

Regular Meeting #6 - 2026
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
February 10, 2026

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room located at 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order, and the following Commissioners were present: Steve Davis, David Levacy and Jeff Fix. Also present: County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle; Deputy County Administrator, Jeff Porter; Clerk, Rochelle, Menningen; Communications and Information Coordinator, Bennett Niceswanger; Budget Director, Bart Hampson; EMA & Facilities Director, Jon Kochis; Deputy JFS Director, Heather O'Keefe; Utilities Director, Tony Vogel; Treasurer, Jim Bahnsen; Recorder, Lisa McKenie; Budget Officer, Staci Knisley; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Austin Lines; Interim RPC Director, Holly Mattei; Financial Analyst, Taylor Forquer; Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer; FCFC Manager, Tiffany Wilson; JFS Director, Corey Clark; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; IT Director, Dan Neeley; Area 20 Workforce Development Board Deputy Director, Bayley Fields; Community Services Program Administrator, Krista Humphries; and Sheriff's Deputy, Kevin Romine. Also in attendance: Ray Stemen, Garrett Davis, Jeff Feyko, and Jeremy Primmer.

Virtual attendees: Lori Lovas, Lori Hawk, Jessica Murphy, Anthony Iachini, Shelby Hunt, Baylie Blevins, Tony Vogel, Vince Carpico, Fred, Ash Sark, Shannon Ward, Jeff Barron, Greg Forquer, BGM, Steven Darnell, Jerry Starner, Andy Robberts, Jennifer Morgan, Joe Ebel, David Uhl, Ashley Arter, Tony Howard, Deborah, Abby King, Britney Lee, Jason Grubb, Stacy Hicks, Jared Collins, and Alex Lape.

Welcome

Commissioner Davis opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance.

Public Comments

Ray Stemen of Lancaster stated he was pleased with the county's effort to clear roadways of snow.

Jeff Feyko spoke regarding the resolution for the Expedited Type II Annexation on the agenda, He stated the annexation is straightforward and added that the property owners initiated the petition.

Commissioner Davis asked Assistant Prosecutor Austin Lines if the Commissioners were required to approve the annexation.

Mr. Lines confirmed that the annexation packet was in order and that the Commissioners would need to approve the annexation under the Ohio Revised Code.

Legal Update

None.

County Administration Update

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

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

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Resolution Review

There are 24 resolutions on the agenda for the Regular voting meeting.

Resolutions of note:

- The first resolution on the agenda is for the approval of an Expedited Type II Annexation of 1.220 Acres from Greenfield Township to the Village of Carroll.
- Economic and Workforce Development has a resolution on the agenda to authorize an intergovernmental agreement between Fairfield County, the City of Canal Winchester, the Fairfield County Port Authority, and the Fairfield County Transportation Improvement District to provide financing for Basil-Western Road improvements. The agreement provides for a financing structure which includes a State Infrastructure Bank loan and issuance of bonds, developer contributions provided under development and compensation agreements, and pledges from Fairfield County and Canal Winchester, including TIF proceeds generated by current and future development that will benefit from road improvements.

Anthony Iachini stated that this is the agreed upon 61% for the county and 39% for Canal Winchester. There is a \$4,000,000 State Infrastructure Bank loan and \$6-6.5M in bonds. The county received \$1.5M from DHL which will pay back the original loan. This agreement locks in the deal with Canal Winchester.

Commissioner Davis stated he spoke with the County Administrator regarding some of his questions.

Commissioner Fix offered his appreciation to those that were involved in the creation of the agreement.

Commissioner Levacy added he had a discussion with Treasurer Bahnsen regarding the agreement and its financial structure.

- Economic and Workforce Development also has a resolution to approve an amendment to the county's Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Operating Plan and to authorize the Economic Development Director to submit the plan to the Economic Development Administration (EDA) for approval. The RLF Operating Plan has been updated pursuant to the EDA's recommendations.

