, improve biodiversity, and ensure that the land remains productive throughout the project's lifespan.

Additionally, the project is estimated to contribute \$80 million in long-term revenue to Fairfield County, supporting essential services such as schools, police, and fire departments. The infusion of nearly \$2 million annually for these critical services will directly benefit the lives of local residents.

Not only will this project help Fairfield County grow economically, but it will also showcase Ohio's leadership in clean energy. Generating renewable energy locally reduces the strain on the power grid and helps stabilize electricity prices. I believe this project represents the future of energy in Ohio, where economic progress and clean energy generation go hand in hand.

Sincerely,

Tammy Starner

tammystarner@gmail.com

6511 Turning Stone Loop

Canal Winchester, OH 43110

Dear OPSB Members,

I would like to express my support for the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project strikes a balance between economic development, energy production, and agricultural preservation.

With over 500 construction jobs and additional positions in operations, the project will provide stable employment opportunities for Ohioans. Ohioans will be prioritized in the hiring for these jobs, which will ensure that the benefits stay within our communities. The influx of economic activity will be a boon for local businesses, as construction teams will need supplies, materials, and services sourced from nearby vendors. Furthermore, the project will generate tens of millions of dollars in long-term, stable revenue for local services like schools and EMS. These are tax dollars that will come directly from the company, but will directly benefit the residents of Fairfield County.

This project also demonstrates respect for landowner rights by giving farmers and private landowners the option to lease their land for solar development. By choosing solar, landowners can secure a steady stream of income while preserving their property for potential agricultural use in the future. This kind of flexibility is invaluable, especially in challenging economic times for farmers. The project is also committed to using a sheep grazing operation to manage the vegetation at the project site. This will not only keep the land in agricultural production, but it will provide a major boost to local farmers and will help grow the local sheep industry.

For these reasons, paired with the fact that Eastern Cottontail will generate much-needed clean, affordable energy, I urge the Ohio Power Siting to approve this critical project.

Thank you for your consideration,

William Cann
northcolumbus5@yahoo.com
1131 N Columbus St
Lancaster, OH 43130

Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing in support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). Ohio is at a critical juncture where we need to invest in additional energy sources, and this project is a perfect example of private investment in power generation while supporting local communities.

By generating clean, affordable energy right here in Fairfield County, we can help make our state less dependent on outside energy sources and help stabilize electricity prices. This kind of energy independence is crucial in today's volatile energy market. Moreover, the project's innovative approach of integrating solar grazing ensures that the land at the project site will remain in agricultural use while contributing to energy goals.

The estimated \$220 million in indirect economic benefits, including purchases from local suppliers, will further stimulate Fairfield County's economy. This kind of investment in our community is precisely what we need to ensure a prosperous future for all residents. Please consider the far-reaching benefits of this project as you review its application.

Thank you for your time,

Caprice Peter

cappyrenee@yahoo.com

7483 Crooked Stick Dr.

Pickerington, OH 43147

Dear OPSB Members,

I fully support the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project represents a significant leap toward creating a sustainable and prosperous future for our state. The fact that it will generate more than 500 construction jobs and over 270 indirect jobs is crucial, especially during times when many communities are striving for economic recovery. By prioritizing local hiring, this project will ensure that Ohio residents directly benefit from the job opportunities it creates.

One of the standout features of this project is its ability to generate substantial tax revenue for local services in Fairfield County. The projected \$80 million in long-term revenue will greatly enhance essential services like schools and emergency response. In particular, our schools stand to benefit from nearly \$2 million in additional annual funding, which can make a real difference in the quality of education our children receive.

Furthermore, by leveraging solar grazing, Eastern Cottontail Solar integrates sustainable energy generation with traditional agricultural practices. This dual-use approach will help preserve soil health, reduce erosion, and support local farmers by providing a natural, sustainable way to manage vegetation.

Thanks for your consideration,

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Lancaster, OH 43130

To the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing to voice my support for the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project will not only produce a significant amount of clean energy and provide an economic boost to the local economy, but it also highlights a thoughtful approach to land use. By allowing landowners to lease their property for solar development, it supports their rights to use their land in a way that is economically beneficial. This flexibility is especially crucial for farmers who can generate steady income without sacrificing their ability to return to agricultural use in the future.

The project will inject an estimated \$220 million in indirect economic benefits into Fairfield County. This economic boost will be seen through local purchases and contracts, creating a ripple effect that benefits local suppliers and businesses. I believe this project is a win for Fairfield County and the entire state of Ohio. I urge the Ohio Power Siting Board to consider the vast benefits of the project.

Sincerely,

Timothy Otoole
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124 capital Ct
Lancaster, OH 43130

Dear OPSB,

I am writing in support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). In a world where energy costs are rising, it is more important than ever to invest in home-grown energy sources. This project is an excellent opportunity to harness Ohio's solar potential, thereby increasing our state's energy independence and reducing electricity costs over the long term.

Additionally, the project will generate significant economic benefits for Fairfield County, including approximately \$1.98 million annually for schools and essential services. This is a substantial financial boost that will help improve the quality of education, public safety, and overall community well-being. It's not just about energy; it's about investing in the future of our local communities.

The commitment to solar grazing further highlights the project's dedication to sustainable land use. Sheep grazing will not only manage vegetation effectively but will also support the agricultural sector by creating opportunities for local farmers to participate in the project. This unique combination of clean energy and agriculture demonstrates how innovative projects can benefit both the environment and local economies.

Best regards,

Keirsten Starner

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595 Montmorency Dr.,

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Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I'm writing to voice my support for the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project is crucial for Fairfield County's and Ohio's future, not just in terms of energy generation, but also in supporting our state's agricultural communities. By implementing a dual-use model, where solar panels coexist with sheep grazing, the project demonstrates a commitment to preserving agricultural land while producing clean energy. This approach will help keep Fairfield County's agricultural heritage alive, even as we move towards more sustainable energy solutions.

The financial benefits cannot be overlooked. An estimated \$220 million in indirect economic benefits will flow into our community, driving growth and supporting local businesses. With long-term revenue directed towards schools and emergency services, Fairfield County will see improvements that benefit all residents. This kind of investment in our community is invaluable, especially as it ensures steady funding for crucial services we depend on.

Moreover, the project will protect the rights of landowners to use their property as they see fit. By leasing land for solar development, farmers can diversify their income while keeping their land productive. This is a perfect example of how renewable energy projects can respect private property rights and contribute to the local economy simultaneously.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Brian Haick

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145 E Mulberry St.,

Lancaster, OH 43130

Dear OPSB,

I am writing to express my strong support for the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). As we aim to move toward a future with a strong energy grid and a strong economy, projects like Eastern Cottontail are essential in leading the charge. The project's ability to generate home-grown, renewable energy will help promote energy independence for Ohio and will improve our energy grid's reliability and security.

Moreover, this project is a win for local communities. The anticipated \$80 million in long-term revenue for schools, emergency services, and local infrastructure is a game-changer for Fairfield County. With nearly \$2 million annually going toward these critical services, we will see direct benefits in the quality of education and safety for our residents.

I am excited about the potential for creating over 500 construction jobs, many of which will be sourced locally. This project is an opportunity for skilled laborers in our community to secure employment. I wholeheartedly endorse this project and hope it receives your approval.

Thank you,

Aaron Inboden

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1983 Sheridan Dr,

Lancaster, OH 43130

To Whom It May Concern,

I support the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project represents a responsible and forward-thinking approach to energy development while preserving our agricultural heritage. By allowing farmers to lease their land for solar energy, it provides them with a steady income stream without sacrificing future agricultural potential.

The project's commitment to using Ohio labor is commendable, with plans to hire locally for construction and ongoing operations. The creation of 270 indirect jobs across industries like supply chain and materials is exactly the type of economic stimulus we need to revitalize our region.

Protecting landowner rights is crucial, and I believe this project respects those rights while offering significant benefits to our community. I urge you to approve the project to help Ohio transition to a cleaner, more prosperous future.

Sincerely,

Chris Harr

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Pickerington, OH 43147

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN) is an exciting opportunity for Fairfield County and Ohio as a whole. This project will generate over 500 jobs during its construction phase, significantly boosting local employment. By focusing on hiring Ohio-based workers, it will directly benefit our communities.

Additionally, this project will help preserve farmland. The solar panels are a temporary land use that can easily be reverted back to agricultural purposes after the life of the project. In fact, after resting during the project's life, the soil is likely to be improved from its current condition.

The estimated \$220 million in indirect economic benefits will also stimulate local businesses, helping to rebuild and sustain our local economy.

The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project will not only produce energy, but it has short-term and long-term benefits. I urge the OPSB to approve it.

Sincerely,

Erica Tornes

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Pickerington, OH 43147

To the Members of OPSB,

I am writing to offer my support for the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project represents a thoughtful blend of energy innovation and agricultural preservation. By using sheep grazing to manage vegetation, it will support local farmers while promoting sustainable land use. It's an excellent example of how energy projects can benefit agriculture.

Furthermore, the project is set to generate nearly \$2 million annually in revenue for critical services like schools and fire departments. This long-term financial injection is crucial for maintaining and improving community resources, especially in rural areas like ours.

The creation of jobs and local hiring commitments are a bonus, ensuring that the economic benefits stay within Ohio. I fully support this project and believe it is in the best interest of Fairfield County and the state of Ohio as a whole.

I believe we can develop solar energy with the help of forward-looking farmers and landowners. I think the mixed use of the proposed project for both animals and solar panel installation is a terrific idea, and I hope you can work with farmers and their neighbors to make decisions that bolster the economy and preserve agricultural use.

Thank you,

Leah Hackleman-Good

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3137 Meister Road Southwest,

Lancaster, OH 43130

Dear OPSB Members,

The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project's (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN) will generate \$80 million in long-term revenue for Fairfield County's essential services, including police and fire departments and schools

The dual-use of land, incorporating solar energy with sheep grazing, highlights the project's commitment to preserving agricultural traditions. It's a great example of sustainable practices that can boost our local economy while preserving farmland.

In a time when Ohio is looking to grow its economy and reduce reliance on foreign energy, this project is a step in the right direction. I am confident it will bring lasting benefits to our community.

Sincerely,

Cinda Payne

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310 Jericho,

Pickerington, OH 43147

To Whom It May Concern,

The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN) is a forward-thinking initiative that I fully support. This project will produce clean, American-made energy right here in Fairfield County.

Additionally, the economic impact it will have on Fairfield County is substantial, with over \$220 million in indirect benefits expected. This includes purchases from local suppliers and increased economic activity in our region. The creation of hundreds construction jobs will further enhance the local job market, providing opportunities for skilled workers.

I urge you to approve this project for the benefit of our community and future generations.

Thank you,

Amanda Everitt

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Lancaster, OH 43130

OPSB,

I strongly support the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN).

This project respects the rights of landowners. By leasing land for solar energy, farmers gain an additional income stream, which is crucial in today's economic climate.

The project will hire local workers for construction and operations, which provide significant job opportunities in Fairfield County. The creation of more than 500 construction jobs, along with indirect job growth, will also benefit our local economy.

That's not all. The project will also become a major taxpayer in Fairfield County, generating nearly \$2 million each year for schools and other local services. That will provide a serious boost to our community.

I hope the Ohio Power Siting Board will see through the misinformation I've seen about this project, and focus on the realities and benefits.

Best regards,

Mike Emswiler

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Pickerington, OH 43147

Dear OPSB Members,

I am submitting this letter to offer my support for the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). By generating clean energy in Fairfield County, we can take control of our energy future, and help increase our energy independence and grid reliability.

One of the project's most significant benefits is the long-term revenue it will generate for Fairfield County—\$1.98 million annually for schools, fire departments, and other essential services. This consistent funding will strengthen our community's infrastructure and support future growth.

There are numerous other benefits – from creating hundreds of jobs, to keeping the land in agricultural use through sheep grazing, and more. I ask the Ohio Power Siting Board to approve this project.

Regards,

Carol Anderson

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209 Blue Jacket Cir.

Pickerington, OH 43147

I am writing to express my support for the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN).

One of the most important factors of this project is the job creation potential. It will generate over 500 construction jobs and 270 additional indirect jobs, focusing on recruiting skilled local workers. This is an incredible opportunity for our community to see a surge in employment and economic activity, which is particularly vital during times of economic uncertainty.

Additionally, the project respects the rights of landowners by allowing them to decide how to use their own property for renewable energy generation. By using private land to produce clean energy, landowners are not only supporting their families financially but also contributing to a sustainable future for Ohio. The flexibility of returning the land to agricultural use in the future is another key benefit, ensuring that farmland remains viable for generations to come.

Lastly, the project will contribute nearly \$2 million annually in revenue to support our schools, police, and emergency services. This steady influx of funds will bolster community resources, enhancing safety, education, and overall quality of life in Fairfield County.

Thank you,

Chris Carmean

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445 Carver St

Pickerington, OH 43147

Dear Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN) is crucial for advancing Ohio's energy independence by generating homegrown, clean energy right here in Fairfield County. By decreasing our reliance on foreign and out-of-state energy sources – and adding additional clean, affordable energy to the grid – we will be strengthening Ohio's energy security while also contributing to lower electricity costs for residents.

The financial benefits of the project are also a key factor for my support. Over its lifetime, the project will generate \$80 million in revenue, with nearly \$2 million allocated annually to schools, police, and fire departments. These funds are essential for ensuring the continued provision of critical services that our community relies on. By investing in this project, Fairfield County can enhance public safety and education, creating a better quality of life for all residents.

Beyond the economic impact, this project respects the rights of landowners who have chosen to use their land for solar energy. This decision empowers farmers and property owners to generate a steady income while contributing to sustainable energy solutions. Approving the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project is a step in the right direction for our county's future.

I support solar because it creates jobs, creates more energy for a growing economy, and is the best way to diversify our energy supply domestically.

Sincerely,

Paul Nedeau

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Pickerington, OH 43137

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing in support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project offers numerous benefits to Fairfield County, from job creation to long-term financial gains. The solar project will create more than 500 construction jobs, with an emphasis on hiring Ohio residents. This influx of jobs will provide a welcome boost to the local economy, helping many families in our community thrive.

In addition to job creation, the project will generate significant revenue for our local schools, police, and fire departments, totaling nearly \$2 million annually. This funding will directly benefit our community by enhancing public services, increasing safety, and supporting our education system. The positive economic impact will extend well beyond the initial construction phase, providing long-lasting benefits for Fairfield County residents.

Furthermore, the project promotes energy independence by generating clean, American-made energy. This not only benefits our local economy but also helps increase our energy independence – keeping more money local and in state. For these reasons, I fully support the approval of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project.

Please add solar generating capability to the power grid. It's clean, quiet and adds capacity on the hottest days of the year, when demand is at a seasonal peak.

Thank you for considering my support,

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Lancaster, OH 43130

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing in support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project offers numerous benefits to Fairfield County, from job creation to long-term financial gains. The solar project will create more than 500 construction jobs, with an emphasis on hiring Ohio residents. This influx of jobs will provide a welcome boost to the local economy, helping many families in our community thrive.

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Thank you for considering my support,

Calvin Pierson

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126 S Maple St

Lancaster, OH 43130

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing in support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project offers numerous benefits to Fairfield County, from job creation to long-term financial gains. The solar project will create more than 500 construction jobs, with an emphasis on hiring Ohio residents. This influx of jobs will provide a welcome boost to the local economy, helping many families in our community thrive.

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Thank you for considering my support,

Melody Rowe

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Millersport, OH 43046

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

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Thank you for considering my support,

Paula Dayhoff

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Canal Winchester, OH 43110

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing in support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project offers numerous benefits to Fairfield County, from job creation to long-term financial gains. The solar project will create more than 500 construction jobs, with an emphasis on hiring Ohio residents. This influx of jobs will provide a welcome boost to the local economy, helping many families in our community thrive.

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Furthermore, the project promotes energy independence by generating clean, American-made energy. This not only benefits our local economy but also helps increase our energy independence – keeping more money local and in state. For these reasons, I fully support the approval of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project.

Thank you for considering my support,

Denise Hoover

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6128 Pickerington Road

Carroll, OH 43112

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

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Thank you for considering my support,

Ron Linehan
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Lancaster, OH 43130

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

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Furthermore, the project promotes energy independence by generating clean, American-made energy. This not only benefits our local economy but also helps increase our energy independence – keeping more money local and in state. For these reasons, I fully support the approval of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project.

Need alternative energy sources to help combat climate changes.

Thank you for considering my support,

Marianne Elizondo

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737 Salisbury Street

Pickerington, OH 43147

To the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I'm writing to advocate for the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN), a project that I believe will provide many positive benefits to Fairfield County. By harnessing the power of the sun, we can generate sustainable, affordable, reliable energy right here in Ohio.

Beyond its energy generation benefits, the project will generate approximately \$220 million in indirect economic benefits. This figure reflects the value of local purchases made during construction and operation, which will stimulate our regional economy. Small businesses, contractors, and service providers in Fairfield County will see increased demand, creating a positive economic ripple effect across multiple industries.

Additionally, this project will integrate agriculture with clean energy through solar grazing. By allowing sheep to graze on the land, Eastern Cottontail will maintain the land's agricultural use while reducing the need for mechanical mowing. It's a win-win scenario that shows how clean energy projects can align with our agricultural traditions.

Thanks,

Stephen Caruso

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Pataskala, OH 43062-7756

Dear OPSB,

I am writing in support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). Not only will this project help meet growing demand for power in Fairfield County and across central Ohio, but it also prioritizes the needs of local communities by generating long-term revenue for public services. The projected \$1.98 million annually for schools, police and fire departments, and other local services will significantly benefit Fairfield County residents.

What sets this project apart is its focus on dual land use. Incorporating solar grazing into the project's management plan is a forward-thinking approach that supports local agriculture while enhancing the land's sustainability. This method not only helps control vegetation but also provides additional income streams for sheep farmers.

The benefits don't stop there; the project will create hundreds of construction jobs, which will predominantly be filled by Ohio residents. These jobs will bring much-needed economic opportunities to Fairfield County, especially as the project seeks to recruit locally and invest in Ohio's workforce. I believe approving this project is a smart move for our future.

Sincerely,

Arlene Phillips

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OPSB,

The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN) is a prime example of how Ohio can lead the way in clean energy while also supporting local communities. By generating clean energy locally, we reduce our reliance on external energy sources, which can be unstable and costly.

One of the aspects that I find most compelling is the project's commitment to creating local job opportunities. With over 500 construction jobs and hundreds of indirect jobs across the supply chain, this project will stimulate Fairfield County's economy. Local businesses, from suppliers to service providers, will directly benefit from the influx of new contracts and increased demand. This is the kind of economic boost our community needs to thrive.

Furthermore, the project respects the rights of landowners who choose to lease their land for solar development. Farmers in particular benefit from the additional, steady income, allowing them to invest in their agricultural operations or simply secure their financial future. By combining clean energy generation with agricultural sustainability, Eastern Cottontail Solar is important to the future of Fairfield County.

We need to reduce our carbon footprint and grow our communities.

Thank you,

Sam Stewart

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Johnstown, OH 43031

Dear OPSB,

As a supporter of clean energy and local economic development, I am writing to endorse the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project will play a critical role in enhancing Ohio's energy independence by generating clean, affordable power right here in Fairfield County. At a time when energy prices are unpredictable, investing in home-grown solar energy is a smart strategy.

Beyond these benefits, this project will also have a positive economic impact on Fairfield County. The projected \$80 million in revenue over the project's lifespan will be invested into schools, fire departments, and law enforcement, ensuring that our community services are well-funded. These contributions will help improve the quality of life for all residents.

Clean energy is necessary for a liveable future!

Sincerely,

Laurel Hobden

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946 Joos Ave,

Columbus, OH 43229-5020

To the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing to express my full support for the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This initiative is an excellent example of how clean energy projects can stimulate local economies. By generating more than 500 construction jobs along with jobs in operations and maintenance, this project will bring much-needed employment opportunities to Ohio workers, while also boosting local businesses through indirect job creation.

The project is also a smart financial decision for Fairfield County, generating long-term revenue that will benefit schools, emergency responders, and other critical services. These funds will ensure that our public institutions are well-equipped to serve our growing community.

Furthermore, I am encouraged by the project's innovative approach to land use. By incorporating sheep grazing for vegetation management, Eastern Cottontail Solar promotes sustainable agricultural practices. This is an excellent example of how clean energy can coexist with traditional farming.

Thanks for your time,

Pierre Stancell

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Blacklick, OH 43004

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). The economic benefits this project brings to Fairfield County are incredibly important. By creating more than 500 construction jobs, the project will provide significant employment opportunities for local workers, helping to reduce unemployment rates and stimulate economic activity.

Additionally, the project's ripple effect will extend into various industries, generating an estimated 270 indirect jobs. These jobs will support local suppliers, contractors, and small businesses that play a crucial role in our community's economy. By sourcing materials and services locally, the project supports sustainable economic growth while fostering collaboration with Ohio-based companies.

The long-term revenue of nearly \$2 million annually for schools, police, and fire departments will have a profound impact on public services. These funds can be used to enhance educational programs, upgrade emergency equipment, and improve overall community safety. The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project is not just about clean energy—it is an investment in the future prosperity of Fairfield County.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kathleen Seeley

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7928 Mound St

Orient, OH 43146

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing in support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project offers numerous benefits to Fairfield County, from job creation to long-term financial gains. The solar project will create more than 500 construction jobs, with an emphasis on hiring Ohio residents. This influx of jobs will provide a welcome boost to the local economy, helping many families in our community thrive.

In addition to job creation, the project will generate significant revenue for our local schools, police, and fire departments, totaling nearly \$2 million annually. This funding will directly benefit our community by enhancing public services, increasing safety, and supporting our education system. The positive economic impact will extend well beyond the initial construction phase, providing long-lasting benefits for Fairfield County residents.

Furthermore, the project promotes energy independence by generating clean, American-made energy. This not only benefits our local economy but also helps increase our energy independence – keeping more money local and in state. For these reasons, I fully support the approval of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project.

Thank you for considering my support,

Richard Shepherd
ra.shepherd@yahoo.com
649 S 22nd St
Columbus, OH 43205

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing in support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project offers numerous benefits to Fairfield County, from job creation to long-term financial gains. The solar project will create more than 500 construction jobs, with an emphasis on hiring Ohio residents. This influx of jobs will provide a welcome boost to the local economy, helping many families in our community thrive.

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Thank you for considering my support,

Eric Heydinger

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27730 Jackson Rd

Circleville, OH 43113

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing in support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project offers numerous benefits to Fairfield County, from job creation to long-term financial gains. The solar project will create more than 500 construction jobs, with an emphasis on hiring Ohio residents. This influx of jobs will provide a welcome boost to the local economy, helping many families in our community thrive.

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Furthermore, the project promotes energy independence by generating clean, American-made energy. This not only benefits our local economy but also helps increase our energy independence – keeping more money local and in state. For these reasons, I fully support the approval of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project.

We need the power, solar is clean and so much better than it was 10 years ago - go Ohio!

Thank you for considering my support,

Judith Tabron

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3809 Highland Bluff Drive
Groveport, OH 43125

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing in support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project offers numerous benefits to Fairfield County, from job creation to long-term financial gains. The solar project will create more than 500 construction jobs, with an emphasis on hiring Ohio residents. This influx of jobs will provide a welcome boost to the local economy, helping many families in our community thrive.

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Thank you for considering my support,

Greg Hilty

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Newark, OH 43056

To the Ohio Power Siting Board,

As Ohio's electricity demand continues to grow, particularly in Central Ohio, it is clear that we need solutions that can meet both current and future needs. The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN) offers an important part of the solution. With this project, we can generate enough clean, affordable energy to power the equivalent of 42,000 homes while simultaneously addressing the anticipated shortages on the grid.

The need for more energy is urgent. PJM Interconnect, which oversees Ohio's electricity grid, has already warned of potential shortfalls as coal plants are decommissioned faster than new energy generation is coming online. This problem is compounded by the rapid rise of data centers, manufacturing plants, and electric vehicle growth. The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project can help prevent these shortages while generating homegrown, American energy. Currently, Ohio imports up to a quarter of its energy, but this solar project offers a way to increase in-state energy production and reduce reliance on outside sources.

It also ensures that Ohioans benefit from lower electricity costs, as solar energy is now the most cost-effective source of electricity, especially compared to coal, gas, and nuclear.

In summary, this project is not just a win for the environment—it's a win for Ohio's economy, energy security, and residents. I strongly encourage the approval of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project to meet the growing energy demand in Central Ohio.

Sincerely,

Marvin Edmiston

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Columbus, OH 43209

Dear Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I firmly believe in the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). Central Ohio needs bold initiatives like this to address our region's energy challenges and economic opportunities.

The demand for electricity continues to grow, driven by economic development and the influx of new industries like data centers. Without expanding local energy generation, Ohio risks falling short of meeting this demand. Eastern Cottontail Solar offers a sustainable solution.

Additionally, the project demonstrates a long-term commitment to environmental stewardship. The land can be returned to agricultural use after its lifespan, showing how solar energy can coexist with rural landscapes.

Your approval will help secure Ohio's energy future while creating jobs and lowering costs for residents.

I support clean energy that protects our very fragile environment.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

Michael Johnson

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Dear OPSB,

I strongly back the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN) for its potential to address Central Ohio's growing energy needs.

As coal plants are decommissioned at a faster rate than new energy sources are built, projects like this are critical. Solar energy has proven to be a cost-effective and clean way to ensure that Ohio businesses and families have reliable power. Moreover, the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project will create over 500 construction jobs, with a focus on hiring local talent.

Beyond energy, this project reflects a forward-thinking approach to land use. It will generate electricity for decades, and the land can be safely restored to agricultural use afterward, preserving Ohio's rural character.

Thank you for considering this impactful initiative.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Wyatt
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Columbus, OH 43204

To the Ohio Power Siting Board,

I strongly support the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project is vital for maintaining Central Ohio's economic momentum and preparing for future growth.

With AEP forecasting electricity demand growth at rates not seen in decades, utility-scale solar is no longer a luxury—it's a necessity. Eastern Cottontail Solar will generate enough electricity to power 42,000 homes, directly addressing the needs of residents and businesses.

PJM Interconnect, which manages Ohio's electrical grid, has issued a warning about potential electricity shortages due to the retirement of large power plants and rising demand from data centers, new manufacturing, and the increase in electric vehicles.

Approving this project is an investment in a brighter, more sustainable future for Ohio.

Sincerely,

Tana Peterson

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Blacklick, OH 43004

To Whom It May Concern,

Central Ohio is growing rapidly, and the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN) is a necessary step to meet the rising demand for electricity. I urge the Board to approve this project.

With Fairfield County – where the project will be located – preparing for tens of thousands of new residents and AEP Ohio anticipating unprecedented growth in energy use, we must act now to secure reliable power for the central Ohio region. Eastern Cottontail Solar will contribute clean, affordable energy for years to come while reducing our dependence on out-of-state resources.

Thank you for your leadership in considering this critical project.

Solar is the future, today.

Best regards,

Jonathan Kiner

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Canal Winchester, OH 43110

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to support the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). Central Ohio's energy future depends on innovative projects like this one.

Ohio already imports up to 25% of its energy, leaving residents and businesses vulnerable to supply and cost fluctuations. Eastern Cottontail Solar provides a homegrown solution, generating enough electricity to power 42,000 homes and helping stabilize the energy grid.

Moreover, the project aligns with Ohio's economic goals. It will create over 500 construction jobs and numerous indirect roles, driving local hiring and keeping economic benefits within the community.

Please support this project to ensure a brighter, more resilient energy future for Central Ohio.

Thanks for your consideration,

Brandon Bir

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OPSB,

I am writing to express my support for the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project offers a critical solution to the energy challenges we face in Central Ohio.

The rapid growth of data centers, manufacturing, and residential developments means electricity demand is increasing far beyond historical norms. With projections showing that Fairfield County alone could add tens of thousands of new residents by 2050, this project will help ensure that power remains available and affordable for everyone.

In addition, the project provides environmental benefits. Solar is a safe, non-polluting energy source that leaves land available for agricultural use after its lifecycle. This dual-purpose approach benefits both our economy and our environment.

Thank you for considering the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project.

Best regards,

Henry Scurlock

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Columbus, OH 43212

Ohio Power Siting Board,

As energy needs in Central Ohio continue to grow, the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN) is incredibly important.

PJM Interconnect has already warned of potential electricity shortages due to the retirement of large power plants and surging demand for energy. The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project will fill a critical gap, generating clean energy to power 42,000 homes while reducing Ohio's reliance on coal and imported energy.

What sets this project apart is its long-term value. Beyond providing electricity, it will create hundreds of construction jobs, strengthen local businesses, and offer the opportunity to restore land to agricultural use once the solar project concludes.

This is a forward-thinking solution to address Ohio's energy needs. Please approve the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project.

Give us all solar!

Thank you,

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Columbus, OH 43235

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am a firm proponent of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project is an essential step in preparing Central Ohio for its future energy demands.

The demand for electricity in Central Ohio is growing at an unprecedented rate, fueled by data centers, new manufacturing, and population growth. Historically, growth hovered at 1%-2% per year, but now it averages closer to 20%. Eastern Cottontail Solar will contribute to meeting this demand with clean, renewable energy, reducing the strain on the grid and helping to prevent potential shortages.

Furthermore, the project's economic benefits are undeniable. The creation of over 500 construction jobs and long-term operational positions will bring valuable opportunities to Ohioans. Supporting this project is an investment in both our energy future and our workforce.

I urge you to approve this transformative initiative. We need more power on our grid.

Ignore the special interests fighting against renewables and do the right thing for future generations of Ohions/Americans.

Sincerely,

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Columbus, OH 43206

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project is essential for Central Ohio's energy and economic future.

As a resident of Franklin County, I see the pressing need for additional energy generation in our area. The growth of industries, data centers, and housing developments has driven electricity demand to levels that the current grid cannot sustain. This project will generate enough power for 42,000 homes, providing a vital boost to our energy independence.

Equally important are the job opportunities this project will bring. From construction to long-term maintenance, Eastern Cottontail Solar will support hundreds of workers, keeping economic benefits close to home.

Approving this project is an investment in Ohio's growth, resilience, and sustainability.

Thank you for your consideration,

Marjorie Neidecker

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Dublin, OH 43017

Dear Members of the Ohio Power Siting Board,

As you review Case #24-0495-EL-BGN, I urge you to approve the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project. This project represents a forward-thinking solution to the challenges Central Ohio faces with growing energy demands.

American Electric Power has forecasted that electricity usage in this region will soon rival that of Manhattan. Without proactive measures, Ohioans could face shortages that disrupt daily life and stifle economic growth. Eastern Cottontail Solar is a critical response, providing clean, reliable energy to power tens of thousands of homes.

The environmental benefits are equally compelling. Solar energy is a non-polluting resource, and this project will allow the land to revert to agricultural use at the end of its lifecycle. It's a win-win for sustainability and local land use.

Thank you for your leadership in considering this impactful project.

Ohio is so far behind on renewable energy...this will help!

Best regards,

Lisa Wente

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Ohio Power Siting Board,

I am writing in support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project is vital to Central Ohio's growing energy needs and economic development.

The retirement of coal-fired power plants has left a gap in energy production that must be filled with modern, sustainable solutions. Eastern Cottontail Solar addresses this need by generating clean energy for the equivalent of 42,000 homes. Furthermore, Ohio currently imports up to 25% of its energy—this project will help reduce our dependence on external sources.

According to PJM Interconnect, the entity responsible for overseeing Ohio's electricity grid, there are concerns about possible power shortages as large power plants are retired and demand grows from data centers, new manufacturing, and electric vehicle adoption.

Please approve this project to ensure a bright and sustainable future for Central Ohio.

Because it's simple and clean.

Thanks,

Stephen Russell
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Columbus, OH 43201

To the Ohio Power Siting Board,

As Central Ohio continues to grow, the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN) is an essential addition to our energy infrastructure. I hope you fight for its approval.

Electricity demand in the region is skyrocketing, with Fairfield County alone planning for up to 56,000 new residents by 2050. Projects like Eastern Cottontail Solar are necessary to ensure reliable power for these new residents and businesses. The energy generated by this project will power tens of thousands of homes while reducing reliance on coal and imported electricity.

Moreover, this project brings long-term economic benefits to Ohio. It will create construction and operational jobs while promoting local hiring practices. These opportunities will strengthen our communities.

Thank you for considering the many benefits of this project.

Sincerely,

Meredith Petzke

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Columbus, OH 43215

Dear OPSB,

I am writing to urge the OPSB to approve the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN). This project is a significant step toward addressing Central Ohio's energy challenges.

The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project will generate affordable, clean energy at a time when demand in Ohio is rising rapidly. As AEP Ohio projects energy needs comparable to three New York Cities in the near future, solar development is critical for preventing shortages and ensuring economic growth. Historically, load growth was expected to be 1%-2% year over year. Now the utility is forecasting average growth closer to 20% a year.

This initiative also exemplifies responsible land use. Solar projects like this one leave land viable for agricultural use after their lifecycle. Plus, they'll be using sheep grazing to manage the vegetation at the project site. This will keep the land in agricultural use. It's a win-win!

Please approve this project to secure a stable energy future for Central Ohio.

My child needs a future Solar is the future.

Thanks for your time,

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Columbus, OH 43214

Dear Ohio Power Siting Board,

The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project (Case #24-0495-EL-BGN) stands out as a critical part of the solution to the growing energy demands in our region and has my full backing.

In recent years, AEP Ohio has highlighted the unprecedented rise in electricity consumption, driven by rapid economic development and increasing reliance on technology. The demand growth rate, once 1%-2% annually, now approaches 20%. Without swift action, Central Ohio risks energy shortages that could disrupt businesses and everyday life. Eastern Cottontail Solar will contribute significantly by generating clean, renewable power for 42,000 homes.

Furthermore, solar energy has become the most affordable form of electricity generation. By leveraging this resource, we can lower costs for residents and businesses while supporting Ohio's transition to energy independence.

Thank you for considering this transformative project. I urge your approval.

Sincerely,

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Date: Friday, January 31, 2025 10:07:29 AM
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Dear John S. Long, Jr.,

Thank you for reaching out. I truly appreciate the opportunity to address your concerns. You've accurately identified the increase in your property taxes due to the voted levies, rather than the valuation of your property itself. I can understand how challenging it must be, especially given the fixed income you now rely on in retirement. It's clear from your message that you're committed to supporting education and public services, but I also recognize the burden that property taxes can place on you.

I want you to know that property tax reform is being actively discussed by state legislators. Among the proposed changes is the potential expansion of Ohio's Homestead Program, which could offer relief in the future. I will certainly forward your feedback to the legislators as part of the ongoing conversation supporting this expansion.

At present, local jurisdictions do not have the ability to alter taxes approved by voters, and any changes to the Homestead Program would require changes to state law. However, I want to reassure you that the County Auditors Association of Ohio is actively advocating for reforms, and we will continue to work towards meaningful solutions.

I also noticed you mentioned some medical concerns that you and your wife are currently facing. If you'd like, I'd be happy to research community-based medical support options that could help. Many of these programs are income-based, and I'd be glad to assist in finding options that may be available to you.

Thank you, again, for reaching out.

Warmest regards,

Carri



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Subject: [E] An increasing issue for seniors

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January 31, 2025

To: Fairfield County Commissioners, Mr Fix, Mr Levacy and Mr. Davis
Fairfield County Treasurer, Mr Bahnsen
Fairfield County Auditor Ms Brown
President, Pickerington Board of Education, Mr Lopez
Violet Township Administrator, Mr Utterback

I am writing to all of you to bring attention to what I believe to be a major problem in our State, county and township.

After just receiving our property tax bill for 2025 we were shocked that we had a \$581.74 increase from last year. Regarding our property taxes, many of us in the State of Ohio, Fairfield County and Violet Township are either at retirement age or well past that retirement age as I am. I am 72 years of age (almost 73), a retired educator and I live in Violet Township/ Fairfield County. Both my wife and I are part of the Pickerington Local School District. I am a recent kidney

transplant patient and am immunosuppressed so I cannot work to try and make more money to just pay tax increases. Please tell me, what are we supposed to do?

