

Regular Meeting #8 - 2021
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
February 16, 2021

Review

The Commissioners met at 9:00 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, Jon Kochis, Amy Brown-Thompson, Joshua Horacek, Chief Churchill, and Jon Slater.

Attending virtually were: Jim Bahnsen, Chris Wagner, Dave Burgei, Donna Fox-Moore, Jeff Barron, Larry Hanna, Toni Ashton, Tony Vogel, Aunie Cordle, Stacy Hicks, Rick Szabrak, Jason Dolin,

- Welcome
- COVID-19 Update

Jon Kochis updated the Board on COVID-19 responses. We viewed some pictures of the new call center in action.

The vaccine scheduling for this coming week was very successful. Today's vaccines had to be postponed due to weather, but they will be rescheduled for later this week by increase the number of slots. The health department is receiving 1,200 doses a week which is a huge task. ICU and inpatient usage number continue to decrease, and the local case numbers are at a relatively low number. The call center placed 2,000 phone calls and scheduled 440 appointments. Of those 2,000 calls, 275 reported they had already received the vaccine elsewhere.

Mr. Hanna provided an additional update on the vaccine clinics. This week the Violet Township Service Center will host a vaccination clinic on Saturday, February 20th from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They are very excited to be serving the area. They anticipate receiving 400 more doses this week. He is concerned some of the deliveries for today have been canceled due to weather, but he will know more later. He complimented Mr. Kochis for the Friday call centers and does not think they could go any better.

Mr. Fix asked how registration was going.

Mr. Hanna replied they had over 30,000 registered so far with 1,000 to 1,500 new registrations each day.

Dr. Brown thanked the county volunteers and the those in the community volunteering. Larry Hanna commented that in time they will need additional volunteer vaccinators.

- Legal Update

Ms. Brown-Thompson did not have a legal update.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

a. Announcements

Anyone can email or text a question anytime:

Carri.Brown@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov or (740) 777-8552

The Workforce Center HVAC courses continue to be advertised. There were five scheduled as of the end of last week.

Following the Tech Cred model, we are exploring ways to offer the courses to our facilities staff in the same way as the Tech Cred program (which we may be able to specifically use) and with the tuition reimbursement program, with some

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modifications. We are exploring the interest among staff right now. We will also attempt to use the Tech Cred program again.

Dates/Events of Interest

Feb 23 Commissioner Levacy – Commissioner Connection video
Mar 9 DD Lunch n Learn
Mar 14-20 Sunshine Week
Mar 15 Highlighting Public Records Training (Commission Offices have completed)
Mar 23 EMA Lunch n Learn
Mar 30 Commissioner Fix – Commissioner Connection video

We have added an additional Lunch n Learn for EMA on March 23 based on the popularity of the last Lunch n Learn with EMA.

The State of the County Address is scheduled for September 28 at the WigWam.

b. Highlights of Resolutions

Dr. Brown highlighted 12 resolutions for the voting meeting.

There were 12 *financial and grant related resolutions on the voting agenda:*

- **An account-to-account transfer of appropriations for the Sheriff, moving appropriations from contracted services to salaries and related lines based on needs for reporting which cannot be met with temporary staff, therefore resulting in a reclassification of expenditures (while this *does not increase appropriations*, it is a *change in staffing* based on civil needs and the use of body cameras beginning in March 2021);**
- Three resolution relating JFS reimbursement and transfers of funds by operation of law;
- Subordination of a mortgage loan as proposed by Community Action and as aligned with grant terms and conditions;
- Repayment of two advances by Juvenile Court;
- Memo transactions for the payment of administrative fees for the self-funded health insurance plan for April- December 2020;
- Appropriations for the MCU;
- A budget for a special revenue fund for EDA RLF CARES Act program for Economic Development (With this program we are getting new information about allowable uses – we will continue to update everyone programmatically);
- Appropriations and memo transactions for a Juvenile Court led special revenue; and
- The payment of bill over \$100,000.

There are financial and contracting resolutions (and administrative approvals) in queue. The boldfaced resolution above was highlighted for additional discussion.

c. Administrative Approvals, Program, & Budget Update

Administrative Approvals and Updates

- The review packet contained a list of administrative approvals. There were no questions posed.

