

Regular Meeting #5 - 2019
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
February 12, 2019

Review

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- Welcome
- Legal Update

Mr. Horacek did not have a legal update.

Relating to a previous request for an opinion, Mr. Davis updated everyone on his discussions at the MCJDC meeting on Friday. For the past four years Fairfield County has asked MCJDC to evaluate their budget as the bed usage for Fairfield County has decreased while the contributions have increased. When MCJDC was founded, Licking and Fairfield Counties were allocated 41% of the beds each with Hocking and Perry County splitting the rest. This made sense at the time as Fairfield and Licking County incarcerated more juveniles. When Judge Williams was judge, the county was using an average of 20 beds a day. Now, with Judge Vandervoort's change in philosophy, Fairfield County only uses six beds a day on average. Fairfield County is currently paying \$960,000 a year in total for the use of six beds. At the meeting on Friday, Mr. Davis informed the group that next year Fairfield County would only be paying \$800,000, and in 2021, they would pay \$600,000. He mentioned that at that point, Fairfield County would still be upside down. Licking County asked Mr. Davis if that meant Fairfield County was threatening to withdrawal. Mr. Davis informed them that was not the intent as they respect their position as a founder and host county. MCJDC created a committee to evaluate possible solutions. Mr. Davis suggested three solutions including a recalibration of participation, more aggressive approach to encouraging other counties to join, and/or offering space to third parties for alternative related uses. Mr. Davis has asked the Prosecutor's Office to review all alternatives including withdrawal. While that is not his intention, it must serve as motivation to others. He added that this conversation with MCJDC was brought on by his growing frustration with MCJDC not acting on Fairfield County's budget requests as well as their criticism of Judge Vandervoort's judicial policy. While he is not an expert he has great confidence in Judge Vandervoort. At the end of the day it was a math problem.

Dr. Brown suggested including DYS representatives in the participation of the committee's work, as there are statewide experts that could help evaluate and design plans for treatment or residential options. The shift in judicial philosophy is supported by multiple evidence-based approaches throughout the state and nation. She added that she had a collection of historical documents that could be made available to the Prosecutor's Office for review.

Mr. Davis added that he was also elected Chair of MCJDC (after the discussions). This is an indication that patience and politeness have laid a foundation for discussions moving forward. He reported the MCJDC partners indicated Fairfield has been more patient then they would have been if they were faced with the same issue.

Dr. Brown stated that a meeting had been scheduled, prior to last Friday, with Mark Conrad, Dana Moore, and herself regarding exploring a network usage agreement as the County has a policy that everyone who uses their network must complete cyber security training and abide by the network rules. This meeting had no relationship to the current discussion surrounding the MCJDC.

Mr. Davis stated he spoke with Judge Vandervoort regarding these discussions as well.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

a. Announcements

Offices will be closed on Presidents' Day, February 18th.

Sunshine Week is March 10-16. Please let Carri Brown know if you have news releases for this week.

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DD will provide an update and a lunch n learn session on March 12. March is DD Awareness Month.

Save the Date: The State of the County Address is April 30 at the WigWam. The review and regular meeting will be held at the WigWam.

b. Highlights of Resolutions

Dr. Brown highlighted five financial resolutions for the voting meeting:

- Appropriations for special revenue funds for MCU, CFLP, and the Sheriff;
- An approval to extend the repayment of an advance; and
- The payment of bills.

She forecasted the resolution the actual purchase of the Sheriff's vehicles to improve the fleet. This contract is expected to be with Bob Boyd Ford, who has earned a Department of Administrative Services "state bid" contract through a competitive bidding process. The financial structure was put in place on February 7th.

She also forecasted the annual adoption of the policy manual, which includes the 20 recommendations and minor changes in accordance with the ORC, such as with the use of a county credit card. Once the Board of Commissioners approves the manual, employees will be able to electronically sign off to reflect their receipt and understanding.

Finally, there were other contractual resolutions in various stages of progress expected for a future meeting.

c. Administrative Approvals & Budget Update

Administrative Update

The review packet contained a list of administrative approvals. No questions were posed.

Administratively, we have begun the process to update the Meals on Wheels contract with no major changes, as no major changes have been suggested at this point. In addition, we are in receipt of the program report from Meals on Wheels. This was in the review packet. Dr. Brown will be attending the Meals on Wheels meeting on February 28th.

Budget Update

With the implementation of the 20 recommendations for recruitment and retention of employees, there is an opportunity for merit based increases. To participate in merit based increases, departments must use the county approved performance assessment tools and comply with the county compensation plan. As discussed at the roundtable meeting, there will be training available. Many departments have already signed up for the training, and there will be one-on-one sessions available anytime requested.

d. Roundtable Debriefing – February 7th

On February 7, 2019, a roundtable for elected officials and department heads was held. Topics reviewed included community partnerships, organizational connections, the leadership conference, Human Resources, Utilities, MUNIS, and departmental updates. Everyone agrees that the roundtable meetings continue to be valuable and productive. We continue to receive positive feedback for the tone and content of the meetings.

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Mr. Davis encouraged that the roundtables continue to be tight and efficient to keep everyone's attention.

e. BRAVOs

Thank you to Common Pleas Court leadership. The department is working hard on making sure employees are recognized for their work.

Bravo to Donna Stalter, JFS Public Information Officer, for helping update communication materials for the Fairfield-Lancaster Public Transit.