Annually we see our taxes increase. The most recent increase came due to passage of a fire levy and then there is always school issues on the ballot that have passed and increased our taxes a lot as well. I am not “anti” fire or school either.

I truly believe that once a person reaches retirement age and is most definitely retired, that their taxes for things such as schools, fire, etc are frozen where they were when they retired.

Most retired folks have no way to increase their income unless they go back to work. As I have stated, I cannot do that because of health reasons. I also have other medical issues that would prevent as well. My wife has had 3 joint replacements. My wife, soon to be 70 would not be able to go back to full time work either. She was a nurse and has put in over 40 years in that business.

We have had quite a few out-of-pocket medical expenses. As people get older, they do have health issues. Sometimes those issues can be major too. Again, I served 44 years in education in Fairfield County. There is no way possible to go back and teach again mainly due to my medical issues. Personally I feel like I have devoted a major part of my life to work and in our county especially. My wife has devoted her entire career to nursing and nurse instruction for The Ohio State University.

We have lived in our home now for 32 years and don't want to move because we are being forced out by tax after tax after tax. The reasons we build more schools and add more fire is that no one controls the growth of the housing market in our area which does put a burden not just on younger folks but also older folks like us.

Now I read about the “Homestead Act” and I think that is great but what about the people that don't qualify but don't have a way to raise their income? What assistance is available to us? I have heard of several people that are

considering moving from the Pickerington / Violet Township area of Fairfield County Ohio just because they are being priced out of their home. Truthfully that shouldn't happen to anyone.

I really feel that a law or guideline should be that once you become of retirement age that your taxes are frozen at that level that you paid at age 65. It just seems like the caring and responsible thing to do. I am talking about everyone that turns 65 should be included not just those that qualify for the Homestead act. It would show our communities that others care about us. I always tried to teach my students to always do the right thing, always do your best and show people that you care. This is something that people that determine taxes should think about for the future.

I have heard of several towns/ counties/ etc. that do similar types of things as I suggested. What a great decision it would be for our leadership of the county to be included into the group that cares for their seniors.

Thank you for your attention and consideration. I am hopeful that you will take action to help the people of our Fairfield County communities. It is indeed a problem that faces many people in the community.

I feel that implementing my suggestions would truly be the responsible thing to do for seniors and allow them to enjoy their years ahead. There is a group called Gen X then there's the millennials. How about worrying about "OUR" group..... the group that has helped our county for many, many years.....helping the **"perennials."** That's all of us !!

Respectfully yours

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LANCASTER

2024 Annual Report

Law Director & City Prosecutor,
Stephanie L. Hall

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I. INTRODUCTION & GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. Law Director & City Prosecutor: The City of Lancaster is organized under the general statutory plan of municipal government. Therefore, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (“ORC”) § 733.49, the City Director of Law “shall be elected for a term of four years, commencing on the first day of January next after his election. He shall be an elector of the city.” In addition to being a Lancaster resident who has reached the age of majority, ORC § 733.50 prohibits any person from being “eligible to the office of city director of law who is not an attorney at law, admitted to practice in this state.” Presently, Stephanie L. Hall, who holds Ohio attorney registration number 0082045 and is also licensed to practice in the United States District Court, Southern District of Ohio, and the Supreme Court of the United States, is the elected Law Director & City Prosecutor. The Law Director’s current term expires December 31, 2027.
- B. Duties: The Law Director is responsible for providing civil and criminal legal services as enumerated in the ORC for the City of Lancaster. The Law Director & City Prosecutor also prosecutes all adult misdemeanor crimes that occur in Fairfield County, statutorily for the City of Lancaster, and by contract with the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, the City of Reynoldsburg, and the City of Pickerington.
- C. Location & Hours: The Law Director & City Prosecutor’s Office is located on the second floor of the Fairfield County Municipal Court at 136 W. Main Street, Lancaster. The office is open from 7:45 am to 4:15 pm, Monday through Friday, and closed on all City holidays.
- D. Contact Information: You can reach the office during normal business hours by calling (740) 687-6616. For general inquiries, assistance, or public records requests, the office email address is: lawdirector@ci.lancaster.oh.us. Additional information regarding the office as well as staff contact information can be located on the Law Director & City Prosecutor’s homepage which can be found on the City of Lancaster’s website at: <https://www.ci.lancaster.oh.us/196/Law-Director>.



II. LAW DIRECTOR & CITY PROSECUTOR STAFF



Law Director & City Prosecutor Stephanie L. Hall was appointed in January of 2022 and elected in November of 2024, but has been with the office since she started as a Licensed Legal Intern in 2006. As Law Director, she is chief legal counsel for the City and as City Prosecutor she is responsible for the prosecution of all adult misdemeanor crimes in Fairfield County. Stephanie is an Amanda-Clearcreek graduate, and she received her bachelor's degree from Ohio University and her juris doctorate from Capital University Law School.



Assistant Law Director Mitch Harden is responsible for both civil and criminal matters. He advises City administrators and elected officials, department superintendents, boards, commissions, and committees on a variety of legal issues. He also supervises the prosecution of criminal cases and appeals. Mitch is a Logan High School graduate, and he received his bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and his juris doctorate from Capital University Law School. He has been with the office since April of 2017.



Senior Attorney Dave Klemp represents the City and State in all stages of prosecution in the Fairfield County Municipal Court and Fifth District Court of Appeals. He also serves as the City's second Family Violence Prosecutor currently. Dave is a Westerville North graduate, and he received his bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and his juris doctorate from Capital University Law School. He has been with the office since May of 2017. Prior to that he practiced in insurance subrogation.







Family Violence Unit Prosecutor Joe Sabo represents the City and State in all stages of prosecution in the Fairfield County Municipal Court and Fifth District Court of Appeals. Originally from Northeastern Ohio, Joe received his bachelor's degree from Kent State University and his juris doctorate from Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He has been with the office since January of 2019. Prior to that he practiced in the areas of civil litigation and non-profit law.



Assistant Prosecutor James Young represents the City and State in all stages of prosecution in the Fairfield County Municipal Court and Fifth District Court of Appeals. James received his bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and his juris doctorate from Capital University Law School. He has been with the office since October of 2021. Prior to that he served in the Navy and practiced as a criminal defense attorney in Southeast Ohio.



Assistant Prosecutor Andrew Semelsberger represents the City and State in all stages of prosecution in the Fairfield County Municipal Court and Fifth District Court of Appeals. Andrew received his bachelor's degree from Belmont University and his juris doctorate from Suffolk University Law School. He has been with the office since November of 2022.

	<p>Office Manager Liz Martens was appointed on February 1, 2024. She serves as support staff for the Law Director and Assistant Law Director and prepares easements, contracts, legislation, and other legal documents as well as managing all budgeting, collections, supplies, payroll, and grant coordination. Liz is a Lancaster High School graduate, and she received her bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University. She has been with the office since December of 2014 and previously served as a Paralegal.</p>
	<p>Victim Services Paralegal Jenny Swope serves as support staff for prosecutors exclusively handling victim-related offenses, including domestic and dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. She also assists all victims of violent crime with navigating the prosecutorial process. Jenny is a Logan High School graduate, and she received her associate degree from Hocking College. She has been with the office since July of 2007.</p>
	<p>Paralegal Elisabeth Azbell serves as support staff for the prosecutor handling non-victim related criminal and traffic offenses on Judge Ullom's docket. Elisabeth is a Berne Union High School graduate. She has been with the office since January of 2010.</p>
	<p>Paralegal Taci Miller serves as support staff for the prosecutor handling non-victim related criminal and traffic offenses on Judge Fields' docket. Taci is a Liberty Union High School graduate and received her bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University where she majored in criminal justice. She has been with the office since August of 2022.</p>

III. Civil Report

- A. Legal Counsel: Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, the Law Director & City Prosecutor is legal counsel for all City Departments, City Administration, City Council, City Boards, Committees and Commissions, and the Lancaster Board of Education. The Law Director & City Prosecutor's Office attends all regularly scheduled council, committee, commission, and board meetings, as well as special meetings when requested.
- B. Legislation: The Law Director is responsible for preparing all legislation for City Council. The chart below details the number of ordinances and resolutions provided in 2024 and how that compares to prior years.

YEAR	ORDINANCES	RESOLUTIONS
2020	35	140
2021	51	147
2022	44	163
2023	52	140
2024	57	136

- C. Legal Opinions: The Law Director issues oral and written legal opinions upon request of City Council, City Administration, City Departments, City Boards, City Schools, and the Lancaster Port Authority. The Law Director encourages written opinions so that the City develops an archive to assist with complex legal issues now and in the future. Many legal opinions were sought and issued in 2024 regarding a variety of topics. These opinions are not public records as they are privileged attorney/client communications.
- D. Civil Litigation: In 2024, the City was actively involved in thirty-one (31) cases involving community block grant mortgage foreclosures, allegations of personal injury, allegations of federal and state law violations, declaratory relief actions, construction law claims, and constitutional law challenges. The Law Director's Office litigates these cases internally and, in some cases, with the assistance of outside counsel. Due to the nature of civil litigation, additional details regarding these pending civil litigation cases are attorney/client privileged and/or work product privileged but may be made available to City Council members for review.
- E. Self-Insured Claims: The City received twelve (12) insurance claims in 2024 involving damage to vehicles, persons, and property. Of the twelve (12) claims filed, nine (9) were denied; one (1) was paid by a City Department, and two (2) are still pending. The Law Director's Office manages the City's insurance claims to save the City approximately \$20,000.00 annually. The Law Director's Office, in conjunction with the City's insurance agent, processes, investigates, and reviews these claims against the City in the context of governmental immunity. Due to the nature of these claims, additional details regarding their review and disposition are attorney/client privileged and/or work product privileged but may be made available to City Council members for review.

- F. Internal Legal Counsel: The Law Director & City Prosecutor and her staff provide advice and legal counsel to the Mayor, Service Safety Director, Auditor, Treasurer, Income Tax Commissioner, and all department heads who administer the various City departments. In 2024, in addition to constant phone, text, and email communication, the Law Director met personally with the Mayor and Service Safety Director bi-weekly to assist with the lawful and efficient operation of the City.
- G. Outside Counsel: The Law Director & City Prosecutor is responsible for coordinating the efforts of all outside counsel for the City. Below are the attorneys and firms the City used in 2024 for legal issues that required outside counsel.
1. Bond and Tax Counsel: [Squire Patton Boggs](#) – The City utilized the bond expertise of attorney Allison Binkley and tax law expertise of attorney Michael Cullers.
 2. Labor Counsel: [Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff, LLP](#) – The City navigated grievances with its collective bargaining units in 2024 with the assistance of attorney Marc Fishel.
 3. Construction Law Counsel: [Bricker Graydon, LLP](#) – The City contracted with attorney Mark Evans for his assistance with a variety of public improvements.
 4. Energy Counsel: [Bricker Graydon, LLP](#) – The City utilized the energy expertise of attorneys Glenn Krassen and Caleb Bell.
 5. Workers' Compensation Counsel: [Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff, LLP](#) – The City utilized the Bureau of Workers' Compensation expertise of attorney David Riepenhoff.
 5. Special Prosecutors: Various – In an effort to save taxpayer money, the City trades special prosecution services with other political subdivisions. In 2024, Senior Attorney Dave Klemp served as special prosecutor in one (1) felony criminal case at the request of the Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office.
 6. Insurance Carrier Appointed Outside Counsel: Various – The City's insurance carriers appoint various outside legal counsel to litigate lawsuits filed against the City in which the insurance carrier is providing coverage on the claim.
 7. Economic Development Counsel: [Bricker Graydon, LLP](#) – The City utilizes the economic development expertise of attorneys Caleb Bell and Colin Kalvas for Tax Increment Financing projects, Community Reinvestment Areas, New Community Authorities, Cooperative Economic Development Agreements, and Joint Economic Development Districts.
- H. Board of Education: Pursuant to Section 3313.35 of the ORC, the Law Director is authorized to represent the Board of Education of the Lancaster City School District. The Law Director provides advice and legal representation to Lancaster City Schools as needed.

I. Lancaster Port Authority: The Law Director also serves as legal counsel for the Lancaster Port Authority, a complex component unit of the City dedicated to local economic development. The Lancaster Port Authority Board meets monthly, and the Law Director prepares resolutions for the Board to enact. The Law Director also assists with the Port's sales tax exemption leases, conduit bonds, real estate sales and purchases, and many other day-to-day aspects of the Port's operations. In 2024, the Law Director spent a significant amount of time reviewing and preparing documents and coordinating with outside counsel for the City and Port's \$300,525,000.00 pre-pay gas transaction.

J. Additional Civil Services:

1. **Down Payment Recovery**: The Law Director reviews all contract forms for the Community Development Department for the award of Community Development Block Grant Funds and assists in the recovery of these funds in foreclosure and bankruptcy cases.
2. **Collections for Damage to City Property**: The Law Director's Office pursues collections actions for all City departments when City property is damaged (i.e., fire hydrants, guardrails, and other City infrastructure). In 2024, the Law Director's Office obtained judgments for, collected, and/or forwarded to collections \$1,992.90 in taxpayer funds.
3. **Special Assessments**: When property owners fail to comply with property maintenance codes within the municipal corporation limits, the Code Enforcement Department may abate the violation using the services of a contractor. The abatement expense is then assessed against the property's tax duplicate by the Fairfield County Auditor pursuant to ORC along with an administrative processing fee and a special assessment fee. The Law Director's Office coordinates with Code Enforcement to file these assessments on behalf of the City. The property cannot be transferred until the assessed amount is paid in full. The chart below details the total amount of assessments the Law Director filed in 2024 and how that compares to prior years.

Year		Annual Total
2020		\$65,282.00
2021		\$79,507.60
2022		\$67,514.00
2024		\$95,056.00
2024		\$68,879.00

These amounts include all Code Enforcement expenditures for mowing, trimming, demolishing, securing and cleaning-up neglected properties.

4. **Public Records Requests**: Ohio's Public Records Act guarantees citizens access to municipal records. In addition to advising the various City Departments on how to comply with this law, the Law Director's Office spends significant time reviewing public records, redacting them, and providing them to the public. In 2024, the Law Director's Office responded to sixty-one (61) public records requests.

IV. CRIMINAL REPORT

- A. Criminal Prosecution: Pursuant to ORC 1901.34, the Law Director & City Prosecutor's Office is responsible for the prosecution of misdemeanor criminal cases arising in the City of Lancaster. Since 1997, the Law Director & City Prosecutor has contracted for reimbursement to the City for prosecution work performed for all the villages (Amanda, Bremen, Carroll, Lithopolis, Millersport, Pleasantville, Rushville, Sugar Grove, Thurston, and West Rushville) and unincorporated areas in Fairfield County by negotiating one contract with the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners.



Additionally, the Law Director negotiates prosecution contracts with the City of Pickerington and the City of Reynoldsburg due to the number of criminal cases being filed and prosecuted in the Fairfield County Municipal Court from those jurisdictions. Through this process, the Law Director & City Prosecutor is responsible for the prosecution of all adult misdemeanor crimes that occur in Fairfield County, Ohio. This provides consistency and clarity for Fairfield County law enforcement and the public in the investigation and prosecution of adult misdemeanor crimes.

- B. Criminal Statistics: The Court's statistics for the Law Director & City Prosecutor's Office for 2024 represent the major use of resources of this office. Approximately 80% of the budgetary funding for the Law Director & City Prosecutor's Office is used for traffic and criminal prosecution. Management and prosecution of the high volume of cases takes a team approach. Because of the short timeline for prosecution of misdemeanor cases (30-90 days due to speedy trial rights), cases must be resolved expeditiously. The chart below gives a breakdown of the cases prosecuted in 2024 and how that compares to prior years.

Fairfield County Municipal Court Statistics 2020 - 2024

Year	Misdemeanor Crimes	OVI	Other Traffic	Jury Trials	Trials to Court	New Court Filings Total
2020	1,782	372	8,381	3	1,182	13,539
2021	1,665	387	8,189	2	1,047	13,191
2022	1,764	560	9,980	11	1,191	15,485
2023	1,868	455	7,851	16	1,220	13,878
2024	1,565	390	7,649	15*	1,388	14,630

*Does not include one (1) jury trial where the defendant absconded prior to sentencing.



C. Specialized Dockets: The Fairfield County Municipal Court operates four (4) specialized dockets with the assistance of the Law Director & City Prosecutor's Office. Senior Attorney, Dave Klemp, provides victim input and legal guidance for the Court's Fresh Start Drug Court Program (defendants with substance use disorders), Mental Health Court (defendants with mental health diagnoses), Veterans' Treatment Court (defendants who are Veterans), and Special Abilities Court (defendants who receive services from the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities).

D. Grant Funding: Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Grant – The Law Director & City Prosecutor applies annually for VAWA funding to help cover the expense of one (1) Assistant Prosecutor position in our Family Violence Unit. This position focuses on and expedites the prosecution of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking cases, and coordinates comprehensive victim services for victims affected by these crimes in Fairfield County. In 2023, we were awarded \$48,816.98 in VAWA funds from the Office of Criminal Justice Services to continue funding this position in 2024, bringing the Law Director's total grant funding award amount to \$3,055,579.03 (for all grants).

E. Family Violence Unit: To ensure efficient and effective prosecution of these cases pursuant to the Fairfield County Domestic Violence Protocol, and to assure that crime victims' constitutional rights are guaranteed, the Law Director & City Prosecutor's Office operates a Family Violence Unit. This Unit is funded in part by the VAWA grant. The Unit consists of two (2) Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys and one (1) Victim Paralegal that focus solely on coordinating and prosecuting these cases, separate and apart, from the other general criminal offenses being prosecuted by our office. The Family Violence Unit makes it possible to devote the additional time and attention needed to successfully prosecute these cases. The chart below gives a breakdown of victim prosecutions and how that compares to prior years.

Family Violence Unit Statistics 2020 – 2024				
Year	DV Intakes	Stalking Intakes	Other SB 2 Cases	Total Victims Served
2020	252	14	752	1,018
2021	242	20	693	955
2022	434	15	596	1,030
2023	483	29	649	1,161
2024	427	38	556	1,021

F. Law Enforcement Training: The Law Director & City Prosecutor's Office provides free training annually on a variety of issues to all Fairfield County Law Enforcement. In 2024, these trainings focused on the topics below.

1. *Fairfield County Domestic Violence Protocol*: This training was provided to all newly hired Lancaster Police Department Officers. The Fairfield County Domestic Violence Protocol focuses on best practices for handling family and dating violence cases.
2. *Traffic & Criminal Case Law Update*: This training was provided to all Pickerington Police Department Patrol Officers to educate them about important changes to case law in the Supreme Court of Ohio and Fifth District Court of Appeals.
3. *Crisis Intervention Training*: This training was provided to the Fairfield County Law Enforcement officers attending this year's multi-disciplinary ADAMH Crisis Intervention Training, which focused on the process of emergency admission for mentally ill individuals pursuant to the ORC.
4. *First Amendment Auditor Training*: This training was provided to all Lancaster City Departments to help them understand what the law requires of them when dealing with First Amendment auditors.
5. *Driving Under Suspension Refresher Training*: This training was offered on an as needed basis to all patrol officers appearing in the Fairfield County Municipal Court. Officers who were trained received a reference sheet to assist them with properly charging drivers who are operating without a valid license.



2024 IN REVIEW

On behalf of my office, I hope you have found the information contained herein useful. I mentioned in the 2023 Annual Report that Fairfield County's family and dating violence case numbers were continuing to increase year over year. Fortunately, in 2024, there was a slight reprieve in the total number of victims served – down to 1,021 from 1,161 in 2023; however, the number of stalking intakes we received in 2024 increased by 31%. When I started as an Assistant Prosecutor in 2008, stalking wasn't even a crime. Ohio enacted Revised Code Section 2903.211 – Menacing by Stalking in 2014, and since then, advances in technology have only made it easier for perpetrators to stalk victims.

Advances in technology have also created other new violations (Dissemination of Image of Another Person or "revenge porn") and allowed offenders to find new ways to violate old laws (Telecommunications Harassment via social media). In response, this year our Family Violence Unit decided that the 2002 Fairfield County Domestic Violence Protocol was long overdue for updates. The first DV Protocol, as it's known, was created by former Law Director and current Fairfield County Juvenile Court Judge Terre Vandervoort, to assist Fairfield County law enforcement with investigating and charging these complex and heinous crimes and ensuring victims' constitutional rights are protected.

So, as I look back at our accomplishments in 2024, I'm also looking forward to introducing our local law enforcement and community partners to the new Fairfield County Family and Dating Violence Protocol in 2025. Hopefully, this streamlined and modernized protocol will enhance our countywide response to victims of family, dating, and sexual violence and improve our ability to hold offenders accountable.

My office couldn't have undertaken this important task without the cooperation and support of many valuable stakeholders, including: Fairfield County Prosecutor Kyle Witt, Commissioners Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy, and Sheriff Alex Lape; Fairfield Area Humane Society Executive Director Corey Schoonover; Pickerington City Manager Greg Butcher and Police Chief Tod Cheney; Reynoldsburg City Attorney Chris Shook; Lancaster City Council, Mayor Don McDaniel, and Police Chief Nick Snyder; Judge James A. Fields, Judge Randall T. Ullom, and Clerk Valeda A. Slone of the Fairfield County Municipal Court; The Lighthouse, Inc., Executive Director Susan Nixon-Stoughton and Victim Advocates Siobhan Hitchcock, Amber Barbour, Relliana Sanders, and Haeleigh Woodard; and The Harcum House Child Advocacy Center Executive Director Cody Tatum. These individuals and their respective entities have been generous with their time, knowledge, funding, or all of the above, and I could not be more appreciative.

As always, from myself and my colleagues, thank you for the opportunity to serve in the City of Lancaster Law Director & City Prosecutor's Office.

Sincerely,

Stephanie L. Hall



January 27, 2025

Fairfield County Commissioners
210 E. Main Street, Room 301
Lancaster, Oh 43130

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of our Humane Officer stipend for 2025, as well as the support of our countywide Trap-Neuter-Return program for stray cats. The Fairfield Area Humane Society would like to thank you for your continued support of our organization as we continue to help the residents and animals of Fairfield County. Your willingness to continue our stipend of \$12,500 and \$17,500 for TNR is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me for anything you may think that we can assist with.

Sincerely,

Corey Schoonover
Executive Director

P.O. Box 1109 • Lancaster, Ohio 43130 • (740) 687-0627



R. KYLE WITT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

January 28, 2025

Carri L. Brown
Fairfield County Auditor
210 East Main Street
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Re: **Law Enforcement Trust Fund Report**
(January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024)

Dear Auditor Brown:

Enclosed please find an original and one copy of this office's Law Enforcement Trust Fund Report for 2024. Also attached is the 2024 Check Register for this account, which our office maintains electronically, and a copy of the monthly bank statements for 2024.

Please file-stamp one copy and return to our office for retention.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

R. Kyle Witt
R. Kyle Witt
Fairfield County Prosecuting Attorney

Enclosure
cc: Board of Commissioners

TO: Fairfield County Commissioners

DATE: January 30, 2025

FROM: Sheriff Alex Lape

RE: 2024 L.E.T.F.. Report

Attached please find the 2024 Law Enforcement Trust Fund Report for the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office. Attachments include a Deposit recap sheet, an expense recap sheet for each check written in 2024, with a summary of the account activity, and all bank statements and reconciliations for 2024.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me or Elisa Dowdy.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alex Lape". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Sheriff Alex Lape

**FAIRFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
LAW ENFORCEMENT TRUST FUND ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024
PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 2981.13**

EXPENDITURES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHECK #</u>	<u>PAYEE/ FOR:</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
01/11/2024	Credit	Credit for forfeited guns from Vances applied to 2 invoices	\$ 4,860.00
01/23/2024	1563	Jeff Reed - Undercover Ops	\$ 500.00
	1564	Voided Check	\$ -
12/20/2024	1565	VDI	\$ 5,765.02
12/20/2024		Stop payment on check	\$ 34.98

January - December	Unified Bank Service Charges	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO ACCOUNT		<u><u>\$ 11,160.00</u></u>
BALANCE REMAINING IN ACCOUNT AT 12-31-24		<u><u>\$79,831.71</u></u>

Respectfully Submitted,



Sheriff Alex Lape
Sheriff of Fairfield County

January 30, 2025

Sworn to me by Alex Lape, Sheriff of Fairfield County, Ohio
on the 30 day of January, 2025.



Notary Public, State of Ohio

KELLY DAUGHERTY
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 03-21-26



Celebrate the Grand Opening of ClearSky Rehabilitation Hospital of Lancaster. Tour the new hospital, enjoy refreshments, meet our experienced and caring staff, network with community members, and join our ribbon cutting.



4PM - 7PM
Wednesday, February 12, 2025
ClearSky Rehabilitation Hospital of Lancaster
1201 River Valley Blvd., Lancaster, OH 43130


For Questions
please contact Rachel Boerema at
rboerema@clearskyhealth.com



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REGULAR AGENDA #5 - 2025
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
FEBRUARY 04, 2025

AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 04, 2025

- 7:00 PM Review
- Regular Meeting
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Announcements
- Approval of Minutes for January 28, 2025
- Commissioners
- 2025-02.04.a A Resolution to Approve the Annexation of 5.8 +/- Acres from Pleasant Township to the City of Lancaster, Expedited Type II, Pursuant to ORC 709.023, David Hodge Petitioner [Commissioners]
- 2025-02.04.b A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to the FY2023 CDBG Critical Infrastructure Fund # 2788, Subfund# 8334 – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]
- 2025-02.04.c A resolution to approve a memo expense for interest allocation reimbursements for Fairfield Department of Health, Fairfield County Parks, & Fairfield County Port Authority – Fund #7012, #7321, #7308, & #7865. [Commissioners]
- 2025-02.04.d A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category and request for an advance from the general fund for fund # 2788 for FY2024 CDBG Allocation Grant. [Commissioners]
- Fairfield County Domestic Relations Court
- 2025-02.04.e A resolution approving funding from – Domestic Relations Special Projects Fund # 2625 to Visitation Center Fund # 1001; appropriate from unappropriated Special Projects Fund [Domestic Relations Court]
- Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development
- 2025-02.04.f A resolution to approve loan documents to fund Creative Coach Co. as a Fairfield County Revolving Loan project. [Economic & Workforce Development]
- Fairfield County Engineer
- 2025-02.04.g A resolution to approve an Agreement between Fairfield County and CTL Engineering, Inc. [Engineer]

Fairfield County Facilities

- 2025-02.04.h A Resolution to approve a Contract Amendment between Steed Hammond Paul, Inc., d/b/a SHP Architects, Inc., and the Fairfield County Commissioners [Facilities]

Fairfield County Job and Family Services

- 2025-02.04.i A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Transportation paid to Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit as a memo expenditure for fund# 2018 Public Assistance Fund [JFS]
- 2025-02.04.j A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Transportation paid to Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit as a memo expenditure for fund# 2599 Workforce Fund [JFS]
- 2025-02.04.k 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 [JFS]
- 2025-02.04.l A resolution regarding a Memorandum of Understanding between the Fairfield County Family and Children First Council and Fairfield County Job and Family Services. [JFS]
- 2025-02.04.m A resolution authorizing the approval of a Shared Family Foster Home Agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Perry County Children Services. [JFS]

Fairfield County Sheriff

- 2025-02.04.n A resolution authorizing the approval to extend service agreements by and between Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and the City of Canal Winchester [Sheriff]

South Central Major Crimes Unit

- 2025-02.04.o A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the general fund to MCU – Fund 7911 Violet Crime Reduction Grant 2024 [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]

Fairfield County Transit

- 2025-02.04.p A resolution to approve a memo exp./memo receipt for the costs of flood insurance premiums effective 8/1/2024 paid by general fund during Transit transition as a memo expenditure for Fund #1246 Transit Fund [Transit]

Payment of Bills

- 2025-02.04.q 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. [Commissioners]

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn

Regular Meeting #4 - 2025
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
January 28, 2025

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. at 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order, and the following Commissioners were present: 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; Deputy HR Director, Abby Watson; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; Utilities Director, Tony Vogel; JFS Director, Corey Clark; Deputy JFS Director, Heather O'Keefe; Sheriff's Deputy, Kevin Romine; Communications Officer, Rachel Elsea; IT Director, Dan Neeley; Facilities & EMA Director, Jon Kochis; Interim RPC Director, Holly Mattei; Recorder, Lisa McKenzie; Engineer, Jeremiah Upp; Soil and Water Technician, Chad Lucht; Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer; DD Superintendent, Dr. David Uhl; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Amy Brown-Thompson; and Economic & Workforce Development Director, Rick Szabrak. Also in attendance: Sherry Pymer.

Virtual attendees: Park Russell, Tony Vogel, Alisha Hoffman, Chris Snider, Shannon, Barb Martin, Lynette Barnhart, Deborah, Lori Hawk, Josh Horacek, Jennifer Morgan, Jeff Barron, Brian Wolfe, Abby King, Shelby Hunt, BGM, Garrett Blevins, Stacy Hicks, Vince Carpico, Greg Forquer, Britney Lee, Ashley Arter, Jim Bahnsen, Steven Darnell, Jane Harf, Lori Lovas, Andy Boystel, Jerry Starner, Jeanie Wears, and Joe Ebel.

Welcome

Commissioner Davis opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance.

Listen and Learn

County Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown provided an update on the Fairfield County Auditor's Office. Dr. Brown spoke about new technologies being implemented in her office and about proposed legislation that will affect real estate procedures and property taxes. Legislation regarding the Homestead Reduction is being considered that will increase the threshold of the income for property owners, allowing more retirees to take advantage of the property tax reduction.

Dr. Brown continued by outlining programs in her office, which are often also used throughout the county and the state. Two testimonial videos from a county employee and one from the Fairfield County Park District were played that described the effectiveness of the modernization of the Enterprise ERP financial system. One of the strategies of the Auditor's Office is to use technology to improve services for the residents and municipalities of Fairfield County. The DocLink platform provides more efficient access to data for internal and external stakeholders. This data includes, but is not limited to, Budget Commission submissions, Levy & Special Assessment Requests, Training Materials, and Networking Links. Dr. Brown thanked RPC Interim Director Holly Mattei for the work she has done that has assisted the Real Estate Office with the new Lot Split Program. The lot split process also includes the Engineer's Office, Utilities, the Health Department, IT, and the Recorder's Office; and there are over 300 lot splits that occur each year in Fairfield County. The REA Fund has covered the costs for the Lot Split Program which will make a complex process more efficient.

Dr. Brown continued by stating that other strategies of her office are "Interning the Workforce", "Using Artificial Intelligence (AI)", and "Financial Stewardship".

Dr. Brown produced a copy of the Strategic Plan of the Fairfield County Auditor's Office which can be viewed in the minutes, along with Dr. Brown's PowerPoint presentation.

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Public Comments

None.

Legal Update

None.

County Administration Update

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

Week in Review

2024 Achievement Level Award from The Ohio EPA

Jon Kochis recently applied for recognition from The Ohio EPA in their Encouraging Environmental Excellence in Communities program. We are pleased to announce that The Commissioners has been recognized as a 2024 Achievement Level recipient for achievements in improving Ohio's environment through economic, social, and environmental sustainability projects and initiatives.

February 4, 2025, Commissioners' Review and Regular Meeting

The Commissioner's next meeting will be in the evening on February 4th at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be here, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at 7:00 p.m. There will be four additional evening Review and Regular Meetings throughout the county in 2025. The first in four weeks at the Greenfield Twp Fire Department located at 3245 Havensport Rd. in Carroll; on May 13th at the Wigwam in Pickerington; on August 5th at the Rushcreek Fire Department; and on November 18th at the Berne Union School Building.

Tax Payment Parking

Temporary parking has been identified for Tax Payment Parking for the ½ hour street parking spots that are in front of the Historic Courthouse and the Hall of Justice. Thank you to Jon Kochis and Christy Noland for their assistance with the temporary signage to provide taxpayers with easier parking access to the office during tax season

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

Resolution Review

There are 21 resolutions on the agenda for the Regular voting meeting.

Resolutions of note:

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- A resolution from the Auditor's Office to rescind resolution 2025-01.14.y, which approved a memo receipt/expense for JFS Fund #2599 Reimbursing Fund #2018. Fund #2599 did not have sufficient funds to complete the transaction at this time.
- Domestic Relations has a resolution to authorize the repayment of an advance to the General Fund from the Justice for Families Grant Program.
- The Engineer's Office has a resolution to approve a Road Usage Maintenance Agreement between the county and AEP for temporary access to construct overhead power lines.
- The Engineer's Office has also provided a resolution to approve the 2024 annual county highway system mileage certification. 361.122 recorded miles of road in Fairfield County have been verified by ODOT.

Engineer Upp stated that the recorded mileage of county roads can vary slightly from year to year, typically by only a half-mile to a mile.

- Facilities has a resolution to approve a contract with Columbus Building Services for the roof top HVAC project at the Government Services Building.

Director Kochis stated that they are looking to replace the HVAC in the spring for minimal disruption.

- Juvenile/Probate Court has a resolution to approve a lease agreement between Juvenile Court and the City of Lancaster on the second floor of the City Annex Building at 123 East Chestnut Street.

Commissioner Davis met with Mayor McDaniel to express to the city that the county wants out of the lease. The county will continue to work towards getting rid of leases that are not well negotiated.

- The Sheriff's Office has three resolutions on today's agenda. One to appropriate from unappropriated in Fund #2394, another for an inmate housing agreement with Canal Winchester, and another to approval a service agreement between the Sheriff's Office and Violet Township for the continuation of equipment and personnel necessary to perform policing services.
- Major Crimes has five financial resolutions on the agenda. These resolutions establish a grant fund, partially repay an advance, appropriate unappropriated monies, authorize an advance for the Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Grant, and authorize an account to account transfer in the Recovery Ohio FY21 Grant Fund.
- And the Utilities Department has four financial resolutions authorizing fund-to-fund transfers.

Budget Review

- Budget Director, Bart Hampson, had nothing to report.

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Calendar Review/Invitations Received

Items Requiring Response

Informational Items

- South Licking Water Conservancy District Meeting, January 28, 2025, 3:00 p.m., Licking County Soil & Water Office, 771 E. Main St., Newark
- Potential Ohio Power Siting Board Eastern Cottontail Solar Project Public Hearing, January 28, 2025, 4:45 p.m., Pleasantville Elementary School, 300 W. Columbus St., Pleasantville
- Canal Winchester Chamber Annual Awards Night: Denim & Diamonds, February 21, 2025, 6:00 p.m., BrewDog Tap Columbus, 96 Gender Rd., Canal Winchester
- Friends of Fairfield DD's 15th Annual Celebration of Possibilities, March 26, 2025, 6:00 p.m., Crossroads Event Center, 2095 W. Fair Ave., Lancaster

Correspondence

- Lancaster Eagle Gazette, Jeff Barron, January 22, 2025, "Does Mass Deportation Concern Fairfield County? Commissioners Talk Trump's 2nd Term"
- Fairfield 33 Development Alliance Letter Regarding Contributions, Stakeholders, and Initiatives, January 17, 2025
- Correspondence Regarding Industrial Solar Projects
- Special Note: All Reoccurring and Formerly Distributed Correspondence from County Agencies Will Hence Forth Be Provided in the Commissioners' Folder of the Same Name

Updates from Elected Officials and Department Heads

Recorder McKenzie will be hosting a meeting for the southeast Ohio region with her offices recording vendor.

Clerk of Courts Meyer stated he hired Tiffany Daniels for a position with the Records Division.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Commissioners are looking to replace the position at the information desk with someone who has a background in security.

Auditor Brown stated that January 31st is the deadline for dog licenses. She thanked Clerk of Courts Meyer for assisting with dog license tags at the Clerk's satellite office. She also reported that 1099's are mailed. Tax bills have also been mailed and are available on the Auditor's website.

Director Szabrak stated that Ohio University had announced the beginning of a free phlebotomy program which has already been filled.

Commissioner Davis asked if the only course fee was free or if all aspects of the course was free.