Bayley Fields stated document must be recertified every 5 years and it includes a few language updates.

- EMA has a resolution to authorize the purchase of a Mobile Command Vehicle from Farber Specialty Vehicles for \$575,000 under the OMNIA Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.

Jon Kochis, stated that EMA will consult with a public safety team that will guide the outfitting process for the vehicle.

- JFS has nine resolutions for service agreements for network placements for children in the care and custody of Child Protective Services.
- The Sheriff's Office has a resolution to approve the donation of a speed trailer to the Village of Millersport.

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- And Utilities has a resolution to approve a sanitary easement between the Fairfield County Commissioners and Toll Gate Road Properties LLC.

Budget Review

Bart Hampson thanked the Auditor's Office and Staci Knisley for their work on the financial structure of the intergovernmental agreement.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

Informational Items

- State of the City Address, City of Lancaster, February 12, 2026, 11:30 a.m., Crossroads, 2095 W. Fair Ave., Lancaster
- Central Ohio MPO Board Meeting, February 12, 2026, 1:30 p.m., MORPC, 111 Liberty St., Columbus
- Ohio Chamber of Commerce's 2026 Housing Summit, February 26, 2026, 8:30 a.m., Ohio Statehouse, 1 Capitol Sq., Columbus
- The State of Pickerington Address, March 5, 2026, 11:00 a.m., Grace Fellowship, 1449 Refugee Rd., Pickerington
- MORPC's State of the Region Address, March 20, 2026, 11:00 a.m., Hilton Columbus Downtown, 402 N. High St., Columbus
- Lancaster High School Closing Ceremony, April 19, 2026, 12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., 1312 Granville Pike, Lancaster
- Save the Date, Ohio University Lancaster (OU-L), 70th Anniversary Celebration, September 26, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., OU-L, 1570 Granville Pike, Lancaster

Correspondence

- TC Energy, February 3, 2026, Re: Right of Way Maintenance, 2026 B115 & B100 Clearing
- The Senior Hub/Meals on Wheels of Fairfield County, 2025 Impact Report

Updates from Elected Officials and Department Heads

Treasurer Jim Bahnsen reported the first advance settlement will be distributed this week, with 85% allocated to county schools. He added that the IAC meeting scheduled for later that morning would include discussions on the Basil Western Road project.

Recorder Lisa McKenzie stated the Attorney General issued guidance concerning the MV Real Estate Company. She added that homeowners affected by MV Real Estate may seek removal of the liens.

Clerk of Courts Branden Meyer reported the Legal Help Center continues to operate successfully and remains busy.

Auditor Carri Brown acknowledged recent community losses and reported upcoming disclosures related to property tax reform and bond issuance. She thanked everyone in the room for their patience and assistance as her office continues to work through audit reports.

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Tony Vogel announced plans to drill wells in Greenfield Township to identify additional water sources and stated the process will not be disruptive to nearby residences.

Bayley Fields reported that registration is open for summer camps for incoming middle school students. Camps are available in healthcare, STEM, and the construction trades.

Jon Kochis shared that grants were awarded for jail upgrades and improvements for the bridge near the Agricultural Center.

Dan Neeley reported completion of hardware upgrades and confirmed there are no cybersecurity-related equipment concerns.

Corey Clark reported child support payment can be made again at the drive-through off Chestnut Street and announced a partnership with Ohio University Lancaster and the Workforce Center to host a job fair.

Jeff Porter spoke about a township and village training on cybersecurity and public records.

Tiffany Wilson spoke about the planning of a Community Baby Shower on April 25th at the Levacy Center.

Holly Mattei announced a March 3rd public hearing for the 2026 CDBG program. She plans to pursue a Neighborhood Revitalization Grant with the Village of Thurston, and highlighted ongoing work with Millersport on a transportation overlay plan.

Garrett Davis of United Way reported the annual campaign and tax preparation services are progressing well.