Thank you, again, to multiple county department officials for helping the Hunters Run Conservancy District.

- Old Business

- New Business

- a. Kroger Bakery Closing

Mr. Davis stated that the closing of the Kroger Bakery meant there would be people who are not yet ready to retire who are looking for employment. He personally knows some of these individuals and encouraged those with job openings to consider those laid off.

- b. Governor DeWine Fairfield County Visit

Dr. Brown stated that she has heard Governor DeWine will be visiting Fairfield County on Wednesday to discuss mental health and addiction. She is working to get more information.

- General Correspondence Received

- a. CFLP Agenda for February 22nd Meeting

- b. CFLP 4th Quarter Recycling Drop-Off Report

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- a. Retirement Celebration for Ann Hammond – Wednesday, February 27th from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Hearing Room

- FYI

- a. Jail Population is 295.

- b. Lancaster Alley Vacation Ordinance

- c. Colonel Moe will be the speaker at the Airports 50th Anniversary Celebration on May 18th

- Open Items

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Keller if there were any facilities susceptible to flooding due to all the rain that has been falling.

Mr. Keller replied there were not.

Ms. Cordle stated that the clock tower at JFS can leak when there is a lot of rain, but it has not leaked lately.

Mr. Keller added that many buildings are susceptible to roof leaks, but the Liberty Center roof has been fixed.

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Commissioner Levacy stated at 9:30 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the Regular Meeting.

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Joshua Horacek, Amy Brown-Thompson, Chief Lape, Jim Bahnsen, Jeff Porter, Aunie Cordle, Todd McCullough, Jon Kochis, Branden Meyer, Dennis Keller, Ed Laramée, Jon Slater, David Miller, Mark Conrad, Tony Vogel, Jeff Barron, and Tonya Shipley.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

Commissioner Levacy asked if there were any announcements.

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

Commissioner Levacy asked if anyone from the public who would like to speak or offer comments.

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes for Thursday, February 7, 2019

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Thursday, February 7, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Commissioners' Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Commissioners' Office resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category for Fund #2736, Subfund #8177 – FY2019 CFLP Grant; see resolution 2019-02.12.a.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Major Crimes Unit Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Major Crimes Unit resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category 7829 JAG SF-8178; see resolution 2019-02.12.b.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Sheriff's Office Resolutions

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

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| 2019-02.12.c | A resolution authorizing the approval to extend the repayment date of an advance of funds – Fund #2812 14- Hope Grant [Sheriff] |
| 2019-02.12.d | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Sheriff's Office Fund 2593 Concealed Handgun License [Sheriff] |

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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Payment of Bills

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Payment of Bills resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval; see resolution 2019-2.12.e.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Review (continued)

The Commissioners met at 10:03 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Joshua Horacek, Amy Brown-Thompson, Chief Lape, Jim Bahnsen, Jeff Porter, Aunie Cordle, Todd McCullough, Jon Kochis, Branden Meyer, Dennis Keller, Ed Laramee, Jon Slater, David Miller, Mark Conrad, Tony Vogel, Jeff Barron, and Tonya Shipley.

Open Items (continued)

- Ms. Brown reported she had received two calls while the Commission was in recess from residents in the Ballard Lane area regarding flooding issues. Mr. Upp is currently heading up there to view the area. We believe all parts of the county project were working as expected. A few of the areas outside of the county's project that needed to be completed privately have not yet been completed. We previously had recommended the creation of a homeowners' association to help with the private matters.
- Mr. Davis stated that he received a call from Licking County Commissioner Tim Bubb while the Commission was in recess. Commissioner Bubb was asking for the MCJDC documents that Fairfield County would be reviewing. Mr. Davis told Mr. Bubb that it would take some time before the Commissioners had compiled and reviewed that information. Mr. Bubb expressed concern that the previous MCJDC Superintendent, Mr. Penrod, was not the most diligent in his record and document retention.

Mr. Horacek stated he and Ms. Brown-Thompson had already begun reviewing the information.

- Dr. Brown stated she received a thank you from Mr. Mike Monnin regarding the assistance provided to the Hunter's Run Conservancy District the County provided. That thank you read: *"Tony, Jon, Joshua, Carri, and Jonathan – On behalf of Hunters Run Conservancy District (HRCDD), I offer all of you sincere thanks to both execute our working agreement at no cost to us, and for your hard work at the site to open the inlet on structure R-65, which prevented potential damage to the downstream road and private property. We look forward working with you in the future as Hunters Run progresses. Thanks again for your efforts; Fairfield County is served well by each of you. Sincerely, Mike Monnin"*
Dr. Brown went on to state that Jon Kochis, EMA Director, was going to follow up with email to the Hunters Run Conservancy District to provide guidance about next steps they needed to take (maintenance and cleaning of the recently pumped area). There is an administrative meeting set in April relating to the District.

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Jeff Fix and a second of Steve Davis the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:07 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.


Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____
that the February 12, 2019 minutes were approved by the following vote:


YEAS:
ABSTENTIONS: None
*Approved on February 19, 2019

NAYS: None

YEAS: _____
ABSTENTIONS: None
*Approved on February 19, 2019


Steven A. Davis
Commissioner


Dave Levacy
Commissioner


Jeff Fix
Commissioner


Rachel A. Elsea, Clerk