Director Szabrak stated that the students will pay nothing. There were 15 students last time the program was offered, with 14 passing their certification exam.

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Commissioner Levacy was enthusiastic about the program giving students a better opportunity to kickstart their careers in medical care.

Director Kochis provided the Commissioners with the cost savings on electricity made possible by the solar array located the Liberty Center.

Commissioner Davis was interested in understanding the net costs, annualized savings in reducing the energy, and using the numbers to calculate the return on investment to make projections into the future costs of electricity. He added that the county spends over \$3 million per year on electricity costs.

Director Neeley noted that last year county IT contracted for a cybersecurity product, and they are now seeing how effective it has been. They were made aware of an attempted breach of an employee's account that had been successfully stopped thanks to the product.

Director Clark noted that the Child Abuse Prevention Breakfast is scheduled for April 9th.

Old Business

Commissioner Levacy stated that last Thursday he attended the final 911 Committee meeting. He believes the county has come a long way with its 911 technology, and thanked Director Kochis for bringing all the emergency response agencies in the county together. Friday, he visited the Yellow Bud solar project in Pickaway County and was interested to see how it was being built.

Commissioner Davis attended the National Championship last week and ran into actor Anthony Mackey while out for dinner and got to spend time with him that evening.

Commissioner Levacy gave his appreciation to Commissioner Davis for his willingness to be the Ad Hoc member on the Ohio Power Siting Board.

Commissioner Davis stated a number of people have called for his resignation over the topic of solar, but he plans to see the process through.

New Business

Commissioner Davis attended the public hearing Monday evening for the Eastern Cottontail solar project and thought that most conducted themselves in a respectful manner.

Regular (Voting) Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. at 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order, and the following Commissioners were present: 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; Deputy HR Director, Abby Watson; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; Utilities Director, Tony Vogel; JFS Director, Corey Clark; Deputy JFS Director, Heather O'Keefe; Sheriff's Deputy, Kevin Romine; Communications Officer, Rachel Elsea; IT Director, Dan Neeley; Facilities & EMA Director, Jon Kochis; Interim RPC Director, Holly Mattei; Recorder, Lisa McKenzie; Engineer, Jeremiah Upp; Soil and Water Technician, Chad Lucht; Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer; DD Superintendent, Dr. David Uhl; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Amy Brown-Thompson; and Economic & Workforce Development Director, Rick Szabrak. Also in attendance: Sherry Pymer.

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Virtual attendees: Tony Vogel, Chris Snider, Shannon, Barb Martin, Deborah, Lori Hawk, Josh Horacek, Jennifer Morgan, Brian Wolfe, Abby King, Shelby Hunt, BGM, Garrett Blevins, Stacy Hicks, Vince Carpico, Greg Forquer, Britney Lee, Ashley Arter, Jim Bahnsen, Steven Darnell, Jane Harf, Lori Lovas, Jerry Starner, and Joe Ebel.

Announcements

None.

Approval of Minutes for January 21, 2025

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, January 21, 2025, meeting.

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

Approval of a Resolution 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:

2025-01.28.a A Resolution to Approve a Memo Receipt and Expense for Stop Loss Pool Sub Fund & the Self-Funded Healthcare Fund

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Auditor - Finance

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 Auditor - Finance:

2025-01.28.b A Resolution to Approve to Rescind Resolution # 2025-01.14.y, A Resolution to Approve a Memo Receipt and Expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund #2599 Reimbursing Fund #2018, Fairfield County JFS

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas

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 Court of Common Pleas:

2025-01.28.c A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for the Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas; Fund # 2852, Targeted Community Alternative to Prison

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Commissioner Davis stated that Administrator Cordle, Clerk of Courts Meyer, the Judges, and himself will meet Wednesday to continue a discussion about the Hall of Justice and its usefulness in serving their needs.

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Domestic Relations Court

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 Domestic Relations Court:

2025-01.28.d A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of the Repayment of an Advance to the General Fund, Fund #2848 Sub Fund #8284, Justice for Families Grant Program

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

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:

2025-01.28.e A Resolution to Approve the Road Usage Agreement between Fairfield County and Ohio Power Company, a Unit of AEP

2025-01.28.f A Resolution to Approve the Annual County Highway System Mileage Certification for 2024

Engineer Upp stated that AEP has been very cooperative during the process of the road usage agreements.

Commissioner Davis asked if the Engineers have a file of previous road usage agreements that they reference when negotiating new ones.

Engineer Upp stated they do have a file that they use to reference. The agreement seems to be working well for both entities.

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Facilities

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 Facilities:

2025-01.28.g A Resolution to Approve a Contract for the HVAC Install Services for the GSB RTU Project

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

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Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Juvenile & Probate Court

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 Juvenile & Probate Court:

2025-01.28.h A Resolution to Approve a Lease Agreement for the Fairfield County Juvenile Court by and between the City of Lancaster and the Board of County Commissioners

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

Approval of Resolutions 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 resolutions from the Fairfield County Sheriff:

2025-01.28.i A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Service Agreement by and between the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and the Township of Violet

2025-01.28.j A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Contract with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and The City of Canal Winchester for Housing Prisoners in the Fairfield County Jail

2025-01.28.k A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for Sheriff's Office; Fund 2394, CFLP Litter Enforcement

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

Approval of Resolutions from the South Central Major Crimes Unit

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the South Central Major Crimes Unit:

2025-01.28.l A Resolution Authorizing a Creation of a New Fund and Appropriate from Unappropriated for the Violent Crimes Reduction Grant

2025-01.28.m A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Partial Repayment of an Advance to the General Fund from MCU, Fund #7864, Recovery Ohio Grant

2025-01.28.n A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category, Fund #7864

2025-01.28.o A Resolution Authorizing an Account-to-Account Transfer, Fund #7864, Sub Fund #8289, Recovery Ohio FY21 Grant

2025-01.28.p A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of an Advance from the General Fund to Fund #7858, Sub Fund #8360, Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Grant

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

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:

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| 2025-01.28.q | A Resolution Authorizing Fund-to-Fund Transfers from the Water Fund #5046 to Funds #5534, #5556, #5776, #5818, #5823, and #5849, Debt Service Payments for 2025 |
| 2025-01.28.r | A Resolution Authorizing Fund-to-Fund Transfer from the Greenfield Water Fund #5841 to #5846, Debt Service Payments for 2025 |
| 2025-01.28.s | A Resolution Authorizing a Fund-to-Fund Transfer from Greenfield Sewer Fund #5842 to #5847, Debt Service Payments for 2025 |
| 2025-01.28.t | A Resolution Authorizing Fund-to-Fund Transfers from the Sewer Fund #5044 to Funds #5533, #5554, #5776, #5817, and #5823 Debt Service Payments for 2025 |

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

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:

- 2025-01.28.u A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Payment of Invoices for
Departments that Need Board of Commissioners' Approval

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

Adjournment

Engineer Upp stated that his office will be working with all the townships on the road usage agreements so they are protected as well.

With no further business, On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:00 a.m.

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH.

Motion by: David Levacy Seconded by: Steve Davis
that the January 28, 2025, minutes were approved by the following vote:

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YEAS: Steve Davis and David Levacy
ABSTENTIONS: Jeff Fix

NAYS: None

*Approved on February 4, 2025

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Dave Levacy Commissioner	Jeff Fix Commissioner	Steve Davis Commissioner

Bennett Niceswanger, Asst. Clerk

A Resolution to Approve the Annexation of 5.8 +/- Acres from Pleasant Township to the City of Lancaster, Expedited Type II, Pursuant to ORC 709.023, David Hodge Petitioner

WHEREAS, a completed petition for annexation of 5.8+/- acres, more or less, from Pleasant Township into the City of Lancaster was filed with the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners on January 7, 2025, under the expedited process outlined in Section 709.023 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, a legal description and survey of the property to be annexed is attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS,

(1) The petition for annexation meets all the requirements set forth in, and was filed in the manner provided in, section 709.023 of the Revised Code; and

(2) The persons who signed the petition are owners of the real estate located in the territory proposed for the annexation and constitute all the owners of real estate in that territory; and

(3) The territory proposed for annexation does not exceed five hundred acres; and

(4) The territory proposed for annexation shares a contiguous boundary with the municipal corporation to which annexation is proposed for a continuous length of at least five percent of the perimeter of the territory proposed for annexation; and

(5) The annexation will not create an unincorporated area of the township that is surrounded by the territory proposed for annexation; and

(6) If a street or highway will be divided or segmented by the boundary line between the township and the municipal corporation as to create a road maintenance problem, the municipal corporation which annexation is proposed will assume the maintenance of that street or highway or to otherwise correct the problem. As used in this paragraph, "street" or "highway" has the same meaning in section 4511.01 of the Revised Code; and

A Resolution to Approve the Annexation of 5.8 +/- Acres from Pleasant Township to the City of Lancaster, Expedited Type II, Pursuant to ORC 709.023, David Hodge Petitioner

WHEREAS, Revised Code Section 709.023(D) states that if no consent or objection is provided within twenty-five days of notice of the filing of the petition by the municipality or township of the territory of the proposed annexation, it is presumed to be consent.

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

Section 1. That the Board of Commissioners finds that the petition is a valid petition to annex and that it meets all the requirements set forth in and was filed in a manner provided in ORC 709.023.

Section 2. Pursuant to ORC 709.023, the Board of Commissioners hereby grants the petition to annex 5.8+/- acres, more or less, of Pleasant Township into the City of Lancaster, Ohio.

Section 3. That the Clerk of the Board of Commissioners is instructed to deliver a certified copy of the entire record of the annexation proceedings, including the Board resolution, the petition, the map, and all other papers of the file relating to the annexation proceedings to the Clerk of the City of Lancaster, Ohio.

Prepared by: Rochelle Menningen

**EXPEDITED TYPE II PETITION FOR ANNEXATION
(PURSUANT TO R.C. SECTION 709.023)
TO THE CITY OF LANCASTER
OF ± 5.08 ACRES
FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF PLEASANT**

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*TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO:*

The undersigned, being ALL OF THE OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE in the territory hereinafter described in Exhibit "A", consisting of ± 5.08 acres, more or less, located in the Township of Pleasant, Fairfield County, Ohio, which area is contiguous along 1,111.89 feet or 51.4% and adjacent to the City of Lancaster do hereby respectfully petition the Board of Fairfield County Commissioners that said territory be annexed to the City of Lancaster according to the statutes of the State of Ohio, and specifically the expedited procedure specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 709.023.

The number of owners within the area is one (1).

1. Attached to this petition and made part hereof is a full legal description of the area to be annexed, marked as Exhibit "A".
2. Attached to this petition and made part hereof is an accurate map of the area to be annexed, marked as Exhibit "B".
3. Attached to this petition and made part hereof is a list of parcels in the area to be annexed and adjacent territory that includes the name of the owner, mailing address of owner and permanent parcel number, marked as Exhibit "C".

The undersigned petitioners do hereby designate David Hodge, Esq., Aaron Underhill, Esq., and Eric Zartman, Esq. attorneys, as their agents ("Agents") as required by Revised Code Section 709.02(C)(3), with full power and authority hereby granted to each said Agent individually to amend, alter, change, correct, withdraw, refile, substitute, compromise, increase or delete the area, to do any and all things essential thereto, and to take any action necessary for obtaining the granting of this petition. Agents' contact information is as follows: Underhill & Hodge LLC, 8000 Walton Parkway, Suite 260, New Albany, Ohio 43054; Phone: (614) 335-9320, Fax: (614) 335-9329; and e-mail eric@uhlfirm.com.

WHOMEVER SIGNS THIS PETITION EXPRESSLY WAIVES THEIR RIGHT TO APPEAL IN LAW OR EQUITY FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ENTRY OF ANY RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THIS SPECIAL ANNEXATION PROCEDURE, ALTHOUGH A WRIT OF MANDAMUS MAY BE SOUGHT TO COMPEL THE BOARD TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES REQUIRED BY LAW FOR SAID SPECIAL ANNEXATION PROCEDURE.

[Petition signatures on following counterpart pages]

**WHOMEVER SIGNS THIS PETITION EXPRESSLY WAIVES THEIR
RIGHT TO APPEAL IN LAW OR EQUITY FROM THE BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ENTRY OF ANY RESOLUTION
PERTAINING TO THIS SPECIAL ANNEXATION PROCEDURE,
ALTHOUGH A WRIT OF MANDAMUS MAY BE SOUGHT TO COMPEL
THE BOARD TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES REQUIRED BY LAW FOR
SAID SPECIAL ANNEXATION PROCEDURE.**

PETITIONER:

BLUE LABEL PACKAGING COMPANY

3750 LANCASTER-NEW LEXINGTON RD NE

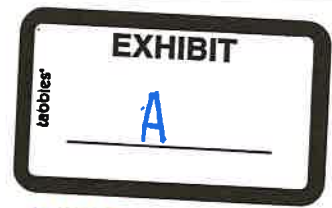
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PID: 0270063600, 0270060800, 0270061100

Andrew M. Byrd
Name

Date: November 13, 2024

President
Title



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**DESCRIPTION OF 5.08 ACRES
FOR ANNEXATION FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF PLEASANT
INTO THE CITY OF LANCASTER
02/01/2024
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Situated in the State of Ohio, County of Fairfield, Township of Pleasant, Section 34, Township 15, Range 18, Congress Lands, being a portion of those tracts conveyed to Blue Label Packaging Company, by Instrument Numbers 202300006535, and 202300006337 (Auditor's Parcel Nos. 0270061100, 0270060800, 0270063600), references being of the Fairfield County Recorder's Office, and described as follows:

Beginning at the southeast corner of said Blue Label Packaging Company Property (Auditor's Parcel No. 0270061100), the same being the southwest corner of property conveyed to Blue Label Packaging Company by Deed Volume 621, Page 803 (Auditor's Parcel No. 0535011982), being in the common line with Post Consumer Brands, LLC in Instrument Number 202100016608 (Auditor's Parcel No. 0535000310), said corner being in the centerline of Lancaster - New Lexington Rd. (S.R.37), and being in an existing corporation line for the City of Lancaster as recorded in Official Record 1333 Page 3397 (Ord. #53-03) and Plat Book 9 Page 32 (Ord. #27-66), of said Fairfield County Recorder's Office, said corner also being the **True Point of Beginning**;

Thence, with the common line of said Post Consumer Brands property and said Blue Label Packaging Company property, and along said centerline and existing corporation line, the following two (2) courses:

North 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 180.67 feet to a point in said centerline of State Route 37,

North 89 degrees 29 minutes 57 seconds West, 430.98 feet to a point being on the southern line of said Blue Label Packaging Company property (Auditor's Parcel No. 0270063600) and in the centerline of State Route 37;

Thence, through said Blue Label Packaging Company property (Auditor's Parcel No. 0270063600, **North 00 degrees 30 minutes 03 seconds East, 30.00 feet** to a point being on the intersection of the existing S.R. 37 and US. 22 Right-Of-Way;

Thence, through said Blue Label Packaging Company (Auditor's Parcel Nos. 0270061100, 0270060800, 0270063600) property, and along US 22 Right-of-Way line per ODOT Plan FAI-22-16.42 Dated 1971, the following five (5) courses:

North 70 degrees 15 minutes 27 seconds West, 147.55 feet to a point;

North 40 degrees 59 minutes 45 seconds East, 49.24 feet to a point;

North 62 degrees 03 minutes 49 seconds East, 395.65 feet to a point;

North 00 degrees 25 minutes 23 seconds East, 16.79 feet to a point;

North 64 degrees 30 minutes 54 seconds East, 412.06 feet to a point, being on the east line of said Blue Label Packaging Company (Auditor's Parcel No. 0270061100) property and the west line of said Blue Label Packaging Company (Auditor's Parcel No. 0535011982) property, also being a corner for said existing corporation line;

**DESCRIPTION OF 5.08 ACRES
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INTO THE CITY OF LANCASTER**

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Thence, with the common line of said Blue Label Packaging Company (Auditors Parcel No. 0270061100) property, and said Blue Label Packaging Company (Auditor's Parcel No. 0535011982) property, and long said existing corporation line, **South 00 degrees 25 minutes 23 seconds West, 500.24 feet** to the **True Point of Beginning** containing 5.08 acres, more or less.

Subject to all, legal, easements, right-of-ways, conditions and restrictions. This description is based on existing Auditor's and Recorder's, Fairfield County, Ohio, record information and is to be used for annexation purposes only.

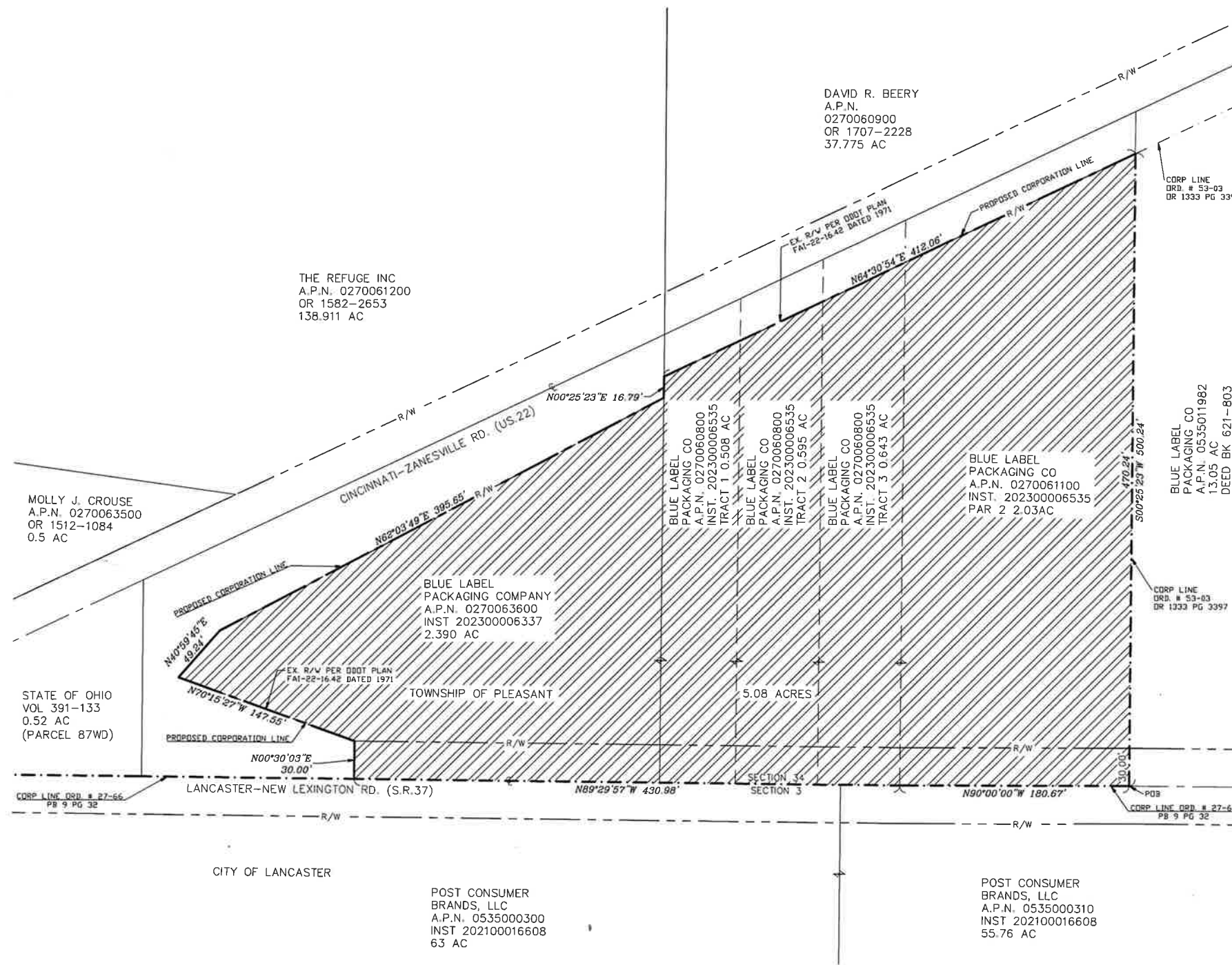


John C. Dodgion, P.S. 8069



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**PLAT OF TERRITORY TO BE ANNEXED FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF PLEASANT
TO THE CITY OF LANCASTER**
~ EXHIBIT "A" ~



LOCATED IN THE STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, TOWNSHIP OF PLEASANT, PART OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 15, RANGE 18, CONGRESS LANDS, AND BEING PART OF THOSE TRACTS LISTED BELOW FROM THE RECORDS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO.

OWNER: BLUE LABEL PACKAGING COMPANY
PARCEL NUMBERS: 027-00636.00, 027-00608.00, 027-00611.00
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 3611 CINCINNATI-ZANESVILLE RD. NE (5.08 ACRES)

IN WITNESS THERE OF THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 202__

SIGNATORY FOR BLUE LABEL PACKAGING CO:

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD
BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR SAID STATE PERSONALLY APPEARED THE ABOVE NAMED WHO
ACKNOWLEDGE THE SIGNING OF THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT TO BE THEIR VOLUNTARY ACT AND DEED FOR THE USES
AND PURPOSES THEREIN EXPRESSED.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET HAND AND AFFIXED BY OFFICIAL SEAL THIS ____ DAY OF ____
____, 202__

BY: _____
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____

THE WITHIN MAP MARKED EXHIBIT "A" AND MADE A PART OF THE PETITION OF ANNEXATION FILED WITH THE BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO, ON _____, 202__, UNDER CHAPTER 709 OF THE
OHIO REVISED CODE, IS SUBMITTED AS AN ACCURATE MAP OF THE TERRITORY IN SAID PETITION DESCRIBED THE
REQUIREMENTS OF SAID CHAPTER 709 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

AGENT FOR PETITIONERS

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO, HAVING RECEIVED A PETITION BEARING THE
SIGNED NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE ANNEXATION, TO THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO,
OF THE TERRITORY SHOWN HEREON AND HAVING GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE PRAYER OF SAID PETITION, DO
HEREBY GRANT THE SAME.

PETITION RECEIVED _____, 202__

PETITION GRANTED _____, 202__

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 202__

FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONER

FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONER

FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONER

THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO, BY ORDINANCE NO. _____, PASSED THIS ____ DAY OF
____, 202__, AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 202__,
DID ACCEPT THE TERRITORY SHOWN HEREON FOR ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO, A MUNICIPAL
CORPORATION.

MAYOR, CITY OF LANCASTER

ATTEST
CLERK, CITY OF LANCASTER

TRANSFERRED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 202__, UPON THE DUPLICATES OF THIS OFFICE, CONTAINING ____
ACRES.

TRANSFER FEE _____ FAIRFIELD COUNTY AUDITOR
RECEIVED FOR RECORD _____, 202__, AT ____ (AM PM) AND RECORDED _____, 202__

IN PLAT ORDINANCE, PETITION, ECT. IN INSTRUMENT NO. _____

PLAT FEE: _____ FAIRFIELD COUNTY RECORDER
ORDINANCE, ETC. FEE _____

CERTIFICATION

THIS EXHIBIT IS BASED ON EXISTING AUDITOR'S AND RECORDER'S, FAIRFIELD COUNTY,
OHIO, RECORD INFORMATION AND IS FOR ANNEXATION PURPOSES ONLY. THIS IS NOT A
SURVEY PER OAC 4733-37.



John C. Dodgion
JOHN C. DODGION REG. SURVEYOR NO. 8069

DRAWN BY: A. STEVENS
CHECKED BY: J. DODGION
DATE: 2/01/2024
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JOB NO.: 792602
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PREPARED BY:
SMART SERVICES
88 W. CHURCH STREET, NEWARK, OHIO 43055
PHONE: (740) 345-4700 FAX: (740) 522-4705



PETITIONER:

BLUE LABEL PACKAGING
COMPANY
3750 LANCASTER-NEW
LEXINGTON RD NE
LANCASTER OH 43130

ATTORNEY:

DAVID HODGE
UNDERHILL & HODGE LLC
8000 WALTON PARKWAY,
SUITE 260
NEW ALBANY, OH 43054

**SURROUNDING PROPERTY
OWNERS:**

CROUSE MOLLY J
3500 CINCINNATI ZANESVILLE
RD
LANCASTER OH 43130
PID: 0270063500

BLUE LABEL PACKAGING
COMPANY
3750 LANCASTER-NEW
LEXINGTON RD NE
LANCASTER OH 43130

THE REFUGE INC
PO BOX 163173
COLUMBUS OH 43216 3173
PID: 0270061200

POST CONSUMER BRANDS LLC
2503 S HANLEY RD
ST LOUIS MO 63144
PID: 0535000310, 0535000300

BEERY DAVID R
4465 LANCASTER-NEW
LEXINGTON RD SE
LANCASTER OH 43130
PID: 0270060900

BAUGHMAN BRUCE B TRUSTEE
1951 SHERIDAN DR NE
LANCASTER OH 43130
PID: 0270031200

TEMPORARY RESOLUTION NO. 10-25

PERMANENT RESOLUTION NO. 7-25

A RESOLUTION STATING THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION TO ANNEXED TERRITORY OF BLUE LABEL PACKAGING CO. FOR THE EXPEDITED TYPE 2 ANNEXATION OF PARCEL NUMBERS 0270063600, 0270060800, 0270061100, CONSISTING OF 5.08 +/- ACRES IN PLEASANT TOWNSHIP, AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Blue Label Packaging Co. ("Petitioner"), by and through legal counsel at Underhill & Hodge LLC, has filed a Petition for Expedited Type 2 Annexation for parcel numbers 0270063600, 0270060800, 0270061100, including 5.08 +/- acres currently in Pleasant Township, with the Fairfield County Board of County Commissioners ("BCC") and served the City with said Petition on December 31, 2024; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code, the City has twenty (20) days after the Petition is filed with the BCC to adopt a statement of services indicating what utilities and other services will be provided to the territory to be annexed; and

WHEREAS, Petitioners, by and through their agents, and the City have negotiated a Pre-Annexation Agreement that sets forth the terms and conditions necessary for the City to provide services to the newly annexed territory; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the City hereby intends to provide the following services to the Petitioners' property in Pleasant Township as described in attached Exhibit A for the 5.08 +/- acres, for which a Petition for an Expedited Type 2 Annexation is pending before the BCC upon annexation: Water, Sanitary Sewer, Gas, Stormwater, Sanitation, Police, and Fire/EMS; conditioned, however, upon the annexation being successfully completed and all specific terms and conditions of the Pre-Annexation Agreement being satisfied.

SECTION 2. That if any road maintenance issues are created by or caused by said proposed annexation, the City Engineer and Department of Transportation shall address those as agreed upon with the County Engineer.

SECTION 3. That the Petitioners shall ensure that future development within the area proposed for annexation will not result in the main City utility line capacities being exceeded.

SECTION 4. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the City and for the further reason that this resolution must be enacted to meet the annexation timeline imposed by the Ohio Revised Code for an Expedited Type 2 Annexation; wherefore, this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor.

Passed: 1-13-2025 after 1 reading. Vote: Yeas 10 Nays 0

Date Approved: January 13, 2025

Clerk: [Signature]
Mayra Hoop

[Signature]
President of Council

[Signature]
Mayor

Offered by: [Signature]

Second by: [Signature]

Requested by Economic Development Committee





Certification

The Undersigned, Anitra A. Scott, being Clerk of Council and Keeper of the Records of the City Council of Lancaster, Fairfield County, Ohio hereby certifies that the attached documents (**Permanent Resolution 7-25**) are true and correct copies of documents passed by Lancaster City Council at the regular meeting held Monday, January 13, 2025, pursuant to the requirement of the Ohio Revised Code.

Anitra A Scott
Clerk of Council
Keeper of the Records
City Council

Date January 14, 2025





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Date January 14, 2025

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Fairfield County
Commissioners



**PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT
WITH THE
CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO**

This PRE-ANNEXATION AGREEMENT (the "Agreement") is made to become effective as of the ____ day of _____, 2024 by Blue Label Packaging Co., an Ohio _____, ("Owner") and the City of Lancaster, Ohio, an Ohio municipal corporation, 104 E. Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio, 43130 (the "City") in order to document their agreement with respect to a proposed annexation of the Property (as described below) to the City.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Owner owns approximately 5.08 +/- acres of real property situated in Pleasant Township, Fairfield County, Ohio, which area is more fully described in the legal description and plat survey attached hereto as **Exhibit A** (hereinafter referred to as the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, Owner desires to maintain the present industrial operation in the City on its adjacent property to the east, and to bring the Property into the City to promote future growth in the City, and to obtain certain benefits in connection with the development of the Property; and

WHEREAS, such Property is contiguous to the City, and would benefit from municipal services provided by the City, including water, sanitary sewer, storm water, natural gas, police, fire, and EMS services; and

WHEREAS, the City can provide such municipal services to the Property, if the Property is annexed to the City subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein; and

WHEREAS, Owner wishes to request an Expedited Type 2 Annexation of the Property to the City to allow for anticipated business growth the specifics of which are not, to date, planned with enough specificity to be reflected in Site Plan format ; and

WHEREAS, the Property is currently situated within Pleasant Township; and

WHEREAS, City and Owner wish to address these issues and memorialize their agreement on terms as set forth below.

AGREEMENT

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of their mutual rights, obligations, benefits and undertakings the parties agree as follows:

1. Owner's Agreement to Petition for Annexation. Owner agrees to submit a Petition for Expedited Type 2 Annexation of the Property to the City during December 2024, and to diligently pursue the annexation process in reliance upon the other mutual promises and terms set forth herein. In connection therewith, Owner shall prepare and submit the information, maps and other drawings as shall be required as part of such annexation process.
2. City to Cooperate with Owner. The City shall cooperate with and assist Owner in facilitating the annexation of the Property to the City as promptly as possible and agrees to

accept the Owner's petition for annexation of the Property.

3. Easements. Owner appreciates that easements will be needed for the construction, installation and maintenance of municipal utilities which will service the Property. The specific location and width of such easements have not been fully determined or engineered/surveyed at the time of execution of this Agreement. However, upon the City's determination of the municipal utility easements necessary, the Owner will grant such easements for such purposes.
4. Services Resolution. The City hereby agrees to enact all legislation setting forth the water, sanitary sewer, natural gas, storm water, sanitation services, police, fire, and EMS services that will be provided to the Property, pursuant to Ohio law and as set forth below.
 - a. Water Service – City has public water service lines in proximity to the Property, and City will determine and approve connection points, but it shall be the Owner's sole cost and responsibility to connect to these locations, as approved by the City. City requires additional information from the Owner in order to determine the requirements necessary to provide water service in the capacity necessary to service the future Property development of the Owner. Owner must provide pressure and flow modeling to City for review and analysis to make critical determinations about what measures must be taken by Owner to ensure City can provide water service to the entire Property. Upon submission, review and approval of development plans, pressure and flow modeling, and any other essential information requested, City can accept the Owner's request for water service and Owner's commitment to connect to waterlines upon extension. Owner is solely responsible for the cost and expense of the development, design, and construction of the public waterlines and facilities to provide water service to the Property in compliance with Lancaster Codified Ordinance and City design standards. Owner will provide the easements necessary for construction, installation, and maintenance of the waterlines. It is expressly acknowledged and understood that costs and fees for water connections, tap and capacity/user fees shall be borne by the Owner at applicable standard rates/schedules of the City.
 - b. Sanitary Sewer - City has public sanitary sewer lines in proximity to the Property, and City will determine and approve connection points, but it shall be the Owner's sole cost and responsibility to connect to these locations, as approved by the City. City requires additional information from the Owner in order to determine the requirements necessary to provide sanitary sewer service in the capacity necessary to service the entire Property. Owner must submit a sanitary sewer service plan for review and approval by City. The plan will need to show how each tributary area will be served. Upon review and approval by City of a sanitary sewer service plan, City agrees to determine and provide public sanitary sewer connection points for the Property. Owner is solely responsible for the cost and expense of the development, design, and construction of the public sanitary sewer system and any private facilities to provide sanitary sewer service to the Property in compliance with Lancaster Codified Ordinance and City design standards. Owner will provide the easements necessary for construction, installation, and maintenance of the public sanitary sewer system. The public sanitary sewer service constructed by Owner will have sufficient capacity to serve the Property and its proposed development subject to the conditions stated above. It is expressly acknowledged and understood that costs and fees for sanitary sewer connections, tap and capacity/user fees shall be borne by the Owner at applicable standard rates/schedules of the City.

- c. Natural Gas - City has public natural gas service lines in proximity to the Property, and City will determine and approve connection points. Lancaster Municipal Gas ("LMG") agrees to provide natural gas service to the entire Property upon annexation. The alignment through the proposed development is undetermined at this time, but Owner and City shall work together, as the development progresses, to ensure proper looping and connectivity can be supplied to the Property. Upon review and approval by City of natural gas service, City agrees to determine and provide public natural gas line connection points for the Property at City's sole cost and expense. City and/or LMG shall be solely responsible for the cost and expense of the development, design, and construction of the public natural gas line system to provide natural gas service to the Property in compliance with Lancaster Codified Ordinance and City design standards. Owner will provide the easements necessary for construction, installation, and maintenance of the public natural gas system. The public natural gas system constructed by Owner will have sufficient capacity to serve the Property and its proposed development subject to the conditions stated above. It is expressly understood that costs of connection and tap and capacity/user fees shall be borne by the Owner, at applicable standard rates/schedules of the City.
 - d. Stormwater – City is amenable to either a regional storm water facility or individual storm water control facilities within each particular development of the Property. Any proposed development will require retention/detention facilities that comply with City's detention policy. Due to the size of the Property, it will also have to comply with all the requirements of the Ohio EPA Construction General Permit in effect at the time the Property is developed. Owner is solely responsible for the cost and expense of the development, design, and construction of the public storm water facilities to provide storm water service to the Property in compliance with Lancaster Codified Ordinance and City design standards and OEPA permit requirements. The storm water system constructed by Owner will have sufficient capacity to serve the Property and its proposed development subject to the conditions stated above.
 - e. Sanitation Service – City will provide sanitation service to the Property upon Owner request. It is anticipated that dumpsters will be placed at various locations within each designated area. Owner shall comply with Lancaster Codified Ordinance and City standards regarding dumpster locations. It is expressly understood that costs associated with sanitation services shall be borne by the Owner, at applicable standard rates/schedules of the City.
 - f. Police Service – City shall provide Police services to the Property upon annexation. Owner and City agree that Owner's development of the Property, and the public road servicing the same, may occur in phases subject to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
 - g. Fire/EMS Service - City shall provide Fire/EMS services to the Property upon annexation. Owner and City agree that Owner's development of the Property, and the public road servicing the same, may occur in phases subject to applicable laws, rules, and regulations.
6. Zoning Classification/Site Plan Approval. As an integral part of the annexation process for the Property, the City shall adopt an ordinance or take all other actions required by applicable laws, rules, and regulations to reclassify the Property to permit Owner's intended

use of the Property. City agrees to accept the Owner's proposed development of approximately 5.08 +/- acres, rezoned to the AM, Advanced Manufacturing zoning district. Any additional approvals, special use permits, conditional permits, or variances shall be addressed to the appropriate City department in the future and handled like all other zoning applications. Owner will make application and pay all associated fees with rezoning, within thirty (30) days of County Commissioner action on the annexation petition.