Old Business

Commissioner Fix participated in the wheel of fortune program with Juvenile Court and was pleased to have such a positive interaction with those in attendance. He added that Judge Vandervoort informed him the diversion program has a very high success rate.

Commissioner Levacy reported that he held a productive meeting with Senator Schaffer to discuss continued investment in the Workforce Center.

New Business

Commissioner Levacy continues to plan and prepare for the 2026 Veterans Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

Commissioner Fix stated that no one had filed to run against him pending that no independent candidate files before the upcoming deadline.

Commissioner Davis stated that he looks forward to a time when entertainment and politics do not coincide.

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Regular (Voting) Meeting

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Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Davis asked everyone to rise as able and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

None.

Approval of Minutes for February 3, 2026

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of David Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, February 3, 2026, meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners

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

2026-02.10.a A Resolution to Approve the Expedited Type II Annexation of 1.220 +/- Acres from Greenfield Township to the Village of Carroll, Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 709.023, Agent for Petitioner Jeffrey Feyko

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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

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- 2026-02.10.b A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the cost of transportation for individuals paid to Fairfield County Transit as a memo expenditure for fund# 2060 - Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Clerk of Courts – Legal Division

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

- 2026-02.10.c A Resolution Approving an Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure Object Category –1110, Clerk of Courts Legal

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas

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

- 2026-02.10.d A Resolution Approving an Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure Object Category –Fund # 2852, Targeted Community Alternatives to Prison.
- 2026-02.10.e A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for the Court of Common Pleas, Community Control Department; Fund # 2365, County Probation

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development

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

- 2026-02.10.f A resolution authorizing the approval of an intergovernmental agreement concerning the financing of infrastructure improvements at Basil-Western Road
- 2026-02.10.g A resolution to approve an amendment to the Fairfield County EDA RLF Plan

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency

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

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- 2026-02.10.h A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a Mobile Command Vehicle for a Total Cost of \$575,000.00
- 2026-02.10.i A resolution to request for appropriations for receipts for EMA fund 2707 EMA Grant Fund (EMPG24)

Director Kochis stated that it will take approximately 6 months to receive the new vehicle and added that there will be some initial training once the vehicle arrives.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from Fairfield County Job and Family Services

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

- 2026-02.10.j 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
- 2026-02.10.k A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Adonai's Haven of Rest, LLC.
- 2026-02.10.l A Resolution regarding an amendment for a previously approved Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Adonai's Haven of Rest, LLC. and Child Protective Services Department.
- 2026-02.10.m A Resolution regarding an amendment for a previously approved Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Reflections Group Home LLC and Child Protective Services Department.
- 2026-02.10.n A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and SJO Kids, Inc. dba New Path Child & Family Solutions.
- 2026-02.10.o A Resolution regarding an amendment for a previously approved Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Kids Count Too, Inc. and Child Protective Services Department.
- 2026-02.10.p A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Sojourners Care Network.
- 2026-02.10.q A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and The Julia Paige Family Center.
- 2026-02.10.r A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Alternative Youth Services, Inc. dba StepStone Family & Youth Services.

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2026-02.10.s A Resolution regarding an amendment for a previously approved Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Kids Count Too, Inc. and Child Protective Services Department

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Sheriff

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

2026-02.10.t A Resolution Approving an Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure Object Category –1001, General Fund

2026-02.10.u A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for Sheriff; 2394 Litter

2026-02.10.v A resolution authorizing the donation of a speed trailer purchased by the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office to the Millersport Police Department

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Utilities

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

2026-02.10.w A resolution approving an additional sanitary easement between Toll Gate Road Properties LLC and the Fairfield County Commissioners.

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

Approval of the Payment of Bills

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

2026-02.10.x A resolution authorizing the approval of payments of the vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders and the cash disbursement for all departments that are approved by the Commissioners.

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

Adjournment

With no further business, On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of David Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 9:51 a.m.

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

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