7. Traffic Improvements. Owner shall have a Traffic Impact Study performed to evaluate the impacts of the proposed development of the Property to the roadway system. City will establish the scope and requirements of the Traffic Impact Study and the study area. Owner must also construct, at Owner's expense, dedicated public roadways/rights-of-way, built to City guidelines and standards.
8. Dedicated ROW. Owner agrees to provide City with dedicated roadways/rights-of-way along existing public roadways and within the Property as determined by City upon successful annexation and rezoning, as set forth in Section 7 above, and the dedicated public roadways/rights-of-way as designated on the Development Plan.
9. Miscellaneous.
 - a. The City agrees to process the contemplated rezoning for the proposed development of the Property on a parallel time frame with the planned annexation, within the statutory time frame provided by Ohio law for such annexation. The parties specifically contemplate the passage of the rezoning legislation within the same City Council meeting to finally accept annexation of the Property.
 - b. This Agreement shall be construed to include all the Exhibits referenced in and attached to this Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, proposals, and agreements between the parties (whether written or oral), and it may not be amended or modified except by a written amendment executed by all of the parties.
 - c. If a dispute arises, the Courts of Fairfield County, Ohio, shall have jurisdiction to resolve any dispute unless both parties expressly agree otherwise in writing.
 - d. No modifications, discussions, or alterations from the terms included herein shall be considered effective unless as made in writing and signed by all parties.
 - e. Owner shall have the right to sell, transfer, assign or otherwise convey, to a contemplated transferee, all, or any part of the Property, and all of such Owner's rights, duties, and or responsibilities under this Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective transferee, successors, and/or assigns.
 - f. It is expressly understood that time is of the essence in doing and performing all things to be done under the terms of this Agreement.
 - g. Each party agrees to cooperate fully with the other and to execute any additional instruments, documents, or agreements reasonably requested by the other party in order to carry out and fulfill all of the intents and purposes of this Agreement.

- h. Notices under this Agreement shall be in writing to the Owner, c/o J. Joseph McCafferty, Blue Label Packaging Co. 3750 Lancaster New Lexington Road, Lancaster, Ohio 43130; and to the City, c/o Law Director & City Prosecutor, 136 W. Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio, 43130.
10. Representations and Warranties. The parties make each of the following representations and warranties as of the effective date of this Agreement. These representations and warranties are given as partial consideration for and as a material inducement to the execution of this Agreement and each shall survive the execution, delivery, and performance of this Agreement.
- a. Owner's Warranty regarding Power and Authority. Owner warrants and represents that it is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the state of Ohio and has the capacity to enter into this Agreement. Each person executing this Agreement on Owner's behalf represents and warrants that he or she has full power and authority to do so and to deliver and perform this Agreement and all transactions contemplated by this Agreement without the consent of any additional persons or entities.
 - b. City's Warranty regarding Power and Authority. The City warrants that it has the power, authority, and capacity to enter into, and to deliver and perform this Agreement and all transactions contemplated by this Agreement without the consent of any additional persons, boards or any other group or entity. Each person executing this Agreement on behalf of the City represents and warrants that he or she has full power and has been authorized to do so by appropriate actions by the governing body of the City.
 - c. Valid and Binding. Each party represents and warrants that this Agreement creates a valid, binding, and enforceable obligation and that this Agreement is enforceable against the warranting party in accordance with its terms.

EXECUTION PAGE TO FOLLOW

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Agreement with the intention that it shall be effective as of the date first written above.

OWNER:
Blue Label Packaging Co.

By: _____

Its: _____

CITY:
City of Lancaster, Ohio

By: _____
Mayor Don McDaniel

Approved as to form only:

Law Director & City Prosecutor's Office
City of Lancaster, Ohio

STATE OF OHIO,
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, SS:

On this ____ day of _____, 2024, before me, the undersigned, officer, personally appeared, Mayor Don McDaniel, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposed therein contained.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public
My Commission Expires:

STATE OF OHIO,
COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, SS:

On this ____ day of _____, 2024, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared _____, _____ known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposed therein contained.

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EXHIBIT A

Legal Description and Plat Map of Property



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INTO THE CITY OF LANCASTER**

02/01/2024

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Subject to all, legal, easements, right-of-ways, conditions and restrictions. This description is based on existing Auditor's and Recorder's, Fairfield County, Ohio, record information and is to be used for annexation purposes only.


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**AFFIDAVIT OF NOTICE TO TOWNSHIP, MUNICIPALITY, AND SURROUNDING
PROPERTY OWNERS OF ANNEXATION PETITION FILING**

STATE OF OHIO }
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN } SS:

David Hodge, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he is an attorney at the law firm of Underhill & Hodge LLC, being the agent for the petitioners in that certain Annexation Petition wherein it is prayed that \pm 5.08 acres, more or less, currently located in Pleasant Township, be annexed to the city of Lancaster, Ohio. Said Annexation Petition was filed in accordance with the provisions of Section 709.023 (an "Expedited Type II" annexation) of the Ohio Revised Code with the Fairfield County Board of County Commissioners on **December 31, 2024**.

A copy of the Annexation Petition, petition attachments, map and legal description was served personally on the **Council Clerk of the Lancaster** on **December 31, 2024**. Said personal service on the Lancaster Council Clerk occurred within five (5) days from the date the annexation petition was filed, in accordance with Section 709.023(B) of the Ohio Revised Code.

A copy of the Annexation Petition, petition attachments, map and legal description was served via certified mail on the **Township Clerk/Fiscal Officer of Pleasant** sent **January 3, 2025**. Said certified mailing to the Pleasant Township Clerk/Fiscal Officer occurred within five (5) days from the date the annexation petition was filed, in accordance with Section 709.023(B) of the Ohio Revised Code.

On **January 3, 2025**, a copy of the Annexation Petition, petition attachments, map and legal description were sent by U.S. Mail to all property owners adjacent to and directly across the street from the territory proposed to be annexed. Said mailing occurred within five (5) days from the date the Annexation Petition was filed, in accordance with Section 709.023(B) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Further Affiant Sayeth Naught.

By: _____
Name: David Hodge - attorney, agent

Sworn to before me and signed in my presence; a Notary Public in and for said State and County on this 14 day of January, 2025.

[Signature]
Notary Public

Eric J. Zartman, Attorney At Law
NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF OHIO
My Commission Has No Expiration Date
Sec. 147.03.R.C.





David Hodge
8000 Walton Parkway, Suite 260
New Albany, Ohio 43054

P: 614.335.9320
F: 614.335.9329
david@uhlfirm.com

January 14, 2025

VIA E-MAIL TO:
rochelle.menningen@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

Rochelle Menningen
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners
Fairfield County, Ohio
210 E. Main St.
Lancaster, OH 43130

Subject: Submission of Annexation Documents

Dear Ms. Menningen,

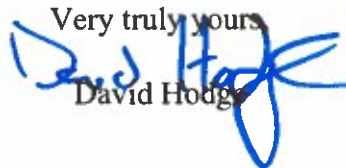
Enclosed with this letter, please find the following documents related to the pending annexation matter:

1. **City of Lancaster Permanent Resolution 7-25** – This resolution is the statutorily required service resolution adopted by the City of Lancaster within 20 days of the filing of the Annexation Petition.
2. **Affidavit of Service** – My affidavit, affirming that the Annexation Petition and all accompanying documents, including maps and legal descriptions, were properly served pursuant to statutory requirements to the surrounding property owners, the City of Lancaster, and Pleasant Township within five days of the Annexation Petition's submission being accepted by Fairfield County.

Should you require additional documentation or have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Thank you for your attention to this submission.

Very truly yours,



David Hodge

Enclosures:

- City of Lancaster Permanent Resolution 7-25
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**EXPEDITED TYPE II PETITION FOR ANNEXATION
(PURSUANT TO R.C. SECTION 709.023)
TO THE CITY OF LANCASTER
OF ± 5.08 ACRES
FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF PLEASANT**

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Fairfield County
Commissioners



*TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO:*

The undersigned, being ALL OF THE OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE in the territory hereinafter described in Exhibit "A", consisting of ± 5.08 acres, more or less, located in the Township of Pleasant, Fairfield County, Ohio, which area is contiguous along 1,111.89 feet or 51.4% and adjacent to the City of Lancaster do hereby respectfully petition the Board of Fairfield County Commissioners that said territory be annexed to the City of Lancaster according to the statutes of the State of Ohio, and specifically the expedited procedure specified in Ohio Revised Code Section 709.023.

The number of owners within the area is one (1).

1. Attached to this petition and made part hereof is a full legal description of the area to be annexed, marked as Exhibit "A".
2. Attached to this petition and made part hereof is an accurate map of the area to be annexed, marked as Exhibit "B".
3. Attached to this petition and made part hereof is a list of parcels in the area to be annexed and adjacent territory that includes the name of the owner, mailing address of owner and permanent parcel number, marked as Exhibit "C".

The undersigned petitioners do hereby designate David Hodge, Esq., Aaron Underhill, Esq., and Eric Zartman, Esq. attorneys, as their agents ("Agents") as required by Revised Code Section 709.02(C)(3), with full power and authority hereby granted to each said Agent individually to amend, alter, change, correct, withdraw, refile, substitute, compromise, increase or delete the area, to do any and all things essential thereto, and to take any action necessary for obtaining the granting of this petition. Agents' contact information is as follows: Underhill & Hodge LLC, 8000 Walton Parkway, Suite 260, New Albany, Ohio 43054; Phone: (614) 335-9320, Fax: (614) 335-9329; and e-mail eric@uhlfirm.com.

WHOMEVER SIGNS THIS PETITION EXPRESSLY WAIVES THEIR RIGHT TO APPEAL IN LAW OR EQUITY FROM THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ENTRY OF ANY RESOLUTION PERTAINING TO THIS SPECIAL ANNEXATION PROCEDURE, ALTHOUGH A WRIT OF MANDAMUS MAY BE SOUGHT TO COMPEL THE BOARD TO PERFORM ITS DUTIES REQUIRED BY LAW FOR SAID SPECIAL ANNEXATION PROCEDURE.

[Petition signatures on following counterpart pages]

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PETITIONER:

BLUE LABEL PACKAGING COMPANY

3750 LANCASTER-NEW LEXINGTON RD NE

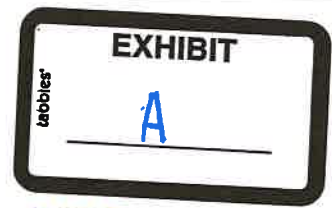
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Andrew M. Byrd
Name

Date: November 13, 2024

President
Title



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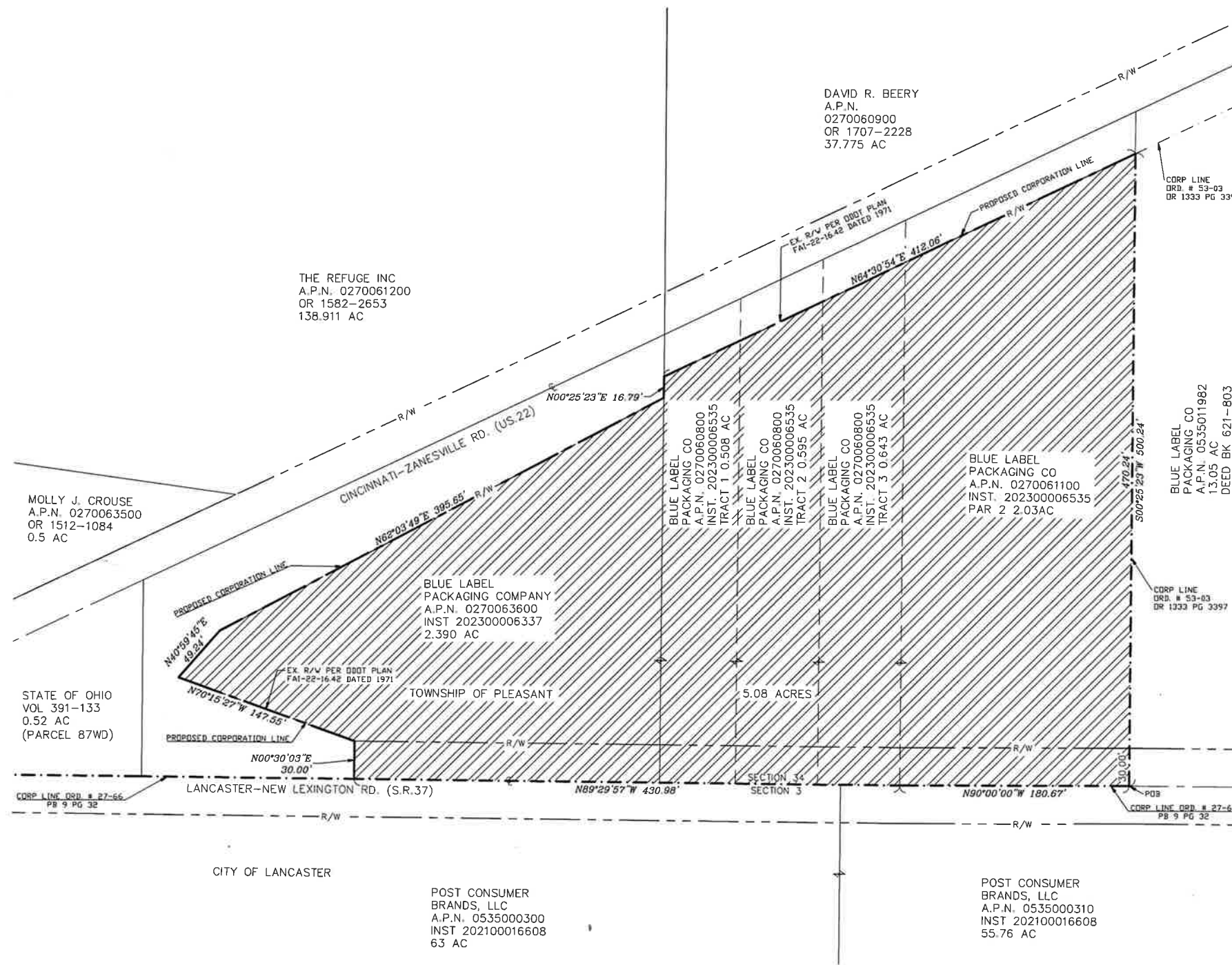
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**PLAT OF TERRITORY TO BE ANNEXED FROM THE TOWNSHIP OF PLEASANT
TO THE CITY OF LANCASTER**
~ EXHIBIT "A" ~



LOCATED IN THE STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, TOWNSHIP OF PLEASANT, PART OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP 15, RANGE 18, CONGRESS LANDS, AND BEING PART OF THOSE TRACTS LISTED BELOW FROM THE RECORDS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO.

OWNER: BLUE LABEL PACKAGING COMPANY
PARCEL NUMBERS: 027-00636.00, 027-00608.00, 027-00611.00
PROPERTY ADDRESS: 3611 CINCINNATI-ZANESVILLE RD. NE (5.08 ACRES)

IN WITNESS THERE OF THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 202__

SIGNATORY FOR BLUE LABEL PACKAGING CO.

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD
BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR SAID STATE PERSONALLY APPEARED THE ABOVE NAMED WHO
ACKNOWLEDGE THE SIGNING OF THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT TO BE THEIR VOLUNTARY ACT AND DEED FOR THE USES
AND PURPOSES THEREIN EXPRESSED.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET HAND AND AFFIXED BY OFFICIAL SEAL THIS ____ DAY OF ____
____, 202__

BY: _____
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES _____

THE WITHIN MAP MARKED EXHIBIT "A" AND MADE A PART OF THE PETITION OF ANNEXATION FILED WITH THE BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO, ON _____, 202__, UNDER CHAPTER 709 OF THE
OHIO REVISED CODE, IS SUBMITTED AS AN ACCURATE MAP OF THE TERRITORY IN SAID PETITION DESCRIBED THE
REQUIREMENTS OF SAID CHAPTER 709 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.

AGENT FOR PETITIONERS

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO, HAVING RECEIVED A PETITION BEARING THE
SIGNED NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE ANNEXATION, TO THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO,
OF THE TERRITORY SHOWN HEREON AND HAVING GIVEN DUE CONSIDERATION TO THE PRAYER OF SAID PETITION, DO
HEREBY GRANT THE SAME.

PETITION RECEIVED _____, 202__

PETITION GRANTED _____, 202__

APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 202__

FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONER FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONER

FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONER

THE COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO, BY ORDINANCE NO. _____, PASSED THIS ____ DAY OF
____, 202__, AND APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 202__,
DID ACCEPT THE TERRITORY SHOWN HEREON FOR ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF LANCASTER, OHIO, A MUNICIPAL
CORPORATION.

MAYOR, CITY OF LANCASTER ATTEST CLERK, CITY OF LANCASTER

TRANSFERRED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 202__, UPON THE DUPLICATES OF THIS OFFICE, CONTAINING ____
ACRES.

TRANSFER FEE _____ FAIRFIELD COUNTY AUDITOR

RECEIVED FOR RECORD _____, 202__, AT ____ (AM PM) AND RECORDED _____, 202__
IN PLAT ORDINANCE, PETITION, ECT. IN INSTRUMENT NO. _____

PLAT FEE: _____ FAIRFIELD COUNTY RECORDER
ORDINANCE, ETC. FEE _____

CERTIFICATION

THIS EXHIBIT IS BASED ON EXISTING AUDITOR'S AND RECORDER'S, FAIRFIELD COUNTY,
OHIO, RECORD INFORMATION AND IS FOR ANNEXATION PURPOSES ONLY. THIS IS NOT A
SURVEY PER OAC 4733-37.



John C. Dodgion
JOHN C. DODGION REG. SURVEYOR NO. 8069

DRAWN BY: A. STEVENS DATE: 2/01/2024
CHECKED BY: J. DODGION 792602.DWG
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PREPARED BY:
SMART SERVICES
88 W. CHURCH STREET, NEWARK, OHIO 43055
PHONE: (740) 345-4700 FAX: (740) 522-4705

PETITIONER:

BLUE LABEL PACKAGING
COMPANY
3750 LANCASTER-NEW
LEXINGTON RD NE
LANCASTER OH 43130

ATTORNEY:

DAVID HODGE
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8000 WALTON PARKWAY,
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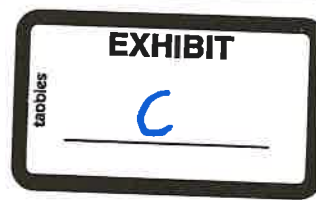
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LANCASTER OH 43130
PID: 0535011982, 0270061000

CROUSE MOLLY J
3500 CINCINNATI ZANESVILLE
RD
LANCASTER OH 43130
PID: 0270063500

THE REFUGE INC
PO BOX 163173
COLUMBUS OH 43216 3173
PID: 0270061200

~~BAUGHMAN BRUCE B TRUSTEE
1951 SHERIDAN DR NE
LANCASTER OH 43130
PID: 0270031200~~

Remove - Not a surrounding property



This property has recently sold, see below *

POST CONSUMER BRANDS LLC
2503 S HANLEY RD
ST LOUIS MO 63144
PID: 0535000310, 0535000300

BEERY DAVID R
4465 LANCASTER-NEW
LEXINGTON RD SE
LANCASTER OH 43130
PID: 0270060900

* 3775 LANCASTER NEW LEXINGTON ROAD LLC
1062 E LANCASTER AVE STE 30B
BRYN MAWR PA 19010
PID: 0535000310, 0535000300

Resolution No. 2025-02.04.a

A Resolution to Approve the Annexation of 5.8 +/- Acres from Pleasant Township to the City of Lancaster, Expedited Type II, Pursuant to ORC 709.023, David Hodge Petitioner

(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 authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to the FY2023 CDBG Critical Infrastructure Fund # 2788, Subfund# 8334 – Fairfield County Commissioners

WHEREAS, the FY2023 CDBG Critical Infrastructure grant is a reimbursable grant; and

WHEREAS, an advance of dollars is necessary in the amount of \$ 392,500 for the purpose of vendors/contractors to be paid in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, said advance shall be repaid to the General Fund no later than December 15, 2025.

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 make the following advance:

DEBIT	1001 090000 General Fund Advance	<\$392,500>
CREDIT	8334 223001 FY23 CDBG CI grant advance in	+\$392,500

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

Prepared by: Staci Knisley
cc: Christina Foster

Resolution No. 2025-02.04.b

A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to the FY2023 CDBG Critical Infrastructure Fund # 2788, Subfund# 8334 – 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 a memo expense for interest allocation reimbursements for Fairfield Department of Health, Fairfield County Parks, & Fairfield County Port Authority – Fund #7012, #7321, #7308, & #7865.

WHEREAS, the WIC grant Fund #7012, the Bioterrorism grant Fund #7321, Fairfield County Parks Fund# 7308, & Port Authority Fund # 7865 are all entitled to collect interest on the balance of their fund; and

WHEREAS, the Treasurer’s Office has balanced interest on all funds for the month of December 2024.

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 receipts:

72730800 436100	Parks Interest Income	\$	751.27
71701247 436100	WIC Interest Income	\$	704.37
71732153 436100	Bioterrorism Interest Income	\$	938.32
81786520 436100	Port Authority Interest Income	\$	1.39
	Total - Agency Funds	\$	2,395.35

These amounts represent monies owed to the WIC grant, Bioterrorism grant funds, Fairfield County Parks fund, & Port Authority Fund for interest collected and deposited into the General Fund as denoted above.

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 WIC grant, Bioterrorism grant fund, Fairfield County Parks fund, & Port Authority Fund for interest.

Memo expenditure as referenced in supporting documentation:

Account: 12100110 590000 Other Expenses

Amount: \$ 2,395.35

cc: Jamie Ehorn, Ginger Caito, Angel Conrad

James N Bahnsen

210 East Main Street

January 27, 2025

Staci Knisley
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
210 E. Main Street
Lancaster, OH 43130

Dear Staci,

The enclosed forms are interest allocation calculations for the Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Program Fund, the CDBG Rehab Mortgage Refunds Fund, the the CDBG Project Income Fund, the Smith Escrow Trust Clean Ohio Agricultural Easement Fund, the RLF/CDBG Fund, and the RLF/D Fund.

24-Dec

2591 CDBG Rehab Mortgage Refunds	\$303.37
2675 CDBG Project Income	\$15.04
7113 Prepayment Fund	\$16,931.53
2716 RLF/CDBG Fund	\$493.25
2717 RLF/D Fund	\$2,567.16
2718 EDA RLF Cares Act 2020	\$1,792.35
2861 Cyber Security Measures Impl Fund	\$12.94
7308 Fairfield County Historical Parks	\$751.27
7012 WIC Grant	\$704.37
7321 Bioterrorism Grant	\$938.32
5376 Self Fund Health Care	\$25,237.89
7865 Fairfield Port Authority (Econ Dev)	\$1.39

Total	\$49,748.88
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Respectfully,

James N Bahnsen
Fairfield County Treasurer

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DEC 24

CDBG REHAB MORTGAGE REFUNDS

Fund Number:	2591
Beginning Balance:	\$60,506.83
End of Month Balance:	60,581.83
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance(A):	\$60,544.33
All County Funds Beginning Balance:	273,633,544.06
All County Funds Ending Balance:	264,844,386.70
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance, All County Funds(B):	\$269,238,965.38
Total Investment Income for the Month:	\$1,349,055.82
(A) as a percent of (B):	0.000224872
Amount to be Allocated to Fund:	\$303.37

DEC 24

CDBG PROJECT INCOME

Fund Number:	2675
Beginning Balance:	\$3,000.71
End of Month Balance:	\$3,004.43
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance(A):	\$3,002.57
All County Funds Beginning Balance:	273,633,544.06
All County Funds Ending Balance:	264,844,386.70
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance, All County Funds(B):	\$269,238,965.38
Total Investment Income for the Month:	\$1,349,055.82
(A) as a percent of (B):	1.11521E-05
Amount to be Allocated to Fund:	\$15.04

DEC 24

PREPAYMENT FUND

Fund Number:	7113
Beginning Balance:	\$2,894,521.68
End of Month Balance:	\$3,863,725.57
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance(A):	\$3,379,123.63
All County Funds Beginning Balance:	273,633,544.06
All County Funds Ending Balance:	264,844,386.70
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance, All County Funds(B):	\$269,238,965.38
Total Investment Income for the Month:	\$1,349,055.82
(A) as a percent of (B):	0.012550649
Amount to be Allocated to Fund:	\$16,931.53

DEC 24

RLF/CDBG FUND

Fund Number:	2716
Beginning Balance:	\$96,974.75
End of Month Balance:	\$99,906.48
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance(A):	\$98,440.62

All County Funds Beginning Balance:	273,633,544.06
All County Funds Ending Balance:	264,844,386.70
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance, All County Funds(B):	\$269,238,965.38

Total Investment Income for the Month:	\$1,349,055.82
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(A) as a percent of (B):	0.000365625
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Amount to be Allocated to Fund:	\$493.25
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DEC 24

EDA RLF SEQUESTERED

Fund Number:	2717
Beginning Balance:	\$510,046.46
End of Month Balance:	\$514,640.19
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance(A):	\$512,343.33
All County Funds Beginning Balance:	273,633,544.06
All County Funds Ending Balance:	264,844,386.70
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance, All County Funds(B):	\$269,238,965.38
Total Investment Income for the Month:	\$1,349,055.82
(A) as a percent of (B):	0.001902932
Amount to be Allocated to Fund:	\$2,567.16

DEC 24

2718-EDA RLF CARES ACT 2020

Fund Number:	2718
Beginning Balance:	\$354,186.58
End of Month Balance:	361,233.82
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance(A):	\$357,710.20
All County Funds Beginning Balance:	273,633,544.06
All County Funds Ending Balance:	264,844,386.70
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance, All County Funds(B):	\$269,238,965.38
Total Investment Income for the Month:	\$1,349,055.82
(A) as a percent of (B):	0.001328597
Amount to be Allocated to Fund:	\$1,792.35

DEC 24
2861 CYBER SECURITY MEASURES IMPL FUND

Fund Number:	2861
Beginning Balance:	\$2,580.12
End of Month Balance:	\$2,583.32
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance(A):	\$2,581.72
All County Funds Beginning Balance:	273,633,544.06
All County Funds Ending Balance:	264,844,386.70
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance, All County Funds(B):	\$269,238,965.38
Total Investment Income for the Month:	\$1,349,055.82
(A) as a percent of (B):	9.58895E-06
Amount to be Allocated to Fund:	\$12.94

DEC 24

FAIRFIELD COUNTY HISTORICAL PARKS

Fund Number:	7308
Beginning Balance:	\$150,817.89
End of Month Balance:	\$149,052.43
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance(A):	\$149,935.16
All County Funds Beginning Balance:	273,633,544.06
All County Funds Ending Balance:	264,844,386.70
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance, All County Funds(B):	\$269,238,965.38
Total Investment Income for the Month:	\$1,349,055.82
(A) as a percent of (B):	0.000556885
Amount to be Allocated to Fund:	\$751.27

DEC 24

WIC

Fund Number: 7012

Beginning Balance: \$145,718.71

End of Month Balance: 135,430.65

Average of Beginning and Ending Balance(A): \$140,574.68

All County Funds Beginning Balance: 273,633,544.06

All County Funds Ending Balance: 264,844,386.70

Average of Beginning and Ending Balance, All County Funds(B): \$269,238,965.38

Total Investment Income for the Month: \$1,349,055.82

(A) as a percent of (B): 0.000522119

Amount to be Allocated to Fund: \$704.37

DEC 24

BIOTERRORISM GRANT

Fund Number: 7321

Beginning Balance: \$191,658.33

End of Month Balance: 182,875.07

Average of Beginning and Ending Balance(A): \$187,266.70

All County Funds Beginning Balance: 273,633,544.06

All County Funds Ending Balance: 264,844,386.70

Average of Beginning and Ending Balance, All County Funds(B): \$269,238,965.38

Total Investment Income for the Month: \$1,349,055.82

(A) as a percent of (B): 0.000695541

Amount to be Allocated to Fund: \$938.32

DEC 24

SELF FUND HLTH CARE

Fund Number:	5376
Beginning Balance:	\$5,595,906.65
End of Month Balance:	4,477,841.66
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance(A):	\$5,036,874.16
All County Funds Beginning Balance:	273,633,544.06
All County Funds Ending Balance:	264,844,386.70
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance, All County Funds(B):	\$269,238,965.38
Total Investment Income for the Month:	\$1,349,055.82
(A) as a percent of (B):	0.01870782
Amount to be Allocated to Fund:	\$25,237.89

DEC 24

FAIRFIELD CO PORT AUTHORITY (ECON DEV)

Fund Number:	7865
Beginning Balance:	\$277.74
End of Month Balance:	\$278.22
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance(A):	\$277.98
All County Funds Beginning Balance:	273,633,544.06
All County Funds Ending Balance:	264,844,386.70
Average of Beginning and Ending Balance, All County Funds(B):	\$269,238,965.38
Total Investment Income for the Month:	\$1,349,055.82
(A) as a percent of (B):	1.03247E-06
Amount to be Allocated to Fund:	\$1.39

Resolution No. 2025-02.04.c

A resolution to approve a memo expense for interest allocation reimbursements for Fairfield Department of Health, Fairfield County Parks, & Fairfield County Port Authority – Fund #7012, #7321, #7308, & #7865.

(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 appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category and request for an advance from the general fund for fund # 2788 for FY2024 CDBG Allocation Grant.

WHEREAS, appropriations are necessary to set up the 2025 budget for the FY2024 CDBG Allocation Grant; and

WHEREAS, an advance of dollars is necessary in the amount of \$500,000 for the purpose of vendors/contractors to be paid in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS, appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense object categories 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 and capital outlay:

\$ 60,000	12278824	contractual services
\$ 1,128,600	12278824	capital outlay

Section 2. Request that the Fairfield County Auditor make the following advance:

DEBIT	1001 090000 General Fund Advance	<\$500,000>
CREDIT	2788 223001 FY24 CDBG Allocation advance in	+\$500,000

Section 3. Request that the advance be paid back to the General Fund, no later than December 15, 2026.

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category for fund # 2788 for FY2024 CDBG Allocation Grant.

For Auditor's Office Use Only:

Section 1.

\$ 60,000	12278824	530000
\$1,128,600	12278824	570000

Section 4. Issue an Amended Certificate in the amount \$1,188,600 to the credit of fund # 2788.

Section 5. Request that the Fairfield County Auditor, on behalf of the Budget Commission, update the following receipt line items:

\$	12278824	433100	\$ 1,140,000
\$	12278824	433008	\$48,600

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category for fund # 2788 for FY2024 CDBG Allocation Grant.

For Auditor's Office Use Only:

Section 1.

\$ 60,000	12278824	530000
\$1,128,600	12278824	570000

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Section 5. Request that the Fairfield County Auditor, on behalf of the Budget Commission, update the following receipt line items:

\$	12278824	433100	CD24	\$ 1,140,000
\$	12278824	433008		\$48,600

Resolution No. 2025-02.04.d

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category and request for an advance from the general fund for fund # 2788 for FY2024 CDBG Allocation Grant.

(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 approving Reimbursement for share cost from – Domestic Relations Special Projects Fund # 2625 to Visitation Center Fund # 1001; appropriate from unappropriated Special Projects Fund [Domestic Relations Court]

WHEREAS, additional appropriations are needed for the Visitation Center Fund # 1001 and # 2625 Visitation Center for contractual services; and

WHEREAS, the domestic relations special proj. #2625 is responsible for reimbursing the Visitation Center #1001 cash.

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 434000 \$50,000

This amount represents funding for the Commissioners Visitation Center to cover contractual service expenditures in 2025.

Section 2. That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners approve the following expenditure of contractual services and requests that the Fairfield County Auditor accomplish the transaction as if a regular County Auditor warrant for funding the General Fund Visitation Center.

Memo expenditure:

Vendor #2280 Fairfield County Commissioners

Account: 15262500-530000

Amount: \$50,000

Section 3. That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners appropriate from unappropriated to major object category Contractual Services to 15262500 in the amount of \$50,000

A resolution approving Reimbursement for share cost from – Domestic Relations Special Projects Fund # 2625 to Visitation Center Fund # 1001; appropriate from unappropriated Special Projects Fund [Domestic Relations Court]

For Auditor's Office Use Only:

Section 3: 15262500 530000 Special Projects Contractual Services

Prepared by: Lori Lovas
cc: Domestic Relations Court
Commissioners' Office

Resolution No. 2025-02.04.e

A resolution approving funding from – Domestic Relations Special Projects Fund # 2625 to Visitation Center Fund # 1001; appropriate from unappropriated Special Projects Fund

(Fairfield County Domestic Relations 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 approve loan documents to fund Creative Coach Co. as a Fairfield County Revolving Loan project.

WHEREAS, a Revolving Loan Fund program has been established by the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners for the purpose of encouraging and promoting economic expansion and increased employment opportunities within Fairfield County pursuant to Resolution 91-06.13.e; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund has been established in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Department of Commerce and Economic Development Administration; and

WHEREAS, a Loan Review Committee has been established as part of the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund plan, adopted by the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, Resolution 91-06.18.k, and amended pursuant to Resolution 05-07.19.f; and

WHEREAS, the Loan Review Committee met on December 3, 2024 to review an application for funding by Creative Coach Co. through the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Loan Review Committee voted to recommend the attached loan application for approval to the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners.

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

Section 1. That the Fairfield County Prosecutor affirms, accepts, and approves the attached loan documents, requesting \$75,000.00 in Revolving Loan Fund financing to assist with the purchase of a motorcoach; and

Section 2. That the President of the Board of Commissioners is hereby authorized to execute and sign any documents pertaining to this loan.

Prepared by: Vince Carpico
cc: Economic and Workforce Development

Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund Application

I. Eligibility

The following questions are designed to help determine if the project/loan application meets the guidelines established by the governmental agencies, such as the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the Ohio Development Services Agency, that have provided the funding to establish the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund. There are two separate funds that the Fairfield County Economic Development Department administers for the Revolving Loan Fund. The Economic Development Administration (EDA) fund can be used anywhere within the county but the Ohio Development Services Agency cannot be used within the boundaries of the City of Lancaster since it already receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) money. Additionally, if the applicant is awarded funds from the CDBG they will be required to make a concerted effort to collect additional data from job applicants and hire low – moderate income individuals. Depending on account balances, project location and other factors, the Fairfield County Economic Development Department will choose whether EDA or CDBG funds are best suited for the applicant. The Fairfield County Economic Development Department retains the final authority in determining which loan fund the recipient will receive a disbursement from and the final authority in determining eligibility.

1. Is the business organized as a private, for-profit entity?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No (project may be ineligible, please contact Economic Development)
2. Will the business be located in Fairfield County?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No (project may be ineligible, please contact Economic Development)
3. If the business already exists does it employ less than 200 people?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No (project may be ineligible, please contact Economic Development)
 - c. N/A business does not currently exist
4. Is the loan to be used for an intra-family transaction, i.e. buying out another family member?
 - a. Yes (project may be ineligible, please contact Economic Development)
 - b. No
5. Is the applicant(s) contributing at least 5% of the total project cost in cash or equity or 10% if it's a new business?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No (project may be ineligible, please contact Economic Development)
6. For every \$25,000 borrowed (\$1 – \$25,000) one full-time equivalent job must be created or retained within two years. A full-time equivalent job is defined as an employee that works at least 35 hours per week or a group of employees who combine to work at least 35 hours per week. Does the business seeking funding create/retain at least one full-time equivalent job for every \$25,000 borrowed?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No (project may be ineligible, please contact Economic Development)

7. Is applicant/business current on all tax liabilities?

a. Yes

b. No (project may be ineligible, please contact Economic Development)

8. Does the business have, or commit to creating, an equal opportunity policy?

a. Yes

b. No (project may be ineligible, please contact Economic Development)

II. Applicant Information

List personal information for individuals who own 20% of more of the business seeking to borrow funds from one of the revolving loan funds. Copy and use additional pages from this document if necessary.

Applicant Name	Rebecca A Vaughn
Applicant E-Mail	Rebeccav@funbus.com
Applicant Phone	740-653-4600
Applicant Personal Residence Address	1155 Granville Pike Lancaster, OH 43130
Business Title (CEO, etc.)	President
Percent Ownership	100%

1. Does the applicant(s) have experience owning a business?

a. Yes

b. No

i. If so, how many years of experience? 28

ii. Describe the business previously owned:

2. Does the applicant(s) possess industry experience related to this business venture?

☒ a. Yes

If so, how many years of experience? _____

b. No

3. Does the applicant(s) have formal or specialized training that will increase the likelihood of this venture's success?

☒ a. Yes, describe: _____

b. No

4. Has the applicant(s) ever filed for bankruptcy?

a. Yes

If yes, please provide additional information:

☒ b. No

5. Is the applicant(s) up-to-date on all other loans and obligations, both business and personal, including taxes and child support?

☒ a. Yes

b. No

If no, please provide additional information:

6. If the applicant(s) were to be funded would the business qualify as a:

☒ a. Women owned business

b. Minority owned business

c. Low-moderate income individual owned business

d. None of the above

III. Business Information

Business Name	Creative Coach Co. dba Fun Bus
Business Address	2188 E. main st. Lancaster, OH 43130
Business Phone	740-653-4600
Structure – LLC, LP, LLP, etc.	S-Corp.

9. Is the business reusing/redeveloping currently vacant/blighted space?

- ☒ a. Yes - reuse/redevelop
b. No - new build

10. Is the business a start-up (less than 2 years old)?

- a. Yes
☒ b. No

Jobs to be created: with few exceptions, projects involving Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund dollars must create net new full-time equivalent jobs within two years or retain jobs within the county. Please indicate the number of full-time and part-time positions that will be created and what those positions are.

	Full-Time Positions	Part-Time Positions	Description of Positions and estimated wages
Current Employment			
Year 1			FT Sales marketing manager FT mechanic
Year 2			FT motorcoach Driver FT HR Director
Retained Jobs:			

IV. Loan Information

Depending on account balances, project location and other factors, the Fairfield County Economic Development Department may choose to use EDA or CDBG funds for all applications. Terms reflected are the maximum allowable and the review committee may offer terms other than those reflected here.

	Bank Finance	Owner Finance	Other _____	RLF Loan Finance	RLF Max Term
Land	\$	\$	\$	\$	EDA – 20 year
Building Acquisition	\$	\$	\$	\$	EDA – 20 year
Building Construction	\$	\$	\$	\$	EDA – 20 year
Building Renovation	\$	\$	\$	\$	EDA – 20 year
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 205,000	\$ 20,000	\$	\$ 75,000	EDA – 10 year
Furniture & Fixtures	\$	\$	\$	\$	EDA – 10 year
Working Capital	\$	\$	\$	\$	EDA – 5 year
TOTAL	\$	\$ (min of 5% current business; 10% for start up)	\$	\$	

1. If applying for financing for machinery and equipment what is the useful life of the asset(s)?

1. 20 years

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

2. All loans must be secured with some sort of collateral, such as a lien on personal property or business assets. Describe what is being put up for collateral below. Additionally, define what position the RLF would have on the asset. For example, if putting up your home but you have a mortgage (1st position) and you are also using it as collateral for the bank business loan (2nd position) and would like to also use it as collateral for the RLF, the RLF would be 3rd position. Work with your banker to determine which position the RLF would fall in or call the Economic Development Department with questions.

2nd on motor coach(es)

Also Available

2006 Trolley

2141 Commerce St

3. Are you requesting an interest-only payment until the business is operational?

a. Yes

Anticipated date of business opening: _____

☒ b. No

Note: All projects must be completed within 12 months of cash disbursement

V. Additional Loan Requirements

Please initial on the following lines to demonstrate that you understand the following conditions of the loan should your application be approved by the review committee. This is not intended to be an exhaustive or all-encompassing list and other terms and conditions may be present in the final loan documentation:

1. Loan recipients are required to meet with staff members of the Economic Development Department annually and demonstrate that they have met, or are working towards, employment targets. Financial, tax records, worker compensation, payroll and other information that support this may be required for verification of this information. Initials: RN
2. To ensure that public resources are being used effectively, and to mitigate risk of the loan, the applicant may be required to submit financial and other information to the Economic Development Department with appropriate notice. Alternatively, the staff may request that the primary lender share information on the status of the loan with the RLF. Initials: RN
3. The Economic Development Department may require the applicant to meet with staff before presenting the loan application to the review committee. Initials: RN
4. The applicant agrees to pay for the costs of filing all mortgages and liens. Initials: RN
5. The applicant may be required to obtain key man life insurance and agrees to comply with this requirement and keep an active policy throughout the life of the loan. Initials: RN

6. The applicant certifies that to the best of their knowledge they are not related by blood, marriage, law or business arrangement to any member of the Revolving Loan Review Committee or the Fairfield County Commissioners or their staff or that they will disclose this information should any of these relationships exist. Initials: RW

While a majority of the funds available for disbursement are from the Economic Development Administration a sizable amount of the loan fund is provided by the State of Ohio's Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG). In addition to the requirements discussed elsewhere CDBG projects are required to furnish supplemental information including:

1. If working capital is included in the loan the applicant will provide a monthly status update to staff (CDBG). Initials: RW
2. In the event that an environmental review, archeological/historic review, UCC filing, FEMA flood insurance, etc. are required for disbursement of the loan (CDBG) the borrower will pay for all costs associated with the environmental review. Initials: RW
3. In the event that the loan is approved for a CDBG loan the applicant agrees that 51% of the jobs will be made available to low and moderate income individuals. Further the applicant agrees to keep a file of verification of this information or consider referrals from Job and Family Services for employees. The Economic Development Department will provide the necessary training and forms for compliance. Initials: RW

CERTIFICATION; I/We certify:

(a) All information in this application and the exhibits is true and complete to the best of my/our knowledge and is submitted to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee in order that the Revolving Loan Fund Committee may decide whether to grant a loan or to participate with a lending institution in a loan for my/our proposed project.

(b) I/We give assurance that I/we will comply with Sections 112 and 113 of Volume 13 of the Code of Federal Regulations. These code sections prohibit discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, religion, marital status, handicap, age or national origin by recipients of federal financial assistance and require appropriate reports and access to books and records. These requirements are applicable to anyone who buys or takes control of the business. I/We realize that if I/we do not comply with these non-discrimination requirements, the Revolving Loan Fund Committee can call, terminate or accelerate repayment of the loan.

Authority to Collect Personal Information: This information is provided pursuant to Public Law 93-579 Privacy Act of 1974). Effect of Non-disclosure: Omission of an item means your application may not receive full consideration.

I/We authorize disclosure of all information submitted in connection with this application to the Revolving Loan Fund Committee and its consultants. I/We understand that all information may be subjected to public review under Public Disclosure Laws.

As consideration for any Management and Technical assistance which may be provided,

I/we waive all claims against the Revolving Loan Fund Committee and its consultants.

Rebecca Vaughn
Signature

11/15/24
Date

Rebecca Vaughn
Printed Name

Creative Coach Co / FunBus President
Company Name/Officer Name/Title

11/15/24
Date

Application Checklist

- ✓ ✓ Completed application.
- ✓ Letter from primary lender (the bank) stating why they are unable to fully fund the project's loan; the Revolving Loan Fund will not be used to compete with traditional lenders.
- ✓ Application fee of \$250 made payable to Fairfield County Commissioners (checks will not be cashed unless the Committee approves the loan).
- ✓ Personal guarantee of borrower if they will/do own more than 20% of the company.
- ✓ ✓ 3 years of tax returns (business).
- ✓ ✓ 3 years of tax returns (personal)
- ✓ ✓ 3 years of business financial statements (balance sheet/income statement).
- ✓ ✓ Current business financial statement.
- ✓ ✓ Schedule of existing business loans.
- ✓ Corporate resolution/articles of incorporation.
- ✓ Lease or purchase commitment.
- ✓ ✓ Personal financial statement.
- ✓ *NA* ✓ Projected financial statement and monthly cash flow analysis (if start up).
- ✓ Copy of business plan.
- ✓ ✓ Resume of company owners/managers.
- ✓ Description of employment practices and other civil rights information, such as equal opportunity statement, if applicable.

All applications are due on the 1st Tuesday of the month to give staff enough time to review documentation. Requests will be heard by the RLF Loan Review Committee in person mid-month. Not all aspects of this checklist will apply to every loan. It is intended to serve as general guidance to the borrower. We are always available to take your calls and answer your questions. Feel free to contact Rick Szabrak, Economic Development Director, at rick.szabrak@fairfieldcountyohio.gov or 740-652-7160.



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2188 EAST MAIN STREET
LANCASTER, OH 43130

REMIT TO: MCI SALES AND SERVICE, INC.
LOCKBOX SERVICES - 0774755
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SHOREVIEW, MN 55126

SHIP TO: CREATIVE COACH COMPANY
14 HARMON DRIVE
BLACKWOOD, NJ 08012

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PERSONAL GUARANTEE – Page 1

Borrower: Creative Coach Co.

Approved Loan Amount: \$75,000.00

Fund Source: Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund – CARES Act

Prepared: January 21, 2025

FOR VALUE RECEIVED on January 21, 2025 from and as an inducement to Fairfield County, Ohio (“Lender”) to loan certain funds (the “indebtedness”) to **Creative Coach Co.** a corporation, (“Borrower”) in which **Rebecca Vaughn** (hereinafter referred to as “Guarantor”) hereby absolutely and unconditionally guarantee all obligations of the Borrower to Lender pursuant to this Agreement.

Guarantor has a personal interest. Guarantor does hereby personally guarantee absolutely and unconditionally the full and prompt payment to Lender of all indebtedness which Borrower has incurred or may incur for sums loaned to Borrower by Lender including without limitation all liabilities, obligations and amounts due or to become due by Borrower to Lender pursuant to a certain Loan Agreement and Promissory Note of even date between Lender and Borrower (including without limitation, interest, costs of collection and reasonable attorneys’ fees).

Lender is not required to first seek collection from the Borrower. The liability of the Guarantor hereunder shall not be affected by the amount of money loaned to Borrower by Lender nor by any change in the form of Borrower’s indebtedness nor by any extension or renewal thereof. Notice of acceptance of this guarantee or extension of credit hereunder, of default in payment, of change in form or renewal or extension of any said indebtedness or of any other matter with respect hereto is expressly waived. Guarantor waives any presentment, demand, protest, and any other notice in connection with, or regarding, this Personal Guarantee.

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Waive Notice. The undersigned waives notice of acceptance hereof and of all defaults or disputes with the Borrower, and of the settlement or adjustment of such defaults or disputes. The undersigned, without affecting the undersigned's liability hereunder in any respect, consents to and waives notice of all changes of terms, the withdrawal or extension of credit or time to pay, the release of the whole or any part of the indebtedness, the settlement or compromise of differences, the acceptance of release of security, the acceptance of notes, trade acceptances or any other form of obligation for the Borrower's indebtedness to the Lender, and the demand, protest, and notice of protest of such instruments or their endorsements. The undersigned also consents to and waives notice of any arrangements or settlements made in or out of court in the event of receivership, liquidation, readjustment, bankruptcy, reorganization, arrangement, or assignment for the benefit of Lender, and anything whatsoever, whether or not herein specified, which may be done or waived by or between Lender and the Borrower.

Obligation and Certification. The obligation of the undersigned is a primary, absolute, and unconditional obligation, and covers all existing and future indebtedness of the Borrower to the Lender. This obligation shall be enforceable against the undersigned before or after proceeding against the Borrower or against any security held by the Borrower, and shall be effective against the undersigned regardless of the solvency or insolvency of the Borrower at any time, the extension or modification of the indebtedness of the Borrower by operation of law, or the subsequent corporation reorganization, merger, or consolidation of the Borrower or any other change in the composition, nature, personnel, or location of the Borrower.

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The undersigned acknowledges that this guarantee is the undersigned's personal obligation and that the undersigned is not acting as an agent on behalf of the Borrower, notwithstanding any business affiliation between them or title identified below.

This guarantee shall for all purposes be deemed to be made in and shall be governed by laws of the State of Ohio and for purposes of enforcement each of the undersigned(s) consent to personal jurisdiction in the Fairfield County, Ohio Municipal Court and the Fairfield County, Ohio Court of Common Pleas.

This guarantee shall be binding upon the undersigned, as well as the undersigned's legal representatives and assigns, and shall inure to Lender's benefit and to the benefit of the Lender's successors and assigns.

The undersigned individually acknowledges that the undersigned has read the entirety of this Personal Guarantee and understands and agrees to all the terms thereof.

The undersigned hereby irrevocably authorizes any attorney-at-law to appear in any court of record in this state or in any other state in the united states after any installment of principal or interest hereunder becomes due and remains unpaid after notice and any applicable grace period, and waives the issuing and service of process and confesses a judgement against the undersigned in favor of the holder hereof for the amount of said note, together with the costs for suit and thereupon to release all errors and waive all rights of appeal.

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All persons now or hereafter liable for the payment of the principal or interest due on this Personal Guarantee, or any part thereof, do hereby expressly waive presentment for payment, notice of dishonor, protest and notice of protest, and agree that the time for the payment or payments of any part of the Note may be extended without releasing or otherwise affecting their liability on the Note, or their obligations under the lien securing this Note.

This Personal Guarantee is prepared and executed in the Fairfield County, Ohio on the date first set forth above.

WARNING – By signing this paper, you give up your right to notice and court trial. If you do not pay on time, a court judgement may be taken against you without your prior knowledge and the powers of a court can be used to collect from you regardless of any claims you may have against the creditor whether for returned goods, faulty goods, failure on its part to comply with the agreement, or any other cause.

GUARANTOR:

Rebecca Vaughn

In Her Individual Capacity



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RLF PROMISSORY NOTE – Page 1

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FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned **Rebecca Vaughn, Owner, and Creative Coach Co.**, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, (collectively known as the “Borrower”) hereby **jointly and severally** promise to pay to the order of Fairfield County, Ohio, a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, duly authorized and validly existing under and by virtue of the laws thereof, (hereinafter called “Lender”), the principal sum seventy five thousand dollars (\$75,000), together with interest as hereinafter provided. The proceeds from the loan represented by this Promissory Note shall be applied only to provide a downpayment for the purchase of a motorcoach, (hereinafter called the “Project”). This is the Promissory Note referenced in that certain loan agreement of even date by and between the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, with primary offices located at 210 E. Main Street STE. 407, Lancaster, Ohio 43130, and Creative Coach Co., a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, with its primary offices located at 2188 E. Main St. Lancaster, OH 43130 (hereinafter called “Borrower”), as participating parties in the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund (“Loan Agreement”).

SECTION I. INTEREST

1. Interest. Interest on the proceeds of this promissory note shall be paid at the rate of 4.00 percent (4%) per annum on the amount disbursed. Proceeds of the loan shall be disbursed in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Loan Agreement. Interest shall commence accruing on the date of the closing of the loan.
2. Prepayment. Prepayment of this Note may occur at any time without penalty.



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SECTION II. REPAYMENT

The principal disbursed and interest shall be paid as follows:

1. Payments. The first payment under this Promissory Note shall be due on April 1, 2025 and shall include principal and interest from the date of loan closing. The Borrower(s) shall commence making monthly payments in accordance with an amortization schedule attached to the loan agreement and to this Promissory Note, a copy of which amortization table is attached hereto and incorporated herein. For the 60-month term of the loan, the borrower shall repay principal and interest monthly as set forth in said amortization schedule. All monthly payments shall be due on the first day of each month following April 1, 2025. Monthly payments of principal and interest shall continue so that the remaining balance of principal and interest shall be paid in full no later than June 1, 2030.

3. Upon Sale or Refinancing. The entire balance of the outstanding principal of this loan and all accrued unpaid interest thereon shall become immediately due and payable upon the bankruptcy, reorganization, syndication, dissolution, or liquidation of Borrower, at 2188 E. Main St. Lancaster, OH 43130.

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1. Personal Guarantee and real property collateral. This Promissory Note may be secured by the personal guarantee of **Rebecca Vaughn**, individually, and/or by an executed mortgage against real property owned by Creative Coach Co.
2. Default. Upon default in the payment of (1) any installment of principal or interest when the same is due hereunder, or upon (2) a failure to perform any of the covenants or conditions contained in this Note, the Loan Agreement, or any other document signed by one or more of the Borrowers to secure the payment of the amounts due hereunder, and if such failure continues for fourteen (14) days after written notice of such default from the Lender to the Borrowers, then the entire principal hereof then remaining unpaid, together with all accrued interest, shall, at the option of the Lender, become immediately due and payable without any notice or demand.

SECTION III. LIABILITY

The Borrower and **Rebecca Vaughn, Owner**, jointly and severally agree to defend, indemnify, protect, and hold harmless both the United States Federal government and Fairfield County, Ohio and all of its officers, agents, and employees (collectively “the County”) from and against any and all liabilities that the Federal government or the County may incur as a result of providing an RLF Loan Award to assist directly in the Project as well as any direct or indirect activities associated with the Project. These protections apply to the extent that the Federal government or the County may become potentially liable caused by operations of the RLF Recipient or any of its borrowers, predecessors, or successors.

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SECTION IV. CERTIFICATION

The undersigned and the endorers, guarantors and sureties of this note and each of them hereby irrevocably authorize any attorney-at-law to appear in any court of record in this state or in any other state in the united states after any installment of principal or interest hereunder becomes due and remains unpaid after notice and any applicable grace period, and waive the issuing and service of process and confess a judgement against us and each of us in favor of the holder hereof for the amount of said note, together with the costs for suit and thereupon to release all errors and waive all rights of appeal.

All persons now or hereafter liable for the payment of the principal or interest due on this Promissory Note, or any part thereof, do hereby expressly waive presentment for payment, notice of dishonor, protest and notice of protest, and agree that the time for the payment or payments of any part of the Note may be extended without releasing or otherwise affecting their liability on the Note, or their obligations under the lien securing this Note.

This Promissory Note is prepared and executed in Fairfield County, Ohio.

WARNING – By signing this promissory note, you give up your right to notice and court trial. If you do not pay on time, a court judgement may be taken against you without your prior knowledge and the powers of a court can be used to collect from you regardless of any claims you may have against the creditor whether for returned goods, faulty goods, failure on its part to comply with the agreement, or any other cause.



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Creative Coach Co.


Rebecca Vaughn, Owner

Approved as to form by the
Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office

**ATTACHMENT:
AMORITIZATION SCHEDULE**

Committee Members

Clinton Davis
Matt Johnson
David Levacy
Brian Long
Matt Poston
Jason Saul
Linda Sheridan
Mary Snider

Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Committee

December 3, 2024 Meeting

Committee Members Attending: Clinton Davis, Matt Johnson, Commissioner Dave Levacy, Matt Poston, Linda Sheridan, Mary Snider

Staff Attending: Vince Carpico, Angel Conrad, Rick Szabrak

Call to Order: The Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Committee was called to order on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 by Matt Johnson.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 5, 2024 meeting were approved on a motion from Clinton Davis and was seconded by Matt Poston. Motion carried unanimously.

Financials: Vince Carpico shared the financial report. The balance for funds to loan out are: \$508,110.57 for EDA defederalized, \$96,974.75 for CDBG, and \$352,603.36 for EDA CARES Act. Motion to accept the financial report was made by Matt Poston and was seconded by Linda Sheridan. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business: There was some discussion on ways to get the word out about the Revolving Loan Fund. It was agreed that utilizing the Chamber of Commerce and Social Media posts could be an effective way to promote the RLF program.

New Business: Vince Carpico shared that he recently had two conversations with businesses that could result in future applications. The Loan Review Committee met with Rebecca Vaughn, owner of Creative Coach Co. , doing business as 'Fun Bus'. Ms. Vaughn is requesting \$75,000 from the Revolving Loan Fund to use as capital towards a down payment on the purchase of a motorcoach. After some discussion a motion to lend \$75,000 at 4% for 60 months from the CARES Act fund was made by Linda Sheridan and seconded by Matt Poston. Motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Levacy abstaining. RLF will work with Fun Bus to obtain vehicle liens as collateral for the loan, and Fun Bus will provide a purchase order for the motorcoach.

Matt Johnson and Jason Saul terms on the committee are expiring at the end of the year, and both have agreed to serve another 3-year term. There is an open spot on the Committee to replace Heather Yakes, the Committee and staff to the Committee will continue to work on getting that spot filled.

Matt Johnson is the current Chair and Matt Poston is the current Vice Chair of the Loan Review Committee. Commissioner Levacy made a motion for Mr. Johnson and Mr. Poston to continue to serve as Chair and Vice Chair. The motion was seconded by Linda Sheridan. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss Clinton Davis made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Commissioner Levacy. The motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned.

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Carri L. Brown, PhD, MBA, CGFM

Purchase Order

Fiscal Year 2025

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THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES,
PACKAGES AND SHIPPING PAPERS.Purchase Order # **25002516 - 00**

Delivery must be made within doors of specified destination.

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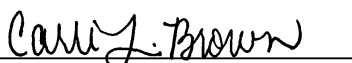
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12271800 - 530009		\$75,000.00			

Invoice Date ____/____/____ Invoice Amount \$ _____ To Be paid ____/____/____ Warrant # _____

COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

It is hereby certified that the amount \$75,000.00 required to meet the contract, agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure, for the above, has been lawfully appropriated, authorized or directed for such purpose and is in the County Treasury or in process of collection to the credit of the submitted Fund(s) free from any obligation or certification now outstanding.

Date: 01/17/2025



Auditor Fairfield County, OH

Purchase Order Total **\$75,000.00**

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RLF LOAN AGREEMENT – Page 1

Borrower: Creative Coach Co.

Approved Loan Amount: \$75,000

Fund Source: Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund - CARES Act

Prepared: January 21, 2025

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into by and between The Board of Fairfield County Commissioners, a political subdivision of the State of Ohio, with primary offices located at 210 E. Main St. Suite 407, Lancaster, Ohio 43130 (hereinafter called "County") and Creative Coach Co., organized under the laws of the State of Ohio, with its primary offices located at 2188 E. Main St. Lancaster, OH 43130 (hereinafter called "Borrower"), as participating parties in the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund. *In consideration of the loan (as herein defined), Borrower, as a participating party, and in consideration of County making the loan specified in this Agreement, covenants and agrees to the following commitments to be performed by the participating party:*

Section 1

- 1.1 Borrower, as a participating party, shall use funds for the downpayment on a purchase of a motorcoach as described in the RLF Loan Application Summary (Exhibit A), attached hereto and incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein to be used by Borrower. The County will loan to the Borrower the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) upon the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- 1.2 The Borrower understands that the purpose of the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund is to support business activities for which credit may not otherwise be available.
- 1.3 The County reserves the right to recall the loan if this Agreement outlining the terms and conditions of the loan and/or the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund Plan are violated.



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Section 2 – Loan to Borrower by County

2.1 The County shall loan to Borrower the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00). The total sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) shall be used by the Borrower as a downpayment on a purchase of a motorcoach as described in Exhibit A.

2.2 The loan shall be evidenced by a Promissory Note, and the terms and conditions of the loan shall be consistent with the following:

- (a) Disbursement shall be through direct payment to Borrower.
- (b) Interest Rate. The Promissory Note shall provide for interest at the rate of 4.00 percent (4%) per annum on the amount disbursed.
- (c) Payments. The first payment under this Loan Agreement will be due on April 1, 2025 and the Borrower shall commence making monthly installment payments of principal and interest in accordance with an amortization schedule calculated to amortize the principal balance of the loan. A \$75,000 promissory note will be executed for a five (5) year term for the purposes of a downpayment on the purchase of a motorcoach. These monthly payments of principal and interest shall continue so that the remaining principal balance shall be paid at the end of the loan term as described in the amortization schedule.
- (d) All loan payments shall be due and payable on the first of the month, with a grace period of fifteen (15) days. Any payments not received within the grace period shall be imposed a late fee of two percent (2%) of the monthly loan payment amount.
- (e) Prepayment of the loan may occur at any time without penalty.



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Section 2 – Loan to Borrower by County (Continued)

2.3 The Borrower may be asked to execute and deliver a Personal Guarantee in favor of the County, to repay credit issued. In case of a default, the unpaid principal and interest balance shall become immediately due and payable.

Section 3 – Loan Acknowledgement

- 3.1 Borrower acknowledges that the Loan is a Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund loan which is being offered by the County to support business activities for which credit is not otherwise available on terms and conditions which would permit completion and/or the successful operation or accomplishment of the specific business activity for which the loan is being offered.
- 3.2 As an inducement to County to make this Loan, Borrower will create or retain a minimum of one (1) full-time equivalent position, which is defined as a job with at least thirty-five (35) payable hours per week, per twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) of RLF funds ("Borrower's Job Obligations").
- 3.3 Borrower shall comply with all laws regarding non-discrimination and equal employment opportunity and follow all regulations for the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund.
- 3.4 Borrower shall cause these positions to be created or retained and staffed on or by twenty-four (24) months after the date the final disbursement of the Loan Funds has been made and shall thereafter keep these jobs filled while this Loan is outstanding.
- 3.5 If the holder of any such position resigns or is terminated for cause, such position shall be considered filled, provided Borrower is diligently pursuing a new employee for such position (which pursuit shall at a minimum include posting the job with OhioMeansJobs) and does not decline to hire a reasonably qualified applicant.
- 3.6 Borrower shall report annually to County on the status of its compliance with its Job Obligations.



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Prepared: January 21, 2025

Section 3 – Loan Acknowledgement (Continued)

- 3.7 Borrower represents and warrants that Borrower has obtained all federal, state, and local government approvals and reviews required by law to be obtained by Borrower for this project, and that Borrower will comply with all applicable federal and state regulations.
- 3.8 Borrower shall use the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund in compliance with federal, state, and local government laws, rules, and regulations.
- 3.9 The loan to the Borrower may become immediately due and payable to the County if the economic activity is moved outside the eligible lending area, Fairfield County, Ohio.
- 3.10 Borrower has disclosed to Lender any other federal funding sources that Borrower has applied for or received for purposes related to the EDA Loan Purpose, certifies that no EDA Loan proceeds will be used to fund expenses for which Borrower has received other federal funding, and acknowledges that should Lender determine that Borrower has received federal funding from multiple sources for identical expenses, Lender shall demand immediate repayment of the portion of the EDA Loan allocable to those expenses and may take any other action against Borrower permitted by the Loan Agreement and Related Documents, the EDA loan program, and applicable law.

Section 4 – Other Covenants and Warranties

- 4.1 Accuracy of Submissions. All documents and information submitted by the Borrower or the Guarantors to the County were, as of the date of submission, and now remain true, complete, and correct in all material respects. All financial statements submitted to the County in connection with the Loan are correct and complete and fairly present the financial condition of the Borrower or the Guarantor(s), as the case may be, as of the date or for the period therein stated; and there are no material contingent liabilities or obligations which are not duly noted therein.



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners:

Steven A. Davis
Jeffrey M. Fix
David L. Levacy

County Administrator
Aundrea N. Cordle

Deputy County Administrator
Jeffrey D. Porter

Clerk
Rochelle Menningen

RLF LOAN AGREEMENT – Page 5

Borrower: Creative Coach Co.

Approved Loan Amount: \$75,000

Fund Source: Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund – CARES Act

Prepared: January 21, 2025

Section 4 – Other Covenants and Warranties (continued)

- 4.2 No Material Change. There has occurred no material change in the business, properties or condition, financial or otherwise, of the Borrower or the Guarantors since the date of their financial statements submitted to the County.
- 4.3 Taxes. All taxes and assessments due and payable by the Borrower and the Guarantor(s) have been paid or are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and the Borrower have filed all tax returns which are required to be filed by any laws applicable thereto.
- 4.4 Good Standing. The Borrower and all Guarantors are duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of their respective states of organization and have the power and authority to own their property and to carry on their business in each jurisdiction in which they do business.
- 4.5 Authority and Compliance. The Borrower and each Guarantor have full power and authority to execute and deliver the Loan Documents to which each is a party and to incur and perform the obligations provided for therein, all of which have been duly authorized by all proper and necessary action of the appropriate governing body of Borrower and each such Guarantor. No consent or approval of any public authority or other third party is required as a condition to the validity of any Loan Document, and the Borrower, and each Guarantor is in material compliance with all laws and regulatory requirements to which each is subject except where failure to comply would not have a material adverse effect on the affairs and property of the Borrower or such Guarantor.



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RLF LOAN AGREEMENT – Page 6

Borrower: Creative Coach Co.

Approved Loan Amount: \$75,000

Fund Source: Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund – CARES Act

Prepared: January 21, 2005

Section 4 – Other Covenants and Warranties (Continued)

- 4.6 Binding Agreement. This Loan Agreement and the other Loan Documents executed by the Borrower and each Guarantor constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Borrower and each Guarantor enforceable in accordance with their respective terms, except as enforceability may be limited by: (1) applicable Bankruptcy, reorganization, insolvency, moratorium or other similar laws affecting the enforceability of creditors' rights generally; (2) the effect of applicable fraudulent conveyance and/or transfer laws, both state and federal; (3) general principles of equity (regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or law) including, without limitation, the possible unavailability of specific performance, injunctive relief or any other equitable remedy; and (4) concepts of materiality, reasonableness, good faith and fair dealing.
- 4.7 Litigation. There is no proceeding involving the Borrower or any Guarantor pending or, to the knowledge of the Borrower, threatened before any court or governmental authority, agency or arbitration authority, except as disclosed to the County in writing and acknowledged by the County prior to the date of this Loan Agreement.
- 4.8 No Conflicting Agreements. There is no charter, bylaw, stock provision, or other document pertaining to the organization, power or authority of the Borrower or any Guarantor, and no provision of any existing agreement, mortgage, indenture or contract binding on the Borrower or any Guarantor, or affecting its or their property which would conflict with or in any way prevent the execution, delivery or carrying out the term of this Loan Agreement and the other Loan Documents.
- 4.9 Payment or Performance of Obligations. The Borrower defaults in the prompt payment (within any grace period allowed by the Note) or performance of any obligations under the Notes (after the expiration of any applicable notice and right to cure period contained in the Note), this Loan Agreement or any instrument or document securing the Loan; or in the prompt payment or performance when due of any other indebtedness, liabilities, or obligations to the County, whether now existing or here-after created or arising, direct or indirect, absolute or contingent; or there shall occur an event which, under the terms of the Notes or any instrument or document securing the Loan, would permit the County to accelerate the maturity of the Loan.



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RLF LOAN AGREEMENT – Page 7

Borrower: Creative Coach Co.

Approved Loan Amount: \$75,000

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Prepared: January 21, 2025

Section 5 – Reporting and Evaluation

5.1 Borrower, as a participating party, shall submit to the county, when so requested, copies of year-end Financial Statements, as applicable, and Federal Tax Returns, to be reviewed as part of the annual evaluation of the loan.

Section 6 – Miscellaneous

- 6.1 This Agreement is subject to Section 319 of Public Law 101-121, which added Section 1352, regarding lobbying restrictions, to Chapter 13 or Title 31 of the United States Code. The new section is explained in the common rule, 15 CFR Part 28 (55FR 6736-6748, 2/26/90). Each bidder/applicant/recipient of this contract, subcontract, or sub-grant and sub-recipients are generally prohibited from using Federal funds for lobbying the Executive or Legislative Branches of the Federal Government in connection with this award.
- 6.2 Amendments. The provisions of this Loan Agreement, the Promissory Note or any instrument or document executed pursuant hereto or securing the indebtedness may be amended or modified only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto.
- 6.3 Borrower certifies that any representation or warranty made by the Borrower herein, or in any report, certificate, financial statement, or other writing furnished in connection with or pursuant to the Loan Agreement is accurate, complete, and correct.
- 6.4 Borrower, as a participating party agrees that any duty authorized representative of the County shall, at all reasonable times and with prior notice and due regard to safety considerations, have access to any portion of the project in which they are involved; and the period of such right to access shall be until Borrower closes out the loan.
- 6.5 The loan is subject to compliance with the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund Plan, which is available to Borrower upon request.



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Commissioners:

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RLF LOAN AGREEMENT – Page 8

Borrower: Creative Coach Co.

Approved Loan Amount: \$75,000

Fund Source: Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund – CARES Act

Prepared: January 21, 2025

Section 7 – Certification


Except as otherwise prohibited herein, the terms of the Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the respective successors and assigns of the parties.

This Agreement is hereby executed and delivered by the parties hereto on the dates set forth below by their respective signatures, as follows:

WITNESS OR ATTEST:



Borrower



Rebecca Vaughn, Owner
Creative Coach Co.

Approved as to form by the
Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office

Fairfield County, Ohio

Fairfield County Board of Commissioners

Date: _____

ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A

Prosecutor's Approval Page

Resolution No.

A resolution to approve loan documents to fund Creative Coach Co. as a Fairfield County Revolving Loan project.

(Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development)

Approved as to form on 1/30/2025 2:20:18 PM by Austin Lines,

Resolution No. 2025-02.04.f

A resolution to approve loan documents to fund Creative Coach Co. as a Fairfield County Revolving Loan project.

(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 to approve an Agreement between Fairfield County and CTL Engineering, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Fairfield County Engineer is recommending that this Board of Commissioners hire CTL Engineering, Inc.; 2860 Fisher Road; Columbus, OH 43204, to provide construction inspection and testing services as directed by the Fairfield County Engineer's Office for the stated fees and per the terms in the attached Agreement.

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

SECTION 1: that this Board of Commissioners resolves to approve and sign the Agreement with CTL Engineering, Inc. to provide construction inspection and testing services for the Fairfield County Engineer, for the stated fees and per the terms of the attached Agreement.

SECTION 2: that the Clerk of this Board furnish the County Engineer with a copy of this signed Agreement for further action.

Prepared by: Cheryl Downour
cc: Engineering Office

AGREEMENT

Fairfield County Commissioner's and CTL Engineering, Inc

This **AGREEMENT** entered into at Lancaster, Ohio on this January day of 6th 2025 by and between the County of Fairfield, State of Ohio, acting through the County Engineer, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, and CTL Engineering, Inc, duly licensed and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio for the practice of engineering services, hereinafter, referred to as CONSULTANT, with an office located at 2860 Fisher Road; Columbus, OH 43204.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project: Construction Inspection and Testing Services

Project Manager: Mitch Noland, P.E., S.I.

Proposal Submittal Date: January 1, 2025

Project Completion Date: December 31st, 2025

Project Description: Provide Construction Inspection and Testing Services

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The CONSULTANT agrees to provide engineering services for the above-mentioned project, which includes the following:

Provide Construction Inspection, Material Sampling and Material Testing as directed by the Fairfield County Engineer's Office in accordance with the standards of the Fairfield County Engineer's Office.

COMPENSATION

The COUNTY agrees to compensate the consultant for the performance of the work as specified in the SCOPE OF SERVICES section of this agreement, as follows:

For actual time providing technical or engineering services and on designated projects, not to exceed a total of \$250,000.

See attached for the hourly rates to be paid for services.

PROJECT PROGRESSION

The CONSULTANT shall submit weekly progress reports in the form and content acceptable to the COUNTY. The COUNTY shall be billed in consecutive 4-week increments. No payment will be processed without a weekly progress report. If the progress report reveals that the project is NOT progressing satisfactorily or if invoicing is not commensurate with the progression of work, then payment to the CONSULTANT on this agreement will be **SUSPENDED**. At no such time shall this be cause for the CONSULTANT to stop work on the project. In the event suspension of payment is invoked, the CONSULTANT shall then supply to the COUNTY the reason(s) for unsatisfactory performance.

Should the reason(s) for unsatisfactory progression of the work be deemed by the COUNTY to be beyond the control of the CONSULTANT or be deemed by the COUNTY to have been unforeseen at the time the project was awarded, documentation detailing a Change in Scope will be drafted in which the CONSULTANT must thoroughly explain and justify the remaining items of work needed to complete the project. In the event of a Project Overrun, the CONSULTANT shall identify and justify all additional costs above the original estimated cost required to finish the project. Once explanations and justifications of the reasons for unsatisfactory progression of work and/or additional costs have been reviewed and accepted by the COUNTY, then an **ADDENDUM** shall be made to this **AGREEMENT** to complete the project on the time frame and fee acceptable to both the COUNTY and the CONSULTANT.

Should the reason(s) for the unsatisfactory progression of the work be deemed by the COUNTY to be in **FULL** control of the CONSULTANT, then the CONSULTANT is bound by this **AGREEMENT** to complete the work described for the sum set forth in a time frame acceptable to the COUNTY.

TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement may be terminated by either party upon seven (7) days' written notice should the other party fail substantially to perform in accordance with its terms through no fault of the other. In the event of termination due to the fault of others than the CONSULTANT, the CONSULTANT shall be paid his compensation for services performed to termination date including reimbursable expenses then due and all terminal expenses. On termination, all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries and such other information and materials as may have been accumulated by the CONSULTANT in performing this Agreement whether completed or in process must be delivered to and become property of the COUNTY.

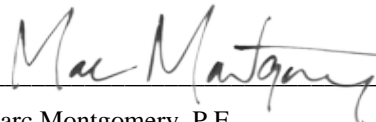
The date of the CONSULTANT's endorsement shall serve as notice of authorization to proceed.

The undersigned, having full knowledge of the site, preliminary plans and specifications for the proposed Project and the conditions of this proposal hereby agrees to furnish all services, labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the work described in the Scope of Services by the completion date specified above and to accept the price specified above as full compensation for the work described in this request for proposal.


IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this AGREEMENT on this January day of 6th, 2025.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COMPANY/CONSULT AGREEMENT

By: 
Marc Montgomery, P.E.

Title: Principal



Witness

ATTACHMENTS

The following items are to be considered a part of this contract: *Attachment "A"*

CTL Construction Inspection and Testing Services Rates



CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION AND TESTING SERVICES 2025

PERSONNEL

Project Manager (1001, 1003)	\$175.00/hour
Construction Engineer (1034)	\$160.00/hour
Project Inspector (1015)	\$96.00/hour
Senior Technician (1007)	\$75.00/hour
Administrative/Secretary (1006)	\$65.00/hour

EQUIPMENT

Nuclear Densometer for Soil Moisture-Density or Bituminous Density Testing ASTM D2922, ASTM D2950 (2NUC)	\$45.00/day
Coring Equipment Coring Gun, Generator (2CORE)	\$250.00/day

LABORATORY TESTS

NOTE:

All Tests are Flat Rate unless otherwise specified. Other lab testing is available and can be quoted upon request.

Standard Compression Strength Cylinder - Includes Mold, ASTM C 39 (6C003)	\$22.00/each
Grain Size Analysis, ASTM C-136 or D-422 Long Hydrometer (5S003B)	\$77.00/each
Atterberg Limits, ASTM D-4318:	
(5S002)	\$80.00 /each
Plastic Limit (5S023)	\$40.00/each
Liquid Limit (5S024)	\$40.00/each
Moisture Density Relation Proctor:	
Standard Proctor, ASTM D-698 (5S011)	\$230.00/each
Modified Proctor, ASTM D-1557 (5S028)	\$245.00/each
Asphalt Bulk Specific Gravity and Density ASTM D2726	\$50.00/each
Extraction (Centrifuge) for AC Content (Method A), ASTM D2172	\$200.00/each

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

Overtime	
Saturday and excess of 8 hours/day	Time & 1/2
Sunday and Holidays	Double time
Mileage (MILEC)	Federal Rate

Purchase Order

Carri L. Brown, PhD, MBA, CGFM

Fairfield County Auditor
210 East Main Street
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

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THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES,
PACKAGES AND SHIPPING PAPERS.

Purchase Order # 25001770 - 01

Delivery must be made within doors of specified destination.

Expiration Date: 03/15/2026

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2860 FISHER RD PO BOX 478
COLUMBUS, OH 43085

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COUNTY ENGINEER
3026 W FAIR AVE
LANCASTER, OH 43130
Phone: 740-652-2300

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				1867	
DATE ORDERED	VENDOR NUMBER	DATE REQUIRED	FREIGHT METHOD/TERMS		DEPARTMENT/LOCATION
01/01/2025	11760				ENGINEER-ADMIN
NOTES					

PO Requisitioner Name : Julie Huggins
E mail Address : julie.huggins@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION / PART #	QTY	UOM	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	MODIFIED: SUBDIVISION CONSULTING GL Account: 16202405 - 530020	1.0	EACH	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00
GL SUMMARY					

16202405 - 530020 \$250,000.00

Invoice Date ____/____/____ Invoice Amount \$ _____ To Be paid ____/____/____ Warrant # _____

COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

It is hereby certified that the amount \$250,000.00 required to meet the contract, agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure, for the above, has been lawfully appropriated, authorized or directed for such purpose and is in the County Treasury or in process of collection to the credit of the submitted Fund(s) free from any obligation or certification now outstanding.

Date: 01/01/2025

Carri L. Brown

Auditor Fairfield County, OH

2/4/2025

Purchase Order Total \$250,000.00

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ROUTING FORM FOR CONTRACTS

The undersigned designee of the County affirms that he/she has reviewed the attached contract to ensure that it complies with County's needs and previous negotiations. The undersigned designee further affirms that the County has complied with the competitive selection process, as prescribed by Ohio Revised Code 9.17, and the applicable sections as outlined on this form, by selecting the applicable boxes below.

- A. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$75,000.00—competitively selected via an Invitation to Bid, pursuant to R.C. 307.86-307.92
- B. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$75,000.00—competitively selected via a Request for Proposals, pursuant to R.C. 307.862
- C. ☐ Public Improvement contracts—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 153.08-153.12
- D. ☐ Architect/Engineer design services for public improvements—selected through the Request for Qualifications process pursuant to R.C. 153.65-153.72
- E. ☐ County Road Improvement/Construction—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 5555.61
- F. ☐ The subject matter was exempt from competitive selection for the following reason(s):
1. ☐ Under \$75,000
 2. ☐ State Term #: _____ (copy of State Term Contract must be attached)
 3. ☐ ODOT Term #: _____ (See R.C. 5513.01)
 4. ☐ Professional Services (See the list of exempted occupations/services under R.C. 307.86)
 5. ☐ Emergency (Follow procedure under ORC 307.86(A))
 6. ☐ Sole Source (attach documentation as to why contract is sole source)
 7. ☐ Other: _____ (cite to authority or explain why matter is exempt from competitive bidding)
- G. ☐ Agreement not subject to Sections A-F (explain): _____
- H. ☐ Compliance with Fairfield County Board of Commissioners Procurement Guidelines
1. ☐ No County employee, employee's family member, or employee's business associate has an interest in this contract OR such interest has been disclosed and reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office
 2. ☐ No Finding for Recovery against Vendor as required under R.C. 9.24 (search via "Certified Search" on <http://ffr.ohioauditor.gov/>)
 3. ☐ Obtained 3 quotes for purchases under \$75,000 (as applicable)
 4. ☐ Purchase Order is included with Agreement

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

CTL Agreement 2025

Name and Title

*** Please note that this checklist only addresses County and statutory requirements. If a contract is paid for with state and/or federal funds, please consult with the appropriate state and/or federal agency to ensure your department is complying with any additional requirements. By submitting a request for approval, you are certifying you have addressed County, statutory, and grant requirements.***

Prosecutor's Approval Page

Resolution No.

A resolution to approve an Agreement between Fairfield County and CTL Engineering, Inc.

(Fairfield County Engineer)

Approved as to form on 1/30/2025 9:12:23 AM by Amy Brown-Thompson,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Brown-Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amy Brown-Thompson
Prosecutor's Office
Fairfield County, Ohio

Resolution No. 2025-02.04.g

A resolution to approve an Agreement between Fairfield County and CTL Engineering, Inc.

(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 approve a Contract Amendment between Steed Hammond Paul, Inc., d/b/a SHP Architects, Inc., and the Fairfield County Commissioners

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has a responsibility to provide building facilities necessary for the various County departments; and

WHEREAS, the Workforce Development Training Center at 4465 Coonpath Rd., Carroll, Ohio is one of those facilities and requires additional design services for construction projects in the amount of \$36,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Steed Hammond Paul, Inc. dba SHP Architects was the selected design firm by the County for original renovations and approved in Resolution 2022-7.26 p; and

WHEREAS, additional services were added on Amendment 1 on Resolution 2023-08.01.h; and

WHEREAS, additional services were added on Amendment 2 on Resolution 2024-03.05.l; and

WHEREAS, additional services were added on Amendment 3 on Resolution 2024-07.16.h; and

WHEREAS, additional services were added on Amendment 4 on Resolution 2024-09.10.f; and

WHEREAS, an amendment is needed to add additional design services for additional renovation; and

WHEREAS, the contract is proposed in accordance with ORC 307.86

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

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners approves the attached contract amendment and authorizes its Board President to sign the amendment for the amount of \$36,000.00.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners will provide a signed reproduction to the Facilities Director.

**AIA**[®]**Document G802[®] – 2017*****Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement***

PROJECT: *(name and address)*
 Fairfield County Workforce
 Development Center
 - Interior Alterations and Building
 Envelope Study

AGREEMENT INFORMATION:
 Date: July 19, 2022

AMENDMENT INFORMATION:
 Amendment Number: 05
 Date: January 29, 2025

OWNER: *(name and address)*
 Fairfield County Workforce
 Development Center
 4465 Coonpath Rd. NW
 Cincinnati, OH 45208

ARCHITECT: *(name and address)*
 SHP
 312 Plum Street, Suite 700
 Cincinnati, OH 45202

The Owner and Architect amend the Agreement as follows:

This Amendment for Additional Services shall include the services detailed in the attached Proposal (dated 01/29/25), relating to: '-Building Envelope Renovations' at the existing Fairfield County Workforce Center.

The Architect's compensation and schedule shall be adjusted as follows:

Compensation Adjustment:

Architect's fee for the above described Additional Services shall be as follows:

Building Envelope Renovations - Lump sum fee of \$36,000.00

Schedule Adjustment:

We anticipate completion of Construction Documents for Bidding the week of February 10, 2025.

SIGNATURES:

SHP

ARCHITECT *(Firm name)*

Brandi Ash

SIGNATURE

Brandi Ash, Vice President

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

January 29, 2025

DATE

OWNER *(Firm name)*

SIGNATURE

PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

DATE



312 PLUM STREET, SUITE 700 | CINCINNATI, OH 45202 | 513.381.2112

PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL SERVICES

PARTIES TO AGREEMENT

Owner: Fairfield County Workforce Development Center
c/o Board of Commissioners of Fairfield County, OH
Mr. John Kochis, *Director of Facilities*
210 East Main Street, Room 300
Lancaster, Ohio, 43130

Architect: SHP
312 Plum Street, Suite 700
Cincinnati, OH 45202

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name: **Fairfield County Workforce Development Center - Building Envelope Renovations**

Scope of Additional Services:

1. Building Envelope Renovations

- Meet with Fairfield County Workforce Development Center Administration as required to finalize the scope of work for the new front façade and existing façade remediation.
- Provide design options for review and determination of the final design approach.
- Provide Architectural services associated with the new front façade and existing façade remediation.
- Provide all construction documents and specifications required for bidding and permit.
- Assist in submitting/obtaining permit.
- Attend meetings required during the bidding phase including the pre-bid meeting for contractors and the pre-award meeting with the apparent low bid contractor.
- Provide Construction Administration services including review of all submittals, RFI's and change orders during construction.
- Provide bi-weekly site visit and progress meetings during construction. (12 visits)
- Prepare final punch list upon final completion of the project.

SCHEDULE

We are prepared to begin immediately upon receipt of written authorization to proceed. We anticipate completion of Construction Documents for Bidding the week of February 10, 2025.

ADDITIONAL FEE & BILLING INFORMATION

Additional Fee:

☒ Lump Sum

☐ Hourly, Estimated Hours

Additional Services - Building Envelope Renovations = \$36,000.00

☒ Lump Sum

☐ Hourly, Estimated Hours




312 PLUM STREET, SUITE 700 | CINCINNATI, OH 45202 | 513.381.2112

AUTHORIZATION

Services will be performed in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of the original Agreement between the parties, executed by the Client on July 19, 2022. Authorization by the Client to proceed, whether written or via purchase order or payment, shall constitute acceptance. No waiver or modification of the original Terms and Conditions of the Agreement between the parties shall be binding unless made in writing and signed by each parties' authorized representative.

SHP:

Signature: 
Name: Brandi S. Ash
Title: Vice President
Date: 1/29/2025

Fairfield County Workforce Development Center/ Board of Commissioners of Fairfield County, Ohio:

Signature: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____

Purchase Order

Carri L. Brown, PhD, MBA, CGFM

Fairfield County Auditor
210 East Main Street
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

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Page: 1 of 1

**THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES,
PACKAGES AND SHIPPING PAPERS.**

Purchase Order # **25002565 - 01**

Delivery must be made within doors of specified destination.

Expiration Date: 06/15/2026

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240 BALDWIN DRIVE
LANCASTER, OH 43130

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513-381-2112				2755	
DATE ORDERED	VENDOR NUMBER	DATE REQUIRED	FREIGHT METHOD/TERMS		DEPARTMENT/LOCATION
01/22/2025	17006				COMM-MAINTENANCE
NOTES					

PO Requisitioner Name : Staci Knisley

E mail Address : staci.knisley@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION / PART #	QTY	UOM	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	MODIFIED: Workforce Center - add'l services GL Account: 12343500 - 570000	1.0	EACH	\$36,000.00	\$36,000.00
GL SUMMARY					
12343500 - 570000		\$36,000.00			

Invoice Date ___/___/___ Invoice Amount \$_____ To Be paid ___/___/___ Warrant # _____

COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

It is hereby certified that the amount \$36,000.00 required to meet the contract, agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure, for the above, has been lawfully appropriated, authorized or directed for such purpose and is in the County Treasury or in process of collection to the credit of the submitted Fund(s) free from any obligation or certification now outstanding.

Date: 01/22/2025

Carri L. Brown

Auditor Fairfield County, OH

Purchase Order Total **\$36,000.00**

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2/4/2025

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Auditor of State - Unresolved Findings for Recovery Certified Search

(614) 466-4514
(800) 282-0370

I have searched The Auditor of State's unresolved findings for recovery database using the following criteria:

Contractor's Information:

Name: ,
Organization: **Steed Hammond Paul**
Date: **1/29/2025 1:04:48 PM**

This search produced the following list of **13** possible matches:

Name/Organization	Address
Armbruster , Mildred	179 Church St.
Dearwester, Jennifer	55 Newell Street
Detroit Tarpaulin, Ms. Diane Stevenson	15500 Oakwood Dr.
Ministerial Day Care Association	
Ministerial Day Care Association	11955 Shaker Blvd.
Steele, Deborah	1993 Lehner Rd.
Steigerwald, Robert	4248 Loubell Lane
Steinke, Christine	1479 Collins Ave.
Stevenson, Sandra	1201 Steffens Ave.
Stewart, Phillip	1350 Brookview Drive, Apt. 88
Stewart, Annette	505 Pine Valley Drive Apartment G39
Stewart, Dennis	159 Bellaire Avenue
Western Surety Company	CAN Surety, Surety Claims

The above list represents possible matches for the search criteria you entered. Please note that pursuant to ORC 9.24, only the person (which includes an organization) actually named in the finding for recovery is prohibited from being awarded a contract.

If the person you are searching for appears on this list, it means that the person has one or more findings for recovery and is prohibited from being awarded a contract described in ORC 9.24, unless one of the exceptions in that section apply.

If the person you are searching for does not appear on this list, an initialed copy of this page can serve as documentation of your compliance with ORC 9.24(E).

Please note that pursuant to ORC 9.24, it is the responsibility of the public office to verify that a person to whom it plans to award a contract does not appear in the Auditor of State's database. The Auditor of State's office is not responsible for inaccurate search results caused by user error or other circumstances beyond the Auditor of State's control.

ROUTING FORM FOR CONTRACTS

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- A. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$77,250.00—competitively selected via an Invitation to Bid, pursuant to R.C. 307.86-307.92
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1. ☐ No County employee, employee's family member, or employee's business associate has an interest in this contract OR such interest has been disclosed and reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office
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Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

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Name and Title

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Prosecutor's Approval Page

Resolution No.

A Resolution to approve a Contract Amendment between Steed Hammond Paul, Inc.,
d/b/a SHP Architects, Inc., and the Fairfield County Commissioners

(Fairfield County Facilities)

Approved as to form on 1/30/2025 9:09:37 AM by Amy Brown-Thompson,



Amy Brown-Thompson
Prosecutor's Office
Fairfield County, Ohio

Resolution No. 2025-02.04.h

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(Fairfield County Facilities)

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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 Transportation paid to Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit as a memo expenditure for fund# 2018 Public Assistance Fund

WHEREAS, FCJFS is responsible for paying Lancaster- Fairfield Public Transit for their Transportation 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- 433000 Reimbursement - \$135,624.00

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 Transportation cost.

Memo expenditure as referenced in supporting documentation:

Vendor #5672 Lancaster Public Transit System

Account: 12201812-530000 Contractual Services

Amount: \$129,400.50

Account: 12201812-530005 Contract Services - Other

Amount: \$6,223.50

Prepared by: Morgan Fox, Fiscal Officer

cc: Courtney Martin, Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit

Ticket 1870966

FAIRFIELD COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
239 WEST MAIN ST
LANCASTER, OHIO 43130

Provider: Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit **Phone #:** 740-681-5086
Address: 746 Lawrence Street **City:** Lancaster **Zip Code:** 43130

EXPENSES:	Current Month	Service Month: November	Year: 2024
Unit Rate	\$5.50	MOU Term From: July 2024 To: June 2025	
Flat Rate	\$30.00		
Total # of Trips	1446		
Total Trip Amount	\$42,210.00		
Total Wait Time	248		
Total Wait Time Amount	\$6,162.50		
Total # Miles	16,279		
Total Milage Amount	\$88,693.00		
Total Cost for Service Month	\$137,065.50		
Adjustments			
TOTAL BILLED	\$137,065.50		

I hereby certify that all recipients provided transportation were duly authorized Medicaid eligible individuals and that the transportation was provided in accordance with Chapter 5160-15 of the OAC:

Signature of Provider: Aaron Kennedy

Title: Transit Director

Date: 1/13/2024

WIOA CCMEP: \$1,441.50
TANF CCMEP: \$6,223.50
TANF: \$3,212.75
NEMT: \$126,187.75

☒ Please check box indicating that you are authorized to submit invoice electronically

Resolution No. 2025-02.04.i

A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Transportation paid to Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit as a memo expenditure for fund# 2018 Public Assistance Fund

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

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A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Transportation paid to Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit as a memo expenditure for fund# 2599 Workforce Fund

WHEREAS, FCJFS is responsible for paying Lancaster- Fairfield Public Transit for their Transportation 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- 433000 Reimbursement - \$1,441.50

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 Transportation cost.

Memo expenditure as referenced in supporting documentation:

Vendor #5672 Lancaster Public Transit System

Account: 12259907-530005 Contract Services - Other
Amount: \$1,441.50

Prepared by: Morgan Fox, Fiscal Officer
cc: Courtney Martin, Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit

Ticket 1870966

FAIRFIELD COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
239 WEST MAIN ST
LANCASTER, OHIO 43130

Provider: Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit
Address: 746 Lawrence Street

Phone #: 740-681-5086
City: Lancaster

Zip Code: 43130

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Resolution No. 2025-02.04.j

A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Transportation paid to Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit as a memo expenditure for fund# 2599 Workforce Fund

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

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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

WHEREAS, FCJFS is responsible for paying the Health Department for their Birth Certificate costs; 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:

71700300- 434410 Reimbursement - \$96.00

This amount represents monies owed to the Health Department for FCJFS's costs paid to the Health Department 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 Health Department for FCJFS's Birth Certificate costs

Memo expenditure as referenced in supporting documentation:

Vendor # 7482 Fairfield County Health Department

Account: 12207207-533000 Other Professional Services
Amount: \$96.00

Prepared by: Morgan Fox, Fiscal Officer

cc: Jamie Ehorn, Fairfield County Health Department

Resolution No. 2025-02.04.k

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

(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 regarding a Memorandum of Understanding between the Fairfield County Family and Children First Council and Fairfield County Job and Family Services.

WHEREAS, This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made by and between the Fairfield County Family and Children First Council, and Fairfield County Job and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Memorandum of Understanding is to set forth financial services by Fairfield County Job and Family Services for the Fairfield County Family and Children First Council; and

WHEREAS, this Memorandum of Understanding shall be effective January 1st, 2025 through December 31st, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecuting Attorney has approved the Memorandum of Understanding as to form; and

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

Section 1. That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the attached Memorandum of Understanding between Fairfield County Family and Children First Council and Fairfield County Job & Family Services.

Prepared by: Brandi Downhour, JFS / Budget Manager

**SERVICE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
FAIRFIELD COUNTY JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES
AND
FAIRFIELD COUNTY FAMILY & CHILDREN FIRST COUNCIL**

This agreement is made and entered into on the 11th day of January 2015, and between Fairfield County Job and Family Services hereinafter referred to as "FCJFS" and the Fairfield County Family & Children First Council hereinafter referred to as "OCFC".

The OCFC agrees to carry out financial services that not be construed to obligate the OCFC to perform an function or to agree to an requirement other than those responsibilities which are explicitly set forth in this interagency agreement. Nothing in this agreement shall be construed as obligating OCFC to provide services for which adequate resources are not available, or services which are not included in the OCFC plan and priorities developed in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 117 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The FCJFS specifically agrees to:

- OCFC will with a statute, rule, and regulation that pertain to the responsibilities that have been delegated to OCFC in this agreement.
- Monitor and provide a separate set of financial records, including revenue and expense, assets, liabilities, and fund balance for the OCFC.
- Prepare purchase order, encumber fund, and add expense based on available appropriation, contract negotiated and approved by the OCFC, and consistent with the policies and procedures of the Fairfield County Auditor Office.
- Facilitate collection of vendor for and ensure vendor information in MMS.
- Obtain and reconcile on those invoices with proper documentation for OCFC fund approved by OCFC authorized representative or a member of the Board of Directors.
- As determined by the OCFC, provide financial statement, reimbursement, or both, to a representative or expense related to OCFC activities.
- Provide training.
- Maintain documentation of all expenditures chargeable to an OCFC activity. This will include an time spent on staff working on OCFC activities.
- Generate monthly report of cash receipt and disbursement and monthly expense report and provide those to the OCFC.

_____ shall execute contract resolution and enter resolution into the CRM system

_____ will allow access to OD, the Federal grantor agency, the Controller general of the _____, the Fairfield County Auditor's Office, and the _____ personnel to books, documents, papers, and all other records at a reasonable time

_____ Assistant Director will provide ongoing management, oversight and supervision for the _____ This shall include participation in budgetary meeting, initiation of monthly supervision with the _____ Manager, attending _____ meeting and other activities as deemed necessary

_____ shall be required to keep track of actual hours worked on _____ activities or submission to the administrative agent _____ upon a _____ hour worked with _____ on a quarterly basis

The COUNCIL specifically agrees to:

_____ shall submit a _____ and a check to the _____ for deposit. The _____ will deposit a _____ with the Fairfield County Auditor's Office in a fund allocated _____ to the _____

_____ In the event the _____ receives notice from a funding source that funding from that source has been reduced or eliminated, the _____ shall give it immediate notice of such reduction or elimination to the _____

_____ In immediate notice the _____ in writing of any change in _____ budget and other financial needs or _____ to meet its obligation as _____ agent

_____ prepare and adopt an annual budget and submit it to _____

_____ negotiate and prepare contract, subject to the review and approval of the Fairfield County Procurement, or the disbursement of _____ and _____

_____ The _____ hereby acknowledge and accept a financial responsibility for the contracting or subcontracting of services which include but is not limited to following a fair and equitable Federal and State Procurement Regulation _____ _____ agree to the establishment and monitoring of a program of cost and ensuring that an effective financial and/or programmatic guidelines are followed

_____ The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners _____ administrative agent agree to reimburse _____ for financial and administrative activities performed on behalf of _____ on a quarterly basis. Reimbursement shall include actual costs of personnel and include salaries and fringe benefits calculation for actual hours each employee worked

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS:

_____ This agreement shall be for a term of one year, starting January 1, _____, and ending December 31, _____, and renewed from year to year or _____ one year _____, unless terminated either party

_____ The _____ or _____ shall, upon ninety days advance written notification to the other, terminate this agreement without the necessity of demonstrating a cause or justification for said termination

11 The Board and the OIG are required to have a financial and
12 compliance audit conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing
13 Standard, Government Auditing Standard, and the R (b)(7)(D) Code of
14 an audit report will be submitted to both the Board and the OIG. The
15 cost of the financial and compliance audit shall be the expense of the
16 OIG.

The [redacted] and the [redacted] will allow a [redacted] OD [redacted], the Federal grantor agency, to transfer general [redacted] to [redacted], do [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] and a [redacted] record at a [redacted] time [redacted]

The [redacted] and the [redacted] will [redacted] with an [redacted] and a [redacted] federal [redacted] state, and [redacted] law, statute, ordinance, resolution, rule and/or regulation which [redacted] a [redacted] [redacted] authority to this agreement

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A Contract regarding FCFC - MOU between Job and Family Services and

Approved on 1/23/2025 4:37:26 PM by Heather O'Keefe, Deputy Director

Heather O'Keefe
Deputy Director

Approved on 1/24/2025 10:18:54 AM by Corey Clark, Director of Fairfield County
Job & Family Services

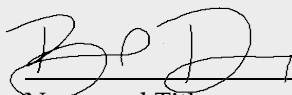
Corey Clark, Director
Fairfield County Job & Family Services

ROUTING FORM FOR CONTRACTS

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- A. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$75,000.00—competitively selected via an Invitation to Bid, pursuant to R.C. 307.86-307.92
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 3. ☐ ODOT Term #: _____ (See R.C. 5513.01)
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 3. ☐ Obtained 3 quotes for purchases under \$75,000 (as applicable)
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Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.



Brandi Downhour, Budget Manager

Name and Title

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Prosecutor's Approval Page

Resolution No.

A resolution regarding a Memorandum of Understanding between the Fairfield County Family and Children First Council and Fairfield County Job and Family Services.

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

Approved as to form on 1/30/2025 9:39:52 AM by Amy Brown-Thompson,



Amy Brown-Thompson
Prosecutor's Office
Fairfield County, Ohio

Resolution No. 2025-02.04.I

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(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

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A resolution authorizing the approval of a Shared Family Foster Home Agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Perry County Children Services.

WHEREAS, Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services is requesting the Board of Commissioners approval of a Shared Family Foster Home Agreement with Perry County Children Services, 526 Mill Street, New Lexington, OH 43764; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the agreement is to provide Licensed Family Foster Home Placement and Related Services for children who are in the care and custody of the Agency; and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall be effective beginning December 1st, 2024; and

WHEREAS, a purchase order encumbering the funds for the services was acquired; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecuting Attorney has approved the agreement as to form.

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

Section 1. That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the attached Shared Family Foster Home Agreement for Perry County Children Services.

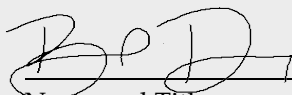
Prepared by: Brandi Downhour
cc: JFS / Budget Manager

ROUTING FORM FOR CONTRACTS

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Carri L. Brown, PhD, MBA, CGFM

Purchase Order

Fairfield County Auditor
210 East Main Street
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Fiscal Year 2025

Page: 1 of 1

THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES,
PACKAGES AND SHIPPING PAPERS.

Purchase Order # **25002300 - 00**

Delivery must be made within doors of specified destination.

Expiration Date: 12/15/2025

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JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
239 W MAIN STREET
LANCASTER, OH 43130
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4325 OTTERBEIN RD
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JOB & FAMILY SERVICES
239 W MAIN STREET
LANCASTER, OH 43130
Phone: 740-652-7889

VENDOR PHONE NUMBER		VENDOR FAX NUMBER		REQUISITION NUMBER		DELIVERY REFERENCE			
				2468					
DATE ORDERED		VENDOR NUMBER		DATE REQUIRED		FREIGHT METHOD/TERMS		DEPARTMENT/LOCATION	
01/13/2025		18784						JOB & FAMILY SERVICES	
NOTES									

BOARD & CARE FOSTER

The Above Purchase Order Number Must Appear On All Correspondence - Packing Sheets And Bills Of Lading

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION / PART #	QTY	UOM	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	BOARD & CARE FOSTER	1.0	EACH	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

It is hereby certified that the amount \$2,000.00 required to meet the contract, agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure, for the above, has been lawfully appropriated, authorized or directed for such purpose and is in the County Treasury or in process of collection to the credit of the submitted Fund(s) free from any obligation or certification now outstanding.

Date: 01/13/2025

2/4/2025

Carri L. Brown

Auditor Fairfield County, OH

Vendor Copy

Total Ext. Price	\$2,000.00
Total Sales Tax	\$0.00
Total Freight	\$0.00
Total Discount	\$0.00
Total Credit	\$0.00

Purchase Order Total **\$2,000.00**

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SHARED FOSTER HOME AGREEMENT

The following child, Jericho Parson DOB 3/18/2016, a minor child in the custody of Fairfield County Child Protective Services (hereinafter known as **Placing Agency**), was placed in the foster home listed below, a family licensed by Perry County Children Services hereinafter known as **Licensing Agency**). Licensing Agency grants permission for the Placing Agency to use the foster home for the following reason(s): Child was placed in the home as a kinship placement and home is now licensed for foster care.

☐ Check if this is an update to a previously completed Shared Home Agreement

Licensing Agency Name: Perry County Children Services

Address, City, State, Zip Code: 526 Mill Street New Lexington, OH 43764

Phone Number: 740-342-3836 Fax Number: 740-342-5531 Emergency Phone Number: 740-342-4111 (ask for on-call worker)

Representative: Kendall Fetty E-mail Address: Kendall.Fetty@jfs.ohio.gov

Provider Name(s): Deanna & David Featheroff Provider SACWIS Number: 12260834

Provider Address: 4325 Otterbein Rd. Rushville, Ohio 43150 Provider Phone Number: 419-306-8514

Placing Agency Name: Fairfield County Child Protective Services

Representative Name: Bailey Cunningham/ Krystina Hicks

Address, City, State, Zip Code: 293 W. Main St. Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Phone Number: 740-652-7887 FAX: 740-687-7070 Emergency Phone: _____

Child's Name	Birthdate	SACWIS Person ID	Placement Date
Jericho Parsons	03/18/2016	15273594	12/13/2024

By signing this agreement, the Placing Agency agrees to:

- Supervise the child(ren)'s placement in this foster home.
- Not place any additional children in this foster home without the prior approval of the Licensing Agency.
- Provide the foster caregiver(s) all necessary documentation needed to enroll the child(ren) in an appropriate school setting, when applicable and necessary documentation needed to assure the child(ren) receives medical care.
- Provide respite care as needed and/or requested by the foster family for the placing agency's foster children.
- Provide to the foster caregiver(s) and to the Licensing Agency, a 24 hour emergency telephone number (above).
- Pay the foster caregiver(s) a per diem of \$ 45 per day, per child and to be responsible for any additional expenses in accordance with the reimbursement policy of the Licensing Agency.

By signing this agreement, the Licensing Agency agrees to:

- Provide to the Placing Agency a current copy of the ODJFS Certificate to Board Children issued to the foster caregiver(s) and copies of any additional certificates issues while the home is being shared by two agencies upon request.
- Provide to the Placing Agency upon request, information available to children placed in this foster home.
- Immediately notify the Placing Agency of any problems or concerns about the child(ren) placed in this foster home.

By signing this agreement, the foster/adoptive family agree to:

- Provide foster care to the child(ren) named in this agreement in accordance with the rules and regulations set forth in the Ohio Administrative Code, Foster Care Rules, and to abide by both policies of the above named agencies.

Licensing Agency Signature: <u>Kendall R Fetty</u>	Date: <u>12/12/2024</u>
Placing Agency Signature: _____	Date: <u>11/12/24</u>
Provider Signature: <u>Deanna Featheroff</u>	Date: <u>11/12/24</u>
Provider Signature: <u>David Featheroff</u>	Date: <u>11/12/24</u>



A Contract regarding Perry County Shared Home Agreement between Job and Family Services and

Approved on 1/24/2025 2:31:24 PM by Sarah Fortner, Deputy Director

Sarah Fortner
Deputy Director

Approved on 1/27/2025 8:40:45 AM by Corey Clark, Director of Fairfield County Job & Family Services

Corey Clark, Director
Fairfield County Job & Family Services

Prosecutor's Approval Page

Resolution No.

A resolution authorizing the approval of a Shared Family Foster Home Agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Perry County Children Services.

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

Approved as to form on 1/31/2025 2:13:41 PM by Steven Darnell,

Resolution No. 2025-02.04.m

A resolution authorizing the approval of a Shared Family Foster Home Agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Perry County Children 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 authorizing the approval to extend service agreements by and between Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and the City of Canal Winchester

WHEREAS, The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office is requesting the Board of Commissioners approval to extend the Law Enforcement and Jail Services service agreements with the City of Canal Winchester; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the service agreements is for the continuation of the County to provide personnel and equipment necessary to perform policing servicing and maintain inmates in our Jail; and

WHEREAS, these agreements shall be effective January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

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

Section 1. That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the attached service agreements with the City of Canal Winchester.

Prepared by: Elisa Dowdy
cc: Elisa Dowdy – Civil/Fiscal Supervisor

**FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICES FOR
THE PERIOD OF DECEMBER 31, 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2024 BETWEEN THE
CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER AND THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF**

This First Amendment (this “**Amendment**”) to the Agreement for Law Enforcement Services for the Period of December 31, 2021 through December 31, 2024 between the City of Canal Winchester and the Fairfield County Sheriff, which was authorized by Ordinance 21-055 (the “**Agreement**”), is dated and effective as of the last date of signature below (the “**Effective Date**”), and is between the City of Canal Winchester, Ohio, an Ohio municipal corporation (the “**City**”), and the Sheriff of Fairfield County, Ohio (the “**Sheriff**”).

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the City and Sheriff desire to extend the existing agreement between the two parties for provision of law enforcement services to the City for an additional one-year period;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

1. **One-Year Extension.** The Agreement, at Section 3, “**Terms of Agreement**,” shall hereby be amended by substituting “2025” for “2024,” such that the Termination Date of the Agreement shall be December 31, 2025.

2. **PDF/Counterparts.** This Amendment may be executed in multiple counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which taken together shall constitute one and same agreement binding upon the parties, notwithstanding that all the parties are not signatories to the same counterpart. In order to facilitate the finalization of this Amendment, the parties agree that signatures transmitted via e-mail in a “PDF” format may be used in place of original signatures on this Amendment. Each party intends to be bound by such party’s “PDF” format signature on this Amendment, is aware that the other parties are relying on such party’s “PDF” format signature, and hereby waives any defenses to the enforcement of this Amendment based upon the form of signature.

3. **Miscellaneous.** Except as modified by this Amendment, the Agreement remains unchanged, valid, and in full force and effect. In the event of any ambiguity or inconsistency between the terms of the Agreement and the terms of this Amendment, the terms of this Amendment shall control. Captions are included for convenient reference only. Each party hereby represents and warrants that this Amendment has been duly authorized, executed and delivered by and on its behalf and constitutes such party’s valid and binding agreement in accordance with the terms hereof. This Amendment shall bind and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the parties. Neither party shall be deemed the drafter of this Amendment.

EXHIBIT B

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Amendment as of the Effective Date, as established below.

CITY:

**City of Canal Winchester, Ohio, an Ohio
municipal corporation**

By: 

Name: Bob Strager

Title: Mayor

Date: 12-16-24

Approved as to Form:

Law Director

SHERIFF:

**Alex Lape
Sheriff of Fairfield County, Ohio**

By: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 24-009

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS FOR
EXTENSIONS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JAILING SERVICES, AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Council hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City of Canal Winchester to enter into a contract with the Fairfield County Commissioners and Fairfield County Sheriff's Department for housing of prisoners; and

WHEREAS, Council hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the City of Canal Winchester to extend a contract with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department for law enforcement services through December 31, 2025; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Mayor be authorized to enter into a contract on behalf of the City of Canal Winchester with the Fairfield County Commissioners and the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department through December 31, 2024, in substantially the form set forth in the attached Exhibit A and included herein by reference.

SECTION 2. That the Mayor be authorized to execute a contract amendment on behalf of the City of Canal Winchester with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department through December 31, 2025, in substantially the form set forth in the attached Exhibit B and included herein by reference.

SECTION 3. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of public health, safety, and welfare, such as an emergency arising from the need to maintain continuity of service; wherefor, this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

DATE PASSED: 4/15/24

ATTEST: [Signature]

[Signature]
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

[Signature]
MAYOR

4/15/24
DATE APPROVED

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


LEGAL COUNSEL

I hereby certify that the Resolution as set forth above was published for a period of not less than fifteen days after passage by Council, by posting a copy thereof in not less than three (3) public places in the municipal corporation, as determined by Council and as set forth in the Canal Winchester Charter.


Clerk of Council

A resolution authorizing the approval of a contract with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and The City of Canal Winchester for housing prisoners in the Fairfield County Jail,

WHEREAS, The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office has previously submitted a contract for housing The City of Canal Winchester's prisoners in the Fairfield County Jail; and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall be effective January, 2024 to December 2024; and

WHEREAS, this agreement will terminate December 31, 2024 with the option to renew this agreement for additional one (1) year terms;

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

Section 1. That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the attached contract with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and The City of Canal Winchester

Prepared by: Elisa Dowdy/Sheriff's Office

**CONTRACT FOR HOUSING PRISONERS IN THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY JAIL
BETWEEN FAIRFIELD COUNTY AND THE CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER**

WHEREAS, this contract is made this day of March 8th, 2024, by and between the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, located at 210 East Main Street, Lancaster, OH 43130, hereafter referred to as "the Board", the Fairfield County Sheriff, located at 345 Lincoln Avenue, Lancaster, OH 43130, hereafter referred to as "the Sheriff", and the City of Canal Winchester, located at 45 East Waterloo Street, Canal Winchester, OH 43110, hereafter referred to as "the City".

WHEREAS, the City, which does not have a workhouse or a jail within its municipal limits, wants to contract with the Board and the Sheriff, pursuant to R.C. 753.02 and 341.23, to use the Fairfield County Jail to house the City's prisoners who have been lawfully committed to custody, by the Sheriff or his deputies, via arrest or court order for any reason, and/or who have been charged with any misdemeanor offense and are awaiting a bond hearing, and/or who are awaiting a trial and have not otherwise posted bail or been released by court order, and/or who serving a jail sentence after conviction.

WHEREAS, this Agreement is intended to set forth the rights, duties, responsibilities, and obligations of the Board, the Sheriff and the City for the term hereinafter set forth.

In consideration of the mutual covenants herein made each of the parties agrees as follows:

1. The Board and the Sheriff shall receive, keep, board and safely maintain in the Fairfield County Jail the following persons, as space permits:
 - a. All persons arrested in the City by the Sheriff for violations of state criminal statutes until such persons have had an initial appearance before a judge, after which such persons shall be deemed to be in the custody of Fairfield County for purposes of compensation under this contract.
 - b. All persons arrested in the City by the Sheriff for violation of municipal ordinances from arrest through termination of any jail sentences imposed for that violation except as provided in paragraphs 4 through 9 below.

c. Persons incarcerated pursuant to subparagraphs a. and b. above shall be designated as prisoners in this contract.

2. The City shall pay to the Sheriff one hundred and seven dollars (\$107.00) per day for each person incarcerated in the Fairfield County Jail under Paragraph 1.
3. Prisoners confined in the Fairfield County Jail shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the jail, which apply to all the prisoners therein.
4. The Sheriff may reject and refuse to receive any prisoners who may be afflicted with a prior medical problem, afflicted with any contagious, infectious, venereal disease, mental illness, illness or injury that has not been treated prior to entry into the Fairfield County Jail, or having received any prisoner thereafter.
5. Sheriff may refuse to receive any prisoner based upon current jail population, internal security conditions of the jail, or any other reason that the Sheriff deems pertinent at the time.
6. The City agrees to pay for any and all medical, surgical, dental, or ophthalmology expenses incurred on behalf of a prisoner including doctor's fees, hospital charges, and prescription costs.
7. The Sheriff shall transport and provide security any time a prisoner must leave the Fairfield County Jail for any reason, unless a court orders that no transportation or security is needed. If the Sheriff, via his deputies transports a prisoner to and from the Fairfield County Jail under this Agreement, he shall submit the mileage to the City for reimbursement as permitted under R.C. 341.23(C).
8. The City shall bear the expense of the burial of a prisoner who dies in the Fairfield County Jail, if the body is not claimed for interment at the expense of friends or relatives.
9. No person under eighteen (18) years of age shall be received except on the approval of the Fairfield County Juvenile Court.
10. The Sheriff shall provide an itemized statement of the amount due each month for housing prisoners. Payment shall be made by the City to the Fairfield County Treasurer within (30) days of the date of the statement and said payment shall be applied to the Fairfield County General Fund. The Sheriff may refuse to accept prisoners if timely payment is not made.

11. The City agrees that during the contract term, it shall and will abide and be governed by any and all rules and regulations which now are, or at any time in the future may be, in force at the offices of Fairfield County Commissioners, Common Pleas and Probate-Juvenile Judges, and the Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections.
12. The parties to this contract agree that notice be given to certain persons when particular inmates are to be released from custody, namely victims of domestic violence offenses, named/protected persons in temporary protection orders, named/protected persons in civil protection order and victims of menacing by stalking crimes. To that end, the City specifically agrees to furnish to the Sheriff, through the Fairfield County Jail staff, a current telephone number or numbers and/or contact information for all such protected persons, at the time the inmate is brought to the Fairfield County Jail, the City shall update the information as any change becomes known. The Sheriff agrees that the Fairfield County Jail shall contact those victims and/or protected persons of any inmate pending release provided that a working telephone number has been furnished to the Sheriff, via his jail staff. In situations where no working telephone number is provided, the City shall be responsible for making the required notification to said victims and/or protected persons of an inmate's pending release upon being notified thereof by the Jail when such notification has been given to the victim and/or protected persons, and shall furnish the date and time of day said notification has been made. The City acknowledges that failure to comply with these notifications terms will result in the refusal by the Sheriff to accept as inmates those persons who have victims or other persons who are subject to release notification information, without voiding the entire contract altogether.
13. This Agreement may be terminated by either party during its term for any reason, by giving the other party a minimum of ninety (90) days written notice.
14. This Agreement shall be effective **immediately and terminate December 31, 2024**, with the option to renew for additional one (1) year terms, upon mutual agreement of all the parties.

This agreement entered on behalf of the Board/the City (indicate which one) pursuant to Resolution/Ordinance Number 2025-01-28 passed 01/28/2025

Any alteration of contract shall result in the contract being null and void.

The parties hereto, by their respective duly authorized officers; none hereto caused their names to be transcribed on the day first written above.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:


Steve Davis

Date January 28, 2025

Jeff Fix


Dave Levacy

Date

Date January 28, 2025

FAIRFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF


Alex Lape

3/8/2024
Date

CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER


Mayor Joe Steager


Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

R. Kyle Witt, Fairfield County Prosecutor

Date

The parties hereto, by their respective duly authorized officers; none hereto caused their names to be transcribed on the day first written above.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Steve Davis

Date

Jeff Fix

Date

Dave Levacy

Date

FAIRFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF



Alex Lape




Date

CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER



Mayor Joe Steager



Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

R. Kyle Witt, Fairfield County Prosecutor

Date

Resolution No. 2025-01.28.j

A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Contract with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and The City of Canal Winchester for Housing Prisoners in the Fairfield County Jail

(Fairfield County Sheriff)

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

Voting:

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

Absent
Aye
Aye

Board of County Commissioners
Fairfield County, Ohio

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

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



Rochelle Menningen
Board of County Commissioners
Fairfield County, Ohio

**A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and the City of Canal Winchester
Sheriff's Office**

WHEREAS, The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office is requesting the Board of Commissioners approval of a service agreement with the City of Canal Winchester; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the service agreement is for the continuation of the County to provide personnel and equipment necessary to perform policing servicing; and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall be effective December 31, 2021 through December 31, 2024.

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

Section 1. That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the attached service agreement with the City of Canal Winchester.

Prepared by: Elisa Dowdy
cc: Elisa Dowdy – Civil/Fiscal Supervisor

AGREEMENT

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made this 7 day of December, 2021 between the Sheriff of Fairfield County, Ohio, (the "Sheriff") and the City of Canal Winchester, Ohio (the "City").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, the City is a municipal corporation desirous of acquiring police protection for the property and residents of the City which is located in both Franklin and Fairfield Counties, Ohio; and,

WHEREAS, the Sheriff is authorized to enter into a contract with a municipal corporation for the performance of police functions as set forth in Ohio Revised Code Sections 311.29 and 737.04.

NOW, THEREFORE, for the adequate consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and intending to be legally bound, the parties do hereby agree as follow:

1. Personnel - The Sheriff agrees to fund thirteen (13) deputies to provide five hundred four (504) hours per week of police protection to the City to keep the peace, protect property, and to perform other necessary police functions in the City. The Sheriff will assign exclusively to patrol the City three (3) Deputy Sheriffs for twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week. The Sheriff further agrees to make available to the aforementioned Deputy Sheriffs who are assigned to patrol the City all training programs, special equipment, and other regular facilities of the Sheriff's Office. It is further mutually agreed between the parties hereto that the duties of the aforesaid Deputy Sheriffs will be determined from time to time by the best judgment of the Sheriff and the City, including, but not limited to, normal police duties, serving court papers, and duties in cooperation with other City functions.
2. Supervision - The Sheriff agrees to fund one (1) full-time sergeant to provide forty (40) hours per week of supervision overseeing the Deputy Sheriff's and one (1) full-time dispatcher assigned to the City.
3. Terms of Agreement - The Agreement shall commence on December 31, 2021 ("the Commencement Date") and shall terminate at 3:00 p.m. on December 31, 2024 ("the Termination Date"). The parties may renew the terms and conditions of this Agreement for a period starting after the Termination Date and shall meet and confer no less than one hundred twenty (120) days prior to the Termination Date for the purpose of discussing and negotiating a renewal of this Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at any time during the term of this Agreement either party may terminate this Agreement upon ninety (90) days written notice to the other party.
4. Payment - For each twelve (12) month period during the term of this Agreement, the City shall pay the Sheriff an Annual Payment, as calculated pursuant to Section 5 below

(hereinafter referred to as the "Annual Payment"). The Annual Payment shall be billed by the Sheriff in twelve (12) equal monthly installments payable in advance of the first day of each month unless mutually agreed up on in writing by the parties.

5. Annual Payment – The Annual Payment for the period of December 31, 2021 through December 31, 2022 shall be \$1,424,443.23 as detailed in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. Thereafter, the Annual Payment shall be annually increased in the manner set forth below. No less than ninety (90) days prior to January 1 of each year during the term of this Agreement, the Sheriff shall advise the City of the increase in the Annual Payment that the City shall pay to the Sheriff during the twelve (12) month period commencing on January 1 and concluding thereafter on the next January 1. The Annual Payment increase shall be based upon a combination of the increase, since the last calendar year, of the following:
 - i. The costs incurred by the Sheriff for the services provided herein including, the salaries of the Deputy Sheriffs and other personnel assigned to the City hereunder (collectively "Sheriff's Personnel");
 - ii. The costs of funding retirement pensions for the Sheriff's Personnel assigned to the City;
 - iii. The costs of providing workers' compensation for the Sheriff's Personnel assigned to the City;
 - iv. The cost of training for the Sheriff's Personnel assigned to the City;
 - v. The cost of equipment, gasoline, and other supplies used by the Sheriff's Personnel in connection with the services provided under this agreement but only to the extent that such equipment and supplies are not directly furnished by the City.
6. Purchase of Vehicle – During each year of this Agreement, the City shall purchase (1) new vehicle selected by the Sheriff at a cost not to exceed Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000), including all necessary equipment for the vehicle. The vehicles shall be titled to the Fairfield County Board of County Commissioners until such which time as it is removed from the Sheriff's Department fleet and then title shall be transferred to the City pursuant to the applicable Ohio statutory law, including, but not limited to, RC 307.12. All vehicles purchased by the City shall be used only within City limits except when deemed necessary by the City Sergeant, Deputy-in-Charge, or Mayor.
7. Attendance at City Meetings – The Sheriff shall assign supervisory personnel to attend City Council meetings twice monthly, or as may be reasonably requested by the City. The Sheriff shall also assign appropriate personnel to attend other City meetings as requested by the Mayor or his designee throughout the term of this Agreement.
8. Deployment of Personnel – The Sheriff reserves the right to use the aforesaid Deputy Sheriffs in any emergency he sees fit and to consult with the Mayor of the City as to emergencies that may exist in the City. Deputy Sheriffs not assigned to the City will be deployed to assist in the event of an emergency within City limits as requested by the City Sergeant, Deputy-in-Charge, or Mayor.

9. City Code – The Sheriff's Deputies assigned to the City are authorized and will, as applicable and appropriate, write charges on the City's codified ordinances and attend Mayor's Court.
10. Additional Personnel – The Sheriff and the City both recognize that additional deputies may be necessary during the life of this agreement. When mutually agreed upon in writing by the parties, additional deputies may be added to any shift and the City will cover the costs of the additional deputies' salaries, benefits, and personnel related taxes.
11. Governing Law and Venue – This Agreement is being executed and delivered in the State of Ohio and shall be governed by, construed and enforced in accordance with the substantive laws of the State of Ohio. Any action at law, suit in equity or judicial proceeding for the enforcement of this Agreement or any provision hereof shall be instituted only in either the Fairfield County Municipal Court or the Common Pleas Court located in Lancaster, Ohio.
12. Paragraph Headings – The paragraph headings are inserted in this Agreement only for convenience, and in no way define, limit, or describe the scope of intent of any provision of this Agreement.
13. Unenforceable Provisions – If any term, covenant, warranty, paragraph, clause, condition, or provision of this Agreement is held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, void, or unenforceable, the remainder of the provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall in no way be affected, impaired, or invalidated, and this Agreement shall be construed as if the invalid, void, or unenforceable provisions were omitted.
14. Remedies Not Exclusive – All of the rights, benefits, and remedies provided herein shall be cumulative and shall not be exclusive of any rights, remedies, and benefits allowed by law or equity to either of both of the parties.
15. No Waiver of Rights – Failure by either of the party's to insist on or enforce any of their rights shall not constitute a waiver of those rights by the parties, and nothing shall constitute a waiver of the parties' right to insist on strict compliance with the provisions of this Agreement.
16. Binding Effect – This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of parties and their respective successors, assigns, heirs, and personal representatives except as otherwise provided herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have hereto set their hands this 9 day of

December, 2021.



Alex Lape
Sheriff

Fairfield County, Ohio

CITY OF CANAL WINCHESTER
COUNTY OF FRANKLIN
STATE OF OHIO

By: _____
Michael Ebert
Mayor

I hereby certify that at the time this Agreement was executed, sufficient funds were appropriated for the purpose of such contract and in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of the appropriation fund free of any previous encumbrances.

Amanda Jackson
Finance Director
City of Canal Winchester

Fairfield County Board of Commissioners by Resolution # _____ dated

Steve Davis

Jeff Rix

David Levacy

Attest:

Rachel Elsea, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Prosecuting Attorney

By: _____
City Law Director

EXHIBIT "A"
FAIRFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
VILLAGE OF CANAL WINCHESTER POLICING CONTRACT PROPOSAL FOR 2022

#of deputies needed to fulfill contract	13
Deputy cost for contract	<u>\$ 1,192,108.42</u>
Additional personnel needed:	
1 Full Time Sergeant	\$ 119,950.97
1 Full Time Dispatcher	\$ 75,040.09
Total Personnel Costs	<u>\$ 1,387,099.48</u>
<u>Other Direct Support Costs</u>	
<u>Gasoline</u>	
Vehicles needed per contract requirements	5
Average Miles per year	125,000
Average miles per gallon	16
Average gasoline cost per gallon	\$ 3.50
Annual Gasoline Cost (Miles/Avg miles per gallon x Avg Cost per gallon)	\$ 27,343.75
<u>Vehicle Repairs/Maintenance</u>	
Average Vehicle Maintenance @ \$2,00.00/vehicle	\$ 10,000.00
Total Other Direct Support costs	\$ 37,343.75
Total Costs	<u>\$ 1,424,443.23</u>
MONTHLY BILLING AMOUNTS	<u>\$ 118,703.60</u>
January through November payments	<u>\$ 118,703.60</u>
December payment	<u>\$ 118,703.63</u>

Prosecutor's Approval Page

Resolution No.

**A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between
Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and the City of Canal Winchester**

(Fairfield County Sheriff)

Approved as to form on 12/3/2021 1:43:48 PM by Amy Brown-Thompson,



Amy Brown-Thompson
Prosecutor's Office
Fairfield County, Ohio

Resolution No. 2021-12.07.kkk

**A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between
Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and the City of Canal Winchester**

(Fairfield County Sheriff)

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

Voting:

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

Aye
Aye
Aye

Board of County Commissioners
Fairfield County, Ohio

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

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



Rachel Elsea
Board of County Commissioners
Fairfield County, Ohio

Resolution No. 2025-02.04.n

A resolution authorizing the approval to extend service agreements by and between
Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and the City of Canal Winchester

(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 7911 Violet Crime Reduction Grant 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 \$75,000.00 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	<\$75,000.00>
CREDIT	7911 223001 VCR 2024 Grant	\$75,000.00

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



**Department of
Public Safety**

Office of Criminal Justice Services

ocjs.ohio.gov

Mike DeWine, Governor Jon Husted, Lt. Governor Andy Wilson, Director

SUBGRANT AWARD AGREEMENT

Subgrant Number: 2024-ST-VCR-V350

Title: LPR Violent Crime Reduction Project


In accordance with the Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement provisions of §373.20, Justice Program Services, of Am. Sub. H.B. No. 33 of the 135th Ohio General Assembly, effective July 4, 2023, the Ohio office of Criminal Justice Services, as the duly authorized State Agency, hereby approves the project application submitted as complying with requirements of the Agency for the fiscal year indicated in the subgrant number above and awards to the following Subgrantee a Subgrant as follows:

Subgrantee:	Fairfield County Commissioners		
Implementing Agency:	Fairfield County Sheriff		
Award Periods:	01/01/2024 to 12/31/2025		
Closeout Deadline:	03/01/2026		
Award Amounts:	OCJS Funds:	\$140,000.00	100%
	Cash Match:	\$0.00	
	Inkind Match:	\$0.00	
	Project Total:	\$140,000.00	100%

The terms set forth in the 'Responsibility for Claims' section of the OCJS Standard Federal Subgrant Conditions Handbook are subject to Ohio law, including section 3345.15 of the Ohio Revised Code and the Ohio Constitution. As a result, those terms may not apply to subgrant recipients who are political subdivisions of the state, and do not apply to state instrumentalities.

This Subgrant is subject to the statements as set forth in the approved Programmatic and Budget Application submitted and approved revisions thereto, as well as the OCJS Standard Federal Subgrant Conditions and Special Conditions to this Subgrant, which are attached hereto and hereby included by reference herein. The Subgrant is also bound by all applicable federal guidelines, as referenced in the Standard Conditions. Revisions to this Subgrant Award Agreement must be approved in writing by OCJS.

The Subgrant shall become effective as of the award date, for the period indicated, upon return to OCJS of this Subgrant Award Agreement executed on the behalf of the Subgrantee's and Implementing Agency's authorized official in the space provided below.

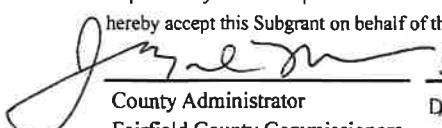


Nicole M. Dehner, Executive Director
Ohio Office of Criminal Justice Services

8/5/24

Award Date

The Subgrantee agrees to serve as the official subrecipient of the award, agrees to provide the required match as indicated above, and assumes overall responsibility for compliance with the terms and conditions of the award. I hereby accept this Subgrant on behalf of the Subgrantee.



County Administrator
Fairfield County Commissioners

8/15/24
Date

Nicole M. Dehner, Executive Director
1970 W. Broad Street
P.O. Box 182632
Columbus, Ohio 43218-2632 U.S.A.

The Implementing Agency agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the award. I hereby accept this Subgrant on behalf of the Implementing Agency.



Sheriff
Fairfield County Sheriff

08/09/2024
Date

Signature Page

Resolution No. 2025-02.04.o

A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the general fund to MCU –
Fund 7911 Violet Crime Reduction Grant 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 memo exp./memo receipt for the costs of flood insurance premiums effective 8/1/2024 paid by general fund during Transit transition as a memo expenditure for Fund #1246 Transit Fund

WHEREAS, Fairfield County Transit is responsible for paying back the general fund for payment of flood insurance premiums paid during transition; 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- 438004 Reimbursement - \$6,918.00

This amount represents monies owed to the general fund for payment of flood insurance paid by the general fund during Transit's transition to Fairfield County.

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 Fairfield County Transit's flood insurance cost.

Memo expenditure as referenced in supporting documentation:

Account: 12290850-552010-PT000- Roll up 12008; Insurance/Vehicle
Amount: \$6,918.00

Prepared by: Courtney Martin, Administrative Assistant
cc: Aaron Kennedy, Director

A resolution to approve a memo exp./memo receipt for the costs of flood insurance premiums effective 8/1/2024 paid by general fund during Transit transition as a memo expenditure for Fund #1246 Transit Fund

For Auditor's Office Use Only:

Section 1. Memo Expense

\$ 6,918.00 12290850-552010-PT000-Roll up 12008

Section 2. Memo receipt

\$6,918.00 00100110-438004

Resolution No. 2025-02.04.p

A resolution to approve a memo exp./memo receipt for the costs of flood insurance premiums effective 8/1/2024 paid by general fund during Transit transition as a memo expenditure for Fund #1246 Transit Fund

(Fairfield County Transit)

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 February 6, 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 \$ 1,323,412.48 which also includes the then and now invoices of more than \$77,250.
(See attached - Excel/PDF spreadsheet with detail entries)

FAIRFIELD COUNTY OHIO - INVOICES BY DEPARTMENT

Department

Check #	Check Date	Vendor Name	Vendor #	Invoice #	Invoice Date	PO #	Warrant	Line Item Description	Amount
1200									
1200 - COMMISSIONERS ADMIN									
FUND: 2736 - FY09 CFLP GRANT FUND									
1588734	2/6/2025	1802 COMMUNITY ACTION		10710	1/17/2025	25002577	C0204	2025 RECYCLING SERVICES AND EDUCATION PROGRAM	995,958.89
TOTAL: COMMISSIONERS ADMIN									995,958.89

FAIRFIELD COUNTY OHIO - INVOICES BY DEPARTMENT

Department

Check #	Check Date	Vendor Name	Vend #	Invoice #	Invoice Date	PO #	Warrant	Line Item Description	Amount
1285 - HUMAN RESOURCES									
FUND: 1001 - GENERAL FUND									
1588735	2/6/2025	82133 JEFF PORTER		5/31/25	1/28/2025	25002596	C0204	HR RELATED TRAVEL PRIMA CONFERENCE	614.59
TOTAL: HUMAN RESOURCES									614.59

FAIRFIELD COUNTY OHIO - INVOICES BY DEPARTMENT

Department

Check #	Check Date	Vendor Name	Vendor #	Invoice #	Invoice Date	PO #	Warrant	Line Item Description	Amount
5419827	2/6/2025	18607 HICKORY VALLEY SOD FARM LLC		11/1/24-12/27/24	11/1/2024	783	C0204	Sugar Grove - Rocket Way Sewer	139,206.00

1280 - CDBG

FUND: 2788 - CDBG FORMULA

TOTAL: CDBG 139,206.00

FAIRFIELD COUNTY OHIO - INVOICES BY DEPARTMENT

Department

Check #	Check Date	Vendor Name	Vendor #	Invoice #	Invoice Date	PO #	Warrant	Line Item Description	Amount
1700 - JUVENILE COURT ADMIN									
FUND: 1001 - GENERAL FUND									
5419826	2/6/2025	1370 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC		020-158116	1/1/2025	190	C0204	ODYSSEY & TYLER SUPERVISION ANNUAL SAAS FEE	175,000.00
FUND: 2317 - JUVENILE COMPUTER									
5419826	2/6/2025	1370 TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC		020-158116	1/1/2025	25002597	C0204	ODYSSEY & TYLER SUPERVISION ANNUAL SAAS FEE	12,633.00
TOTAL: JUVENILE COURT ADMIN									187,633.00
Summary Total for this report:									1,323,412.48

FAIRFIELD COUNTY OHIO - INVOICES BY DEPARTMENT - SUMMARY

Department	Total Amount
1200 - COMMISSIONERS ADMIN	\$995,958.89
1215 - HUMAN RESOURCES	\$614.59
1280 - CDBG	\$139,206.00
1700 - JUVENILE COURT ADMIN	\$187,633.00
Summary Total For This Report:	\$1,323,412.48

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Commissioner Steven A. Davis
Commissioner Jeffery M Fix
Commissioner David L Levacy

Date

Ven#	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	ORG	OBJECT	PROJECT	PURCHASE ORDER	DESCRIPTION
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Resolution No. 2025-02.04.q

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.

(Fairfield County Commissioners)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

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AFBF adopts Ohio Farm Bureau policies at 106th Convention

ARTICLE

AFBF adopts Ohio Farm Bureau policies at 106th



[Ty Higgins](#) · Posted on January 29, 2025



At the 106th American Farm Bureau Annual Convention this week, Ohio Farm Bureau member-approved policies were shared with AFBF delegates for consideration. In fact, all 13 policies that came from Ohio were passed on the AFBF delegate floor.

Most notably, Ohio Farm Bureau's proposals on renewable energy were accepted, including a new national policy that supports incentives for renewable energy in rural areas that prioritizes energy production on land not suitable for agricultural production.

"The Ohio policies passed by AFBF delegates stem from the Renewable Energy Working Group that was created as a result of the priorities set after the 2023 Ohio Farm Bureau annual meeting, with the focus of protecting farmland while developing brownfields and other suitable options for energy projects," said Brad Bales, senior director of state and national policy with Ohio Farm Bureau. "Ultimately, we came to San Antonio with solid policy, got it across the finish line, and we are very happy with the outcome."

Other policies brought to the floor by Ohio Farm Bureau and passed by American Farm Bureau include making Sustainable Aviation Fuel tax credits implementable, defense against foreign adversaries acquiring American farmland, and protecting honey bees from over regulation from multiple federal agencies. Delegates were Craig Pohlman, Cy Prettyman, Bill Patterson and Adele Flynn, pictured above.

Outside of Ohio Farm Bureau's suggestions, key topics ranged from labor to rural broadband to trade. Delegates also adopted policy supporting the development and sale of domestically sourced sustainable aviation fuel, including expanding the list of acceptable conservation practices for feedstock eligibility.

"Today, Farm Bureau demonstrated what truly makes it the voice of American agriculture," said AFBF President Zippy Duvall. "Delegates from each state Farm Bureau and Puerto Rico directly addressed the challenges and opportunities facing farmers and ranchers. The policies they passed today give us a roadmap to work with the new administration and Congress to address the needs of rural America. It includes the passage of a new farm bill, enacting regulatory reform, and creating new markets for the men and women who are dedicated to keeping America's pantries stocked."

Recognizing the challenges of maintaining a strong agriculture workforce, delegates voted to stabilize labor costs to avoid drastic swings that put the economic sustainability of farms at risk. They also recommended the AFBF board study potential alternatives to the current Adverse Effect Wage Rate methodology used for the H-2A program.

On trade, delegates added policy in support of a United States—Mexico—Canada Agreement review process to encourage new opportunities while protecting U.S. agriculture from unfair competition.

Policy on rural broadband was revised to support requiring companies that win broadband loans or grants to quickly complete projects in underserved rural areas. Delegates also directed AFBF to press more forcefully for reform of the current requirements for small-scale meat, dairy and value-added processing facilities.

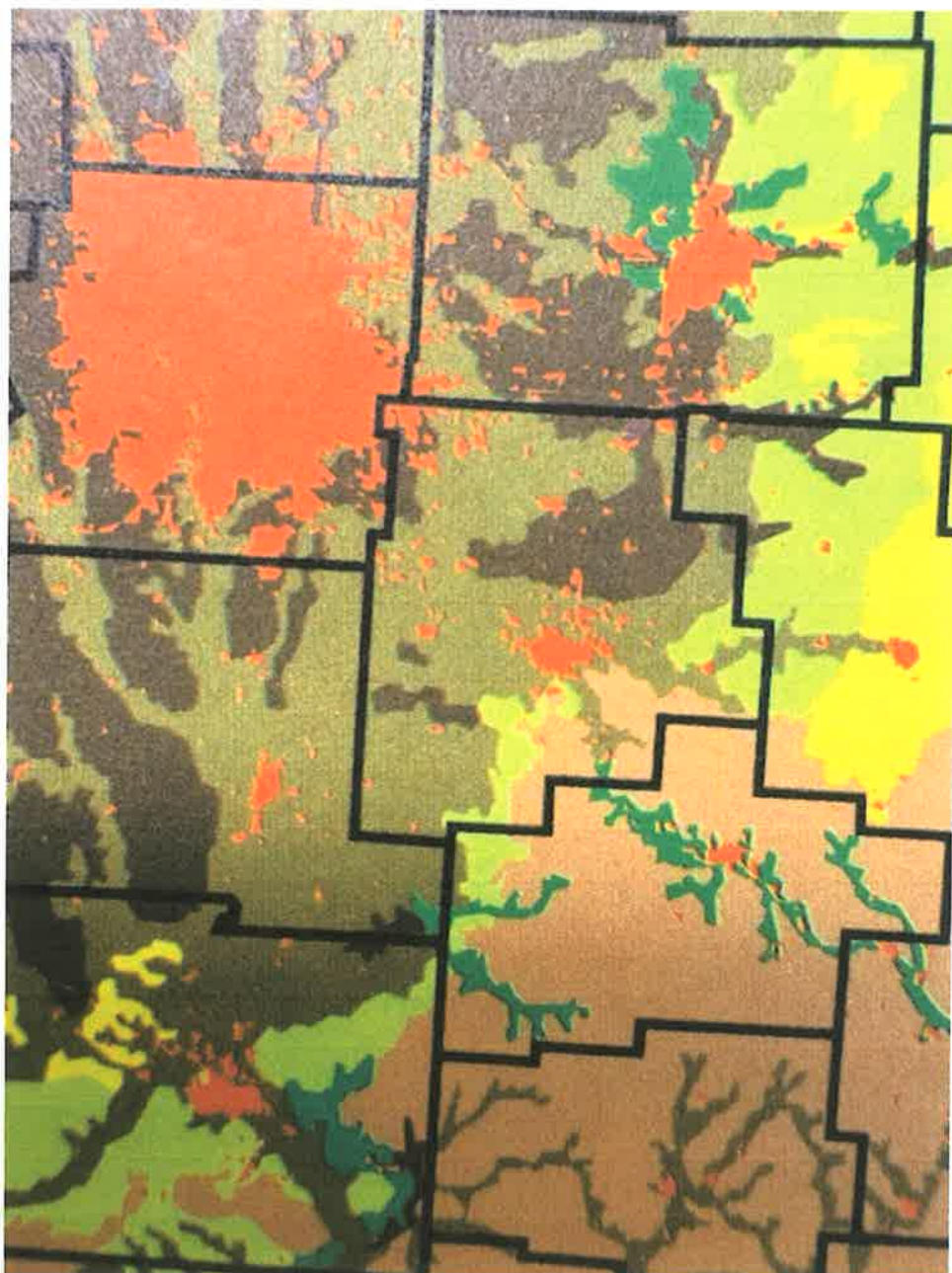
"All of the policies that were discussed on the delegate floor, from super-local to macro-global conversations, start at the county Farm Bureau level," said Jack Irvin, vice president of public policy with Ohio Farm Bureau. "Policies are never entertained at this convention without the hands-on work by our members at the grassroots level and, to me, that is incredible and shows the true strength of this organization."

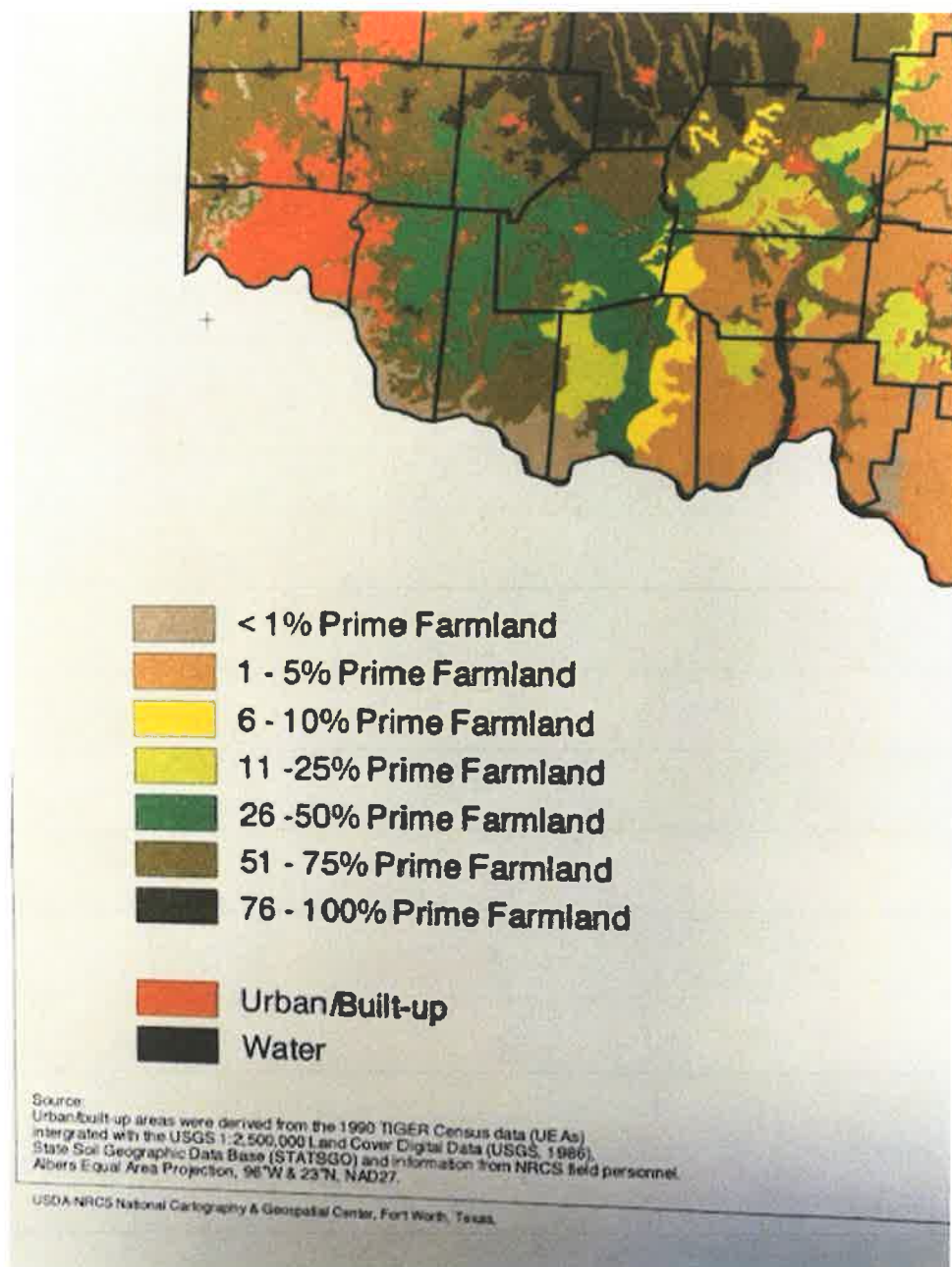


1. The first step is to identify the problem. In this case, the problem is that the system is not working properly.

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My name is Greg Tatusko. I am part of the Eastern Cottontail solar project. I attended last week's public hearing and spoke in favor of the project.

I was offended by the disrespectful behavior exhibited by many members of Citizens for Fair Fields who were wearing the blue shirts, including attacks such as yelling personal references to my sister-in-law and booing and yelling at my 93-year-old mother-in-law as she left the stage. This group also publicly berated the Ohio Power Siting Board judges. There is no place for this kind of intimidation and rude behavior. [On the web site of Citizens for Fair Fields it states as part of its mission, "To engage with civility—as neighbors and as citizens"—in a constructive discussion about the scale and compatibility of this project."]

* What the entire community witnessed on Monday and Tuesday was not constructive or civil—and it is something I've witnessed for quite some time by this group.

For example, last summer members placed 10-foot signs with an arrow pointing towards participating landowners that state "this land will be covered with solar!", followed by boasting about it on their Facebook page. Last time I looked the signs are still there. At the public information meeting last July, I observed the leaders of this group yell and insult supportive citizens and staff members sharing information on the project. From my perspective, a handful of loud, discontented people, fear mongering and bullying are not representative of the citizens of Walnut Township, let alone Fairfield County.

Please consider the following:

- The Horn Family has lived on our farm for several generations. They've partnered with our wonderful neighbors for nearly 70 years to farm the land, have

positively contributed to the community, and continually reinvested into the farm.

- The Citizens for Fair Fields website highlight their assumption that it's either solar panels or farmland, but we all know there is a third option that includes residential, commercial, and industrial development. [One thing is for certain: that this land is not going to remain the same as it is today over the next 40 years.]
- Not everyone appreciates the challenges of keeping a family farm economically viable in the current environment.
- That's why the Fairfield County Comprehensive plan is so timely and innovative. It's a lifeline to our farm so we can keep it for generations while preserving land for future Agricultural use.
- Lastly, I want to underscore the concept of property rights. Development should certainly be questioned when it impacts the health and safety of the community, but solar is not that type of development. As you are aware, the OPSB sets hundreds of regulations and conditions that prevents this. The entire Horn Family made the determination that solar is the best fit for their land. If we can't lease our land the way we choose then, what's next? This is a dangerous slippery slope. At the core, a few leaders from Citizens for Fair Fields don't want their current views impeded. As I mentioned, over the next 40 years the views will change either by low profile, energy producing, renewable solar maintaining our agricultural heritage or residential, commercial, and industrial development in the form of suburban sprawl.

Thank you for your time.

CITIZENS FOR FAIR FIELDS



We ask you to stand with us to STOP the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project in Fairfield County. By opposing at the Public Hearing, it sends a strong message to the Ohio Power Siting Board to reject installations of utility scale solar in population dense communities and on our prime farmland.

Other Ohio communities with Utility Scale Solar experienced:

- Damage to farm drain tile systems
- Flooding
- Damage to local roads
- High traffic during construction
- Lack of weed control
- Visual blight
- Equipment fires
- Unintentional relocation of wildlife

¹¹ *East Asia Clinical Nutrition* 1997; 11: 101-105.

Pleasantville Elementary School - 300 W Columbus St - Pleasantville, OH

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- Arrive early, if you would like to speak. 3 minutes will be your allotted time.
- Bring a letter of opposition if you do not want to speak.
- Wear light blue shirts to show unanimous opposition.
- The Ohio Power Siting Board will have a petition to sign at the meeting.



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About Us

Citizens for Fair Fields is a community of local farmers, friends, family, and neighbors located in and around Fairfield county, Ohio (including Buckeye Lake, Millersport, Walnut, Liberty, and Richland Township areas). We've come together to help inform our local community about the proposed utility-scale solar project set to be constructed in the region's agricultural spaces and surrounding neighborhoods.

[Learn More](#)

Join Now!

We are asking everyone who wishes to be a member or who is already a member of Citizens for Fair Fields (CFFF) to fill out and submit a form.

It is free to become a member!

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Write to the Ohio Power Siting Board about Eastern CottonTail

It is important that your voice be heard by the OPSB. Once an application has been filed with the OPSB, the OPSB process is THE place where the opposition by the community, the trustees, and county commissioners are formally lodged.

For more information, click the “Get Involved” button.

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Want to help us?

Donate to Citizens for Fair Fields LLC

We need your help! Citizens for Fair Fields is urgently trying to save **nearly 2,300 acres of prime farmland** from a foreign owned proposed industrial solar project in Fairfield County, Ohio. We are currently concentrating our efforts on the first of three projects because of its progress, but all three projects total

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nearly 5,000 acres! Solar companies, subsidized by our federal tax dollars, are invading our beautiful rural community to build massive industrial solar fields. Our farming and recreational community has an abundance of aquatic life, livestock, wildlife, including American Bald Eagles, Blue Herons, Egrets and Osprey that thrive in their natural habitat in the region which includes Buckeye Lake, wetlands, woods, farmland and waterways throughout the area.

Click the button below to view our donation options!

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Our Mission

Fair. Fields.

Information Sharing

To provide information on solar developments and the possible impacts on productive agricultural landscapes.

Preservation of Green Spaces

To promote the preservation of farmland and natural spaces for generations to come.

Constructive Discussion

To engage with civility and ensure community participation in solar developments for the region.

Learn More

"Good farmers, who take seriously their duties as stewards of Creation and of their land's inheritors, contribute to the welfare of society in more ways than society usually acknowledges, or even knows. These farmers produce valuable goods, of course; but they also conserve soil, they conserve water, they conserve wildlife, they conserve open space, they conserve scenery."

Wendell Berry
American Novelist and Poet

OUR MISSION

- To foster awareness of the rural character and attributes of a unique neighborhood in Fairfield county, Ohio.
- To consider the impact and implications of a utility-scale solar array on longstanding and productive agricultural landscapes.
- To promote preservation and stewardship of farmland, cultural, natural and recreational resources for current and future generations.
- To encourage and ensure community participation in proposed utility-scale energy projects.
- To demand transparency by sharing and making available information and resources.
- To engage with civility—as neighbors and as citizens—in a constructive discussion about the scale and compatibility of this project.

Credit: Citizens for Greene Acres (citizensforgreeneacres.org)

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My name is Cheryl Tatusko. I am part of the Eastern Cottontail solar project. I attended last week's public hearing and spoke in favor of the project.

First, I want to express my disappointment in the behavior by an alarming number of members of Citizens for Fair Fields as well as those influenced by Citizens for Fair Fields during the hearing.

Relatedly, I'd also like to read an excerpt of a sad letter submitted to the Siting Board on January 27, 2025 by Thomas J. Upp Jr. TJ and his entire family have been good neighbors and friend for decades. This is an excerpt from TJ's letter:

Quote "My family resides inside the area of the Eastern Cottontail solar project. After long deliberation and tons of research my family decided to lease the farm for this project. As soon as the neighbors heard that something was happening that they didn't have happening on their ground the misinformation began. For the past 3 years now our family has been slandered all over social media with people making claims that are just plain false. People who have no idea who we are or how hard we have worked to build a farm from the ground up that we didn't inherit from someone 5 generations ago. Having my wife and young son harassed at the local pharmacy or having people drive by and flip the bird while you are in the front yard playing football with your kid is just a little of what this neighborhood has become. My family will not attend the local meetings because we will not sit across the aisle from people who have lied and villainized several elder members of the community who decided this was the best choice to keep their farms from development in the near future. This is the side of the issue nobody has addressed; the benefits are obvious to all of us." **Unquote**

As a retired teacher I saw the consequences of bullying. No one wins! the bully, the receiver of the bullying and those hearing or watching the bullying.

The leaders who founded Citizens for Fair Fields have set the tone for the organization. They have exuded venomous hostility and malice while spreading disinformation to as many people in the community willing to listen. My heart goes out to those who genuinely believe the incorrect information to which they have been exposed. During the January 27th public hearing I observed firsthand how shaken these folks have become.

I'd like to thank your board and staff for attending both days of the hearing. [It was important for the community to see you engaged and caring. I hope you were able to witness with your own eyes what my entire family, as well as other landowners and supporters, have unfairly been subjected to, as well as just some of the misinformation community members have been led to believe.] Solar has not divided this community—blatant misinformation by a few has leached into my community and has created fear and ultimately bullying. I encourage you to reflect on the concerns people testified about and measure them against the rules and conditions the State of Ohio has set for solar projects. I believe the concerns have already been addressed.

Thank you.

DOCKETING CASE# 24-0495-EL-BGN

CUSTOMER NAME: Thomas Upp Jr

COMPANY NAME: Eastern Cottontail Solar

CUSTOMER OF THE COMPANY?: No

FOR OPSB CASE, RESIDES IN PROJECT AREA?: Yes

SERVICE ADDRESS: Pleasantville, Ohio (Fairfield)

COMMENT DESCRIPTION: My family resides inside the area of the Eastern Cottontail solar project. After long deliberation and tons of research my family decided to lease the farm for this project. There are several benefits to the community monetarily and the idea that the ground will be preserved for many years to come in this not so agricultural friendly economy. As soon as the neighbors heard that something was happening that they didn't have happening on their ground the misinformation began. The less than truthful and jealous neighbors or generational farmers as they like to be called, when less than half actually farm for a living, they decided to reach out to the newcomers of the area. Most of which built houses on "prime farm ground" as they like to call it and decided to save the world. For the past 3 years now our family has been slandered all over social media with people making claims that are just plain false. People who have no idea who we are or how hard we have worked to build a farm from the ground up that we didn't inherit from someone 5 generations ago. Having my wife and young son harassed at the local pharmacy or having people drive by and flip the bird while you are in the front yard playing football with your kid is just a little of what this neighborhood has become. The worst part about it is this storm of misinformation is being produced by lobbyists from Washington who are using these people as pawns in a game to find a payday. Even better now after years of lies they are now hiding behind lawyers and having pre meeting rehearsals to get their lies straight before meeting with the siting board. My family will not attend the local meetings because we will not sit across the aisle from people who have lied and villainized several elder members of the community who decided this was the best choice to keep their farms from development in the near future. This is the side of the issue nobody has addressed, the benefits are obvious to all of us.

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Case No(s). 24-0495-EL-BGN

Summary: Public Comment electronically filed by Thomas Upp Jr.

Wayne Harris

4185 Canal Road NE

Pleasantville, Ohio 43148

I am asking each and every one of our elected commissioners to come out against the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project and any other solar projects being considered for our area.

This is our community and we love it dearly and respect what it provides us in return. It is time that “we the people of this community “ are heard and not silenced by big government and big money. The will of the masses of this community should be given precedent over our future and what we want, instead of what big business wants. This is a textbook David and Goliath situation, where we the residents of this great county don't have the deep pockets of the Solar Companies, we must fight this on our own, with no special interest money or federal subsidies only our own meager funds and the time and efforts of a host of passionate and dedicated volunteers.

Don't be fooled by the promises of huge tax payments to the county and funding for schools. It never happens. Just look at the lottery and recreational marijuana and all the huge tax revenues you should be getting, yet every year there is a new school levy on the ballot. Don't sell out our community for pipe dreams. You have an obligation to us not the solar companies.

Once this land is gone, we will never get it back. It can never be returned to the rich productive farm land that it is now. Hunger is an

issue in this country and taking farmland out of production is not a way to solve the problem.

The State of Ohio has far bigger problems facing the people. Until there is no longer anyone going hungry, or being homeless, or not having adequate health care or nor receiving a proper education, we should not be wasting our time and resources trying to be "green" when it does nothing to solve real problems for real people.

This solar project will do absolutely nothing to enrich our lives or our community. It will create an eyesore for years to come to remind us of the failure of our government officials to protect us from greedy companies that only have their profits in mind and not the best interests of the community.

Solar is in its infancy and still has a long way to go. Remember your first satellite dish for receiving cable? Remember the size of your first cell phone? Even when solar becomes more efficient and more reliable it has no place on prime farmlands. There are many other viable solutions to place solar panels than on prime farmland.

We ask those in charge of making this decision to deny the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project or any other projects on our farmlands and in our communities.

We are the people living in this community and we don't want this. The only people in favor of this are special interest groups, people who don't even live here or those being paid by the solar companies.

We elected you as our County Commissioners to SERVE AND PROTECT us. Please do what we elected you to do.

Wag Harris
4185 Canal Road NE
Pleasantville, Oh 43148

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

Good evening,

My name is Pamela Hutton. I live at 10373 Cherry Ln Baltimore Ohio

I am speaking in favor of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project. To have full disclosure I am a landowner who has entered into a lease agreement with EDF.

I have essentially lived my whole life in Fairfield county, specifically Liberty township on the walnut township border.

I attended the public meeting with the OPSB last week and listened to the many voices who were in favor as well as those in opposition to the project.

I feel that solar development is a viable resource to our community. It is important to look for energy sources in addition to fossil fuels. Fossil fuels are a finite resource and our energy needs are only going to increase in the future. I believe solar is a good diversification tool to improve our energy grid.

We live in an age of information. While some of this is good there are also the issues of misinformation. And let's face it there is a lot of misinformation about solar. I know that you have been inundated with differing views over the past several years and I know that most people only give their public opinions when they are unhappy. I bet that most people in the county are unaware or do not care about this project. I also bet if you asked people if they thought investing in solar was good for Fairfield county most would say yes. The devil is always in the details and I think that EDF has followed and surpassed safety and regulatory guidelines.

I am also concerned about growth. Fairfield County wishes to be a vibrant, thriving community. If we allow businesses to come in good faith, do the work and are compliant with our laws and regulations and then we arbitrarily stop their businesses other businesses will not want to be a part of our community. This will impact the future of our county.

In closing I believe that Eastern Cottontail solar project is a good addition to our energy grid in fairfield county and I am proud to be a part of it.

My name is Brad Berry, and I live at 5500 Canal Rd Pleasantville. I am presenting pictures of where my house, cattle and feed mill are that join the EDF solar project.

Show photos

The farm where I live has been in my family for over 200 years. I am the 7th generation with my children the 8th and my grandchildren being the 9th. There are very few farms in the state of Ohio that have this legacy. This is a book, History of Fairfield County This shows that my great-grandfather five generations back, Edward Berry was one of the first settlers in Walnut Township.

This is a copy of the land patent that he received and was signed by James Madison our 4th president. Where I live has been in my family since this first became a county. In 2012 I was selected by The Farmland Preservation to have my farm permanently protected from all development rights so that it will always stay a farm.

I have always wanted to be a farmer ever since I was a little boy. My father gave me a calf to raise at 9 years old and I never looked back. But when I got older, our farm was not a big enough for me to make a living **So**

For 25 years I worked here in Lancaster at the Cyrill scott company while farming on the side. I finally decided to fulfill my dream and become a full time farmer and built a business. 15 years ago

Going to the farmers markets and selling a meat product that has been raised sustainably without hormones and antibiotics along with being raised on grass has put me in contact with a lot of people. Hundreds of people come to our farm. They come to know where there food comes from. People who have health problems and look for a farm that can supply them with products they can't find anywhere else. They come to our farm and see the cattle, hogs, and chickens and to see a farm and its landscape. They also come to see the many species of birds that nest in our pastures and waterways including bald eagles

Not only that but I have hosted many field days on my farm. People from all over have come to our farm to see how we do it. I have had tours from Canada, Iowa and people from North Dakota and many others locally. From intensive grazing to pulling our chickens across the pasture field. To our cattle and hogs and our crops.

I have been in the town crier, Ohio Cattleman's magazine, The Ohio country journal and when I made the front page of the Ohio farmer my children honored me with a wall Plack.

I have done many projects with the soil and water and in 2012 was awarded the environmental stewardship award from the Ohio cattlemens association.

I have tried to do everything right.

. This solar project will be an eye sore and be hazardous to our operation. Not only can we not get away from it, but the runoff goes right into our pasture field where we raise our cattle. The Construction and noise will be terrible for our customers who may look elsewhere. Our cattle production will also be effected by the noise.

I will have a much harder time to convince the public that we are a sustainable farm with a industrial solar farm next to us

I have lived the dream and worked very hard to be were we are today and to put the next generation to succeed and keep going.

I don't want to sell my land and leave my heritage and the life I live. I want my community to stay a farm community. When I preserved my farm. I had to get the permission of our county commissioners. They were gracious and gave me permission to preserve my farm. Nobody protested or put up signs. In fact recently a house sold next to our farm and they used my preserved farmland as a selling point.

I am 14 miles from Lancaster and 16 miles from Pickerington. If I was closer, then maybe I would not have preserved this land and maybe the county commissioners would have advised me not to. The Ohio Dept of Agriculture's evaluation of before they granted me permission was to look at the surrounding area and put in their report that I was surrounded by corn, soybeans and wheat. I encourage you to take a drive out of the city of Lancaster on State route 188 towards Pleasantville. You will see gently rolling hills, farms, and a beautiful landscape. Please don't let this ruin our community and our farm. Don't penalize us with a grandfather in clause. This was all done in secret and none of us knew. Once we did, we spent countless hours and money trying to stop it

Do not let money and greed take this from my family and my community.

This project is not about energy we all know very well that there are much better places for solar panels

The solar company says they want to give to our community, our fire department, our school and even to you our county commissioners.

Fairfield county is a very wealthy county. Fairfield union has one of the highest tax in the state

They don't need it

You have Lancaster, Pickerington and canal Winchester You don't need it

Nobody needs this. When the bible says that money is the root of all evil here is your example

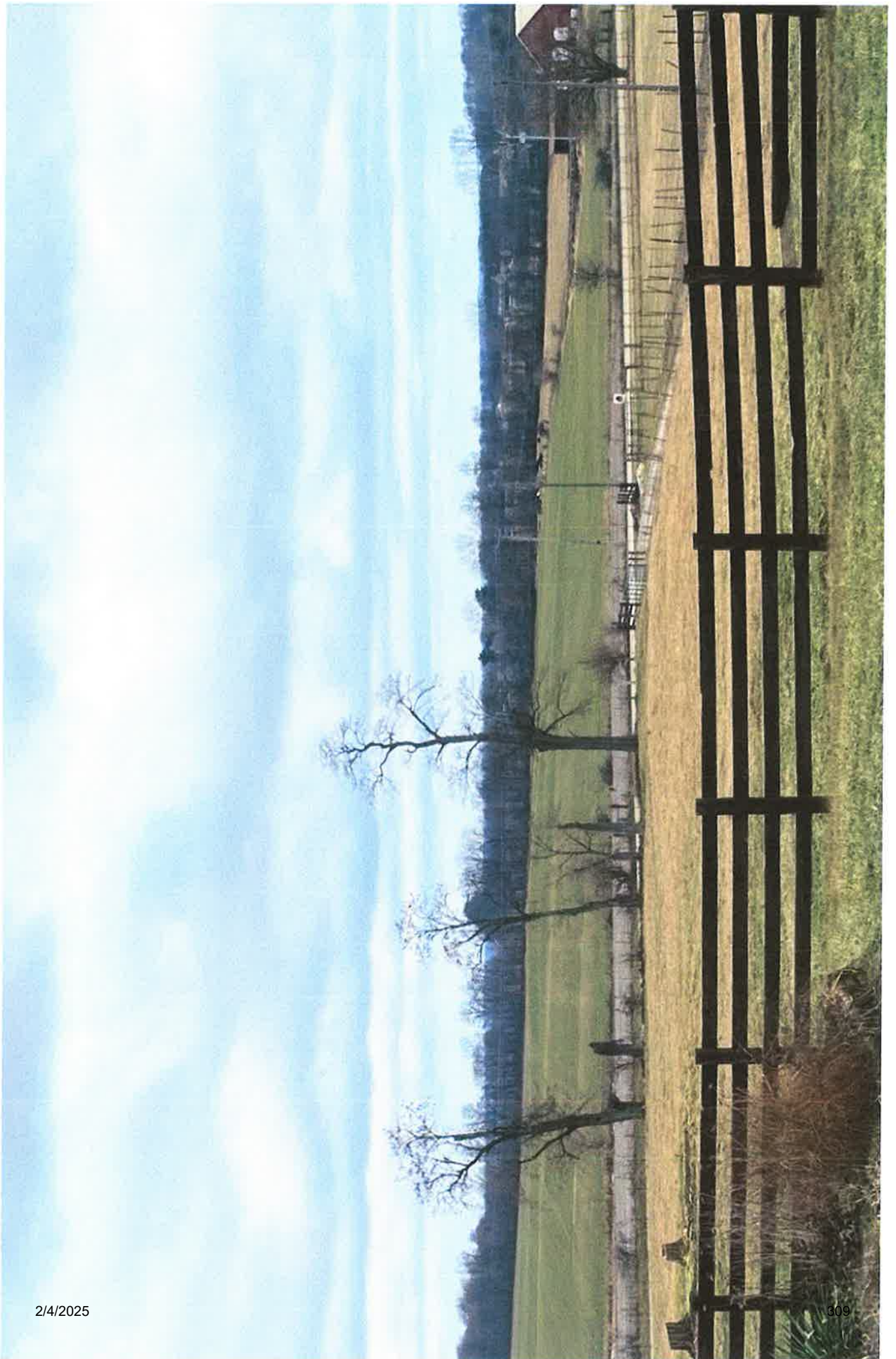
How many people living in this community do you need to tell you we do not want this

How many residents do you need for you to listen and speak up against this.

How rich and wealthy do you have to be before It is all gone.

Again, this was all done in secret. We did not find out about this until it was already signed up. Some people in our community still are just finding out.

There is so much more to our story but time will not allow me today. Thank you for your time.



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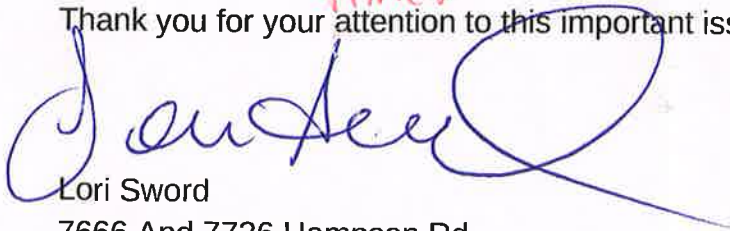
To whom it may concern:

everyone for 15m+ local
here
 I am writing to oppose the planned installation of solar panels on our community farmland. While I support renewable energy, I believe this proposal threatens our agricultural resources and local identity. Our farmland is essential for food production and supports local farmers. Converting it to solar energy could disrupt ecosystems, degrade soil, and diminish our agricultural viability.

I can't see the value
Real estate value of properties + restrictions
sheep grass?
Risks
 I am very concerned about the potential threat that this could have on my young grandchildren that are living on Cattail Rd. They will have solar panels across from them and behind them. I beg you to consider the long term impact that this commercial project will have on their health and safety. If anything happens to them because of this project, I assure you that I will take the appropriate legal action.

I urge the board to explore alternative locations, such as commercial sites, that would not sacrifice valuable farmland. I hope you will reconsider this project and prioritize the protection of our community's critical resources.

times
 Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Some things are more important than money.


Lori Sword
 7666 And 7736 Hampson Rd
 Thornville Ohio

*Lived in Fairf
 for over 25 yrs
 kids + grandkids*

Comments at Fairfield County Commissioners Quarterly Meeting February 4, 2025

My comments center around Commissioner Fix's letter of January 22, 2025 to OPSB. The letter points out that he has worked very hard to remain neutral and thought it would be most fair to allow the process to play out and let the result stand. He stated that "Industrial solar projects take up thousands of acres of land that can and should-in my estimation-be preserved for the residential, commercial, and industrial developments that we know will be coming to Fairfield County in the future". The Eastern Cottontail agri-voltaic project consists of 1550 acres, which is a fraction of one percent of farmland in this County. However, after learning of the Anduril development in Pickaway County Commissioner Fix decided to write to the OPSB and request them to decline the project. Walnut Township would be the farthestmost Fairfield County township from the proposed Anduril project (approximately 31 miles and estimated to be around 45 minutes away. There no doubt is several thousand undeveloped acres in between the Anduril project and the Eastern Cottontail project that could be developed. There will be development pressure on Fairfield County from projects like Anduril, Intel, and the many data centers proposed, however, relative rapid development will occur in most if not all the counties in central Ohio.

Commissioner Fix pointed out that the Trustees have been working closely with him and others to form partnerships with the villages of Millersport and Thurston, both of whom are a willing partner and hungry to grow. This is in line with the 2024 Comprehensive Plan, which emphasizes concentrating future development in the cities and villages, which preserves prime farm land. In particular the plan identifies Area 2 (northwest Walnut Township near SR 37 and I-70 and targeting land for development northwest of Millersport) and Area 4 (SR 37 and SR 256 primarily with residential between Baltimore and Thurston and with industrial at the east edge of Thurston). These communities have the basic utilities like water, waste water and natural gas now, however, each have capacity limitations which mean that at some point the growth would necessitate spending significant dollars to increase their utility capacities. Building in and around these communities can significantly reduce the lot sizes compared to two or more acres for new dwellings. The Comprehensive Plan maps show the shaded areas around Millersport and Thurston where development should be targeted. It should be noted that the shaded areas do not appear to include the areas that Eastern Cottontail is proposed to occupy probably since these two communities are around four and one mile respectively to the nearest point of the subject solar project.

Mr. Fix's letter states that "we should have all of the above policy when it comes to energy generation, and I know that we need more electricity capacity than ever as it stands today". I ran across a February 2, 2025 article on PJM, Regional Power Grid Operator for 13 states including Ohio which predicted significant growth in electricity demand over the next 20 years. PJM warned that a capacity shortage could affect its system as early as the 2026-2027 delivery year, which begins June 1, 2026. **It pointed out that new electricity facilities are not being built fast enough.**

If we consider how long the Eastern Cottontail project has been in the works plus an estimate as to how much longer it could be before an operating system could be in place, I would estimate it could be around 10 years. PJM has pointed out that new facilities are not being built fast enough. We need to be very conscientious about decisions which affect new electricity generation. The landowners who have leased land for Eastern Cottontail have provided the opportunity for the generation of additional electricity equivalent for 42,000 households. The next step is the evidentiary hearing of the OPSB. You as County Commissioners play an important role in the process. The OPSB certainly will take into account your position relative to this proposed project when arriving at its decision. I don't believe anyone can seriously deny there is a need for additional electricity. The question is whether this project is going to be part of the solution to filling that need. Thank you for your time and consideration.

CONCENTRATION OF NEARBY HOMES IS EXCESSIVE - DENY THE PROJECT

Residential Structure Distance Table - Proposed Eastern Cottontail Ranks Number 1

Sample of solar utilities sized 1000-2500 acres.

OPSB CASE NAME:	CASE ID	STATUS	Capacity (MW)	Acres: 1000-2500	Total Residence 1500 feet of a Solar Panel	Total Residence / Acres Percentage
EASTERN COTTONTAIL	24-0495-EL-BGN	Proposed	220	1550	138	8.9%
Blossom Solar	22-0151-EL-BGN	Certificate Approved	144	1073	120	11.2%
Hillcrest Solar Farm	17-1152-EL-BGN	Facility Online	200	2083	111	5.3%
Yellow Wood Solar Energy	20-1680-EL-BGN	Certificate Approved	300	2457	93	3.8%
Dodson Creek Solar	20-1814-EL-BGN	Under Construction	117	1370	79	5.8%
Border Basin I	21-0277-EL-BGN	Certificate Approved	120	1356	73	5.4%
Mink Solar Project	23-0713-EL-BGN	Certificate Approved	140	1745	72	4.1%
Hardin Solar Energy III	20-1678-EL-BGN	Under Construction	300	1000	71	7.1%
Ross County Solar	20-1380-EL-BGN	Under Construction	120	1400	65	4.6%
Springwater Solar	22-0094-EL-BGN	Certificate Approved	155	1150	64	5.6%
Willowbrook Solar Farm	18-1024-EL-BGN	Facility Online	150	2062	61	3.0%
Yellowbud Solar	20-0972-EL-BGN	Facility Online	274	2040	51	2.5%
Tymochtee Solar	21-0004-EL-BGN	Certificate Approved	120	2200	44	2.0%
Atlanta Farms Solar	19-1880-EL-BGN	Under Construction	199.6	2276	44	1.9%
Big Plain Solar	19-1823-EL-BGN	Facility Online	196	2438	33	1.4%
Clearview Solar I	20-1362-EL-BGN	Under Construction	144	1060	31	2.9%
Hardin Solar Energy	17-0773-EL-BGN	Facility Online	150	1115	31	2.8%
Dixon Run Solar	21-0768-EL-BGN	Certificate Approved	140	2082	24	1.2%
Madison Fields Solar Farm	19-1881-EL-BGN	Facility Online	180	1932	6	0.3%

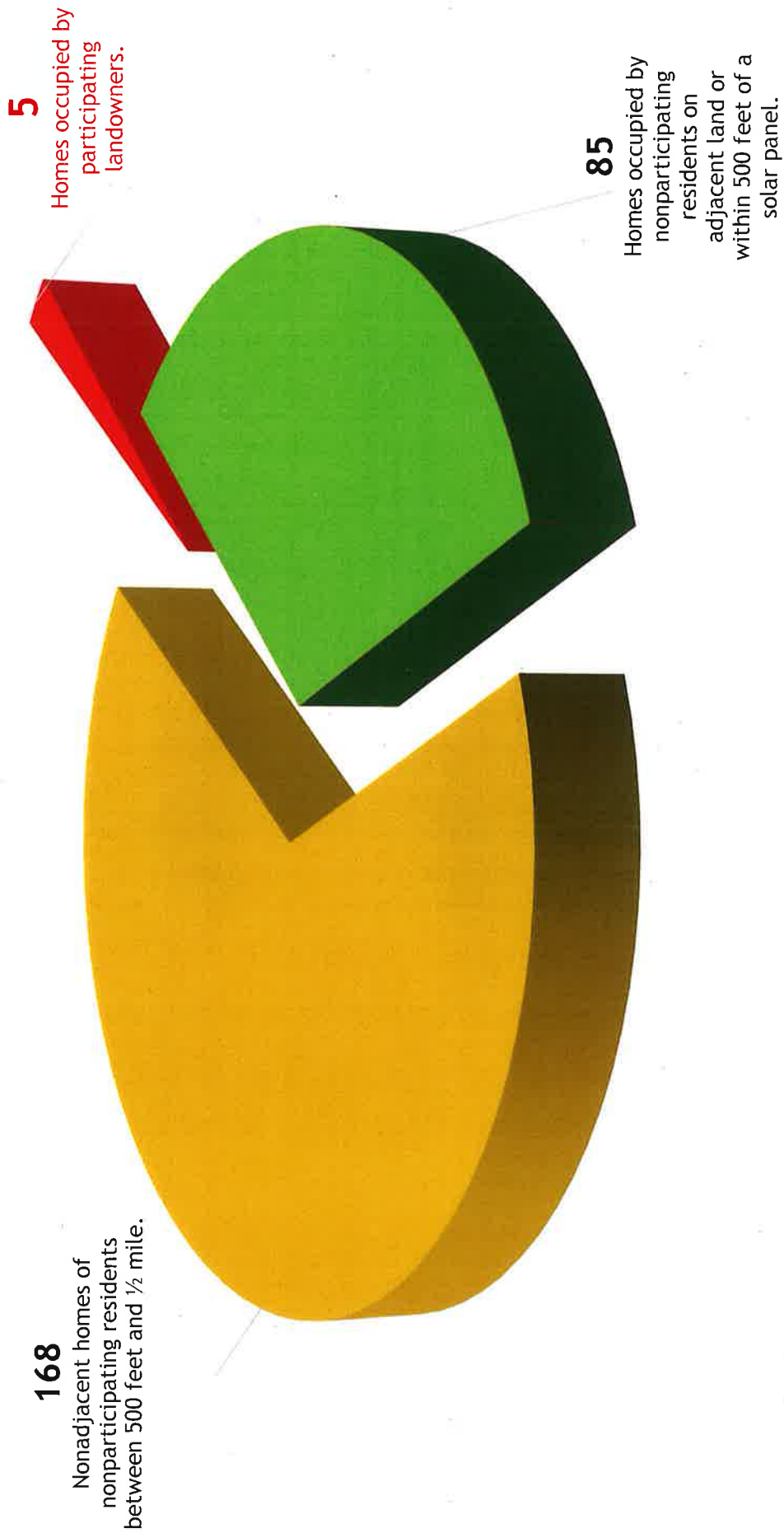
Data Notes:

Ohio Power Siting Board generated report of all Ohio Solar, all status.
 Sample of solar utilities sized 1000-2500 acres. Status of approved, under construction or facility online.
 OPSB Case Documents, Application, Distance Tables - Structures were used.
 Manual count of residential only structure types were totaled. All other (shed, commercial, shed, etc.) were not included in the count.
 The total of residential listed in the Distance Tables was reviewed twice on different days for accuracy.
 Removed 3 projects due to insufficient availability of comparable data; New Market, Alamo and Vinton.

Study by: Alison Barrick, 8189 Lake Rd NE, Millersport OH 43046

HOMES Impacted by the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project Area

Total homes in a 1/2 Mile: 258



Data Source: Information obtained from the OPSB Application and the Fairfield County Auditor.

My name is Betty Bennett. My husband George and I have lived in Fairfield County all of our lives. Nearly 35 years ago, we built our home at 4160 Baltimore Somerset Rd. NE, Pleasantville, where we raised our four sons and built a lifetime of memories. This land means everything to us—it is not just where we live; it is who we are.

We chose this rural, peaceful place because it felt like home. Our property is zoned rural residential, and we have every right to expect that it remains a safe and tranquil space for our family and community. Yet now, our way of life is under threat by the proposed solar farm, **which is adjacent to our home.**

I cannot express how deeply this project affects us. For decades, we've watched fields of corn and soybeans change with the seasons, enjoyed the sounds of birds singing from our porch, and even witnessed bald eagles grace our property. These moments define the joy and beauty of our lives here as well as the reprieve that our home offers to our grandchildren who visit often. But, if this project moves forward, all of that will be gone—replaced by an industrial solar facility. The thought of waking up each day to the hum of machinery instead of the sounds of nature breaks my heart.

There are so many reasons this project should not be allowed but I want to just address five items. . .

1. **The Destruction of Prime Farmland:** Allowing a foreign company to destroy this vital farmland is a betrayal of our community's future. This land should be preserved for food security, not sacrificed for industrial solar panels that are manufactured overseas.
2. **Water Safety:** We are deeply worried about the runoff from the solar field. When heavy rains come, the water flows directly over our well and into our pond. What happens when that runoff is contaminated with chemicals from damaged panels? Our water, our health, the health of the fish in our pond, and the safety of our neighbors are at stake.
3. **Fire Hazards:** Given the size of our local fire department, we do not believe that they are equipped to handle fires in a solar field. The potential danger to our homes and lives is too great to ignore.
4. **Loss of Wildlife and Peace:** Our backyard is a haven for wildlife, from songbirds to bald eagles. The noise and disruption from this project will drive them away forever. These moments of connection with nature will be stolen from us, and for what? A nominal energy gain that is not comparable to generation from other sources readily available.
5. **Property Values:** This project will devastate property values in our area. Who would want to live next to an industrial solar field? I wouldn't—and neither would you. I would challenge you to look at the residential address of those who wrote in favor of this project. I would be shocked if you could find one individual, who was not receiving compensation that lived within a mile of the project.

What saddens me most is that this fight feels so unfair. I've read letters in support of this project from people who don't even live here. They don't understand what we stand to lose. We are the ones who live here. We are the ones who will endure the consequences.

As retirees, George and I should be enjoying the golden years of our lives in peace. Instead, we find ourselves fighting to protect our home, our health, and the life we've built. It's exhausting and heartbreaking.

Please, I am begging you: listen to the voices of the people who live in this community. Do not let this project move forward. Stand with us, your constituents, and reject the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project.

Thank you for taking the time to hear my heartfelt plea. I hope you will do what is right—not for temporary gain, but for the lasting good of the people and the land and lifestyle we hold dear.

Good evening, my name is Mary Hutton.

My sister and I are landowners in the eastern cottontail project. This was not a decision we made lightly.

We have been involved in farming most of our lives. After reading House Bill 52, watching the five part Solar study put out by OSU, and the safeguards put into our contract with EDF, we are satisfied that our issues were addressed about handling field tile, returning our land back to productive farm ground, and even being able to preserve portions of our farm. With all the current and future development within our county, alternative forms of energy is more important than ever. These businesses expect this. These new projects will consume vast amounts of energy. Where is that coming from? Shouldn't we be looking towards the future? Embracing any viable energy resource?

We hear much misinformation about this project. We are confident that you will be able to discern the facts from all the noise.

We believe that at the end on our contract, our farm will be returned to being productive farmland.

I would rather my families legacy be a Solar field, eventually reverting back to productive farm ground, instead of a housing subdivision.

Thank you.

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