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- A letter for the Humane Society was in the signing folder for the improvements at the Humane Society for a puppy wing with a clinic and isolation unit, which is all in line with the expansion plans previously reported. All is within the existing lease agreement. Corey Schoonover with the Humane Society will be visiting a Commission meeting in September to show some pictures and provide an update, along with Al Beavers with the Beavers Field, which is also experiencing construction and expansion, too.
- Dr. Brown reported on the Healthy Bytes opportunity and encouraged others to check out this opportunity with the Health Benefits plan.

Budget Update

- For January, general fund revenues increased about 6% while expenditures decreased 14%, as compared to the previous year. The reduction in expenses is impacted by the timing of payroll dates.
- With casino revenues for February (for activity of October – December 2020) which have been received. They were \$457,414, similar to 2019 (October – December of 2018) and just below 2020 (October – December of 2019) – and on target for the projected \$1.75 M for the calendar year. There is no change recommended to the projection.
- Thinking about sales tax, we projected an increase of 3% for the calendar year of 2021. We realize there are multiple variables impacting consumer behavior.
- The latest information shows non-auto sales tax for December sales receipted in March for Fairfield County is relatively flat, with an increase of .33%, whereas the state experienced a decrease of .06%.
- We are monitoring federal legislation relating to additional funds to address the pandemic.
- We are aware of the efforts to increase the future reimbursement percentage to counties for indigent defense.

d. BRAVOs

Congratulations to Jeff Porter, HR and Risk Management Director, for completing certification as a certified Labor Relations Professional. County executives often have multiple advanced degrees and certifications, and this most recent certification is something to celebrate!

Every week, there is new positive feedback about the NACO leadership academy. Thanks to everyone investing in their leadership skills and in improving organizational knowledge.

- Old Business

a. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Davis has been invited to speak at Gorsuch West Elementary to share his experiences.

Commissioner Davis also spoke to the MCJDC decisions about their capital expenditures.

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- New Business

Commissioner Levacy commented on the short meeting scheduled next week. There will be a request from the Buckeye Lake Tomorrow and Soil and Water Conservation District in support of the Southwest Licking Conservatory District for \$10,000 from Licking County and Fairfield County to fund a study in support of a grant application in which Licking County will likely take the lead as the applicant. The goal of the project is to mitigate flooding on I-70 which damaged a bridge in Licking County previously. A one-page fact sheet will be in the review packet next week.

- General Correspondence Received (none)

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- a. Law Library Dedication – Thursday, February 18th at Noon (Dr. Brown will attend.)

- FYI

- a. Jail Population – 217
- b. Terracon Communication – Invitation to Comment – provided to Economic Development and the County Engineer
- c. Certificate of Appreciation from the US Census Bureau
- d. ADAMH Article re: Rhonda Myers – Congratulations on a positive article.

The ADAMH update for today has been scheduled for March 16th.

- Open Items (None)

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 beginning at 9:22 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jon Kochis, Amy Brown-Thompson, Joshua Horacek, and Chief Churchill.

Attending virtually were: Jim Bahnsen, Chris Wagner, Aunie Cordle, Dave Burgei, Dennis Keller, Dorna Fox-Moore, Jeff Barron, Nikki Drake, Stacy Hicks, Rick Szabrak, and Tony Vogel.

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 comments.

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Approval of Minutes for Thursday, February 11, 2021

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 11, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Auditor's Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve Auditor's resolution authorizing a memo expense memo receipt for the General Fund 2% administration fee for managing the county self-insurance program, Fund #5376 to General #1001; see resolution 2021-02.16.a

Discussion: Dr. Brown stated this resolution was to account for fees from April 2020 through December 2020.

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 Commissioners' resolution authorizing a subordination FY 2012 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) for Christopher and Amy Butts; see resolution 2021-02.16.b.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Economic Development Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Economic Development resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund #2718, EDA CARES ACT; see resolution 2021-02.16.c.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the JFS Resolutions

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

- 2021-02.16.d A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2015 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]
- 2021-02.16.e A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2758 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]
- 2021-02.16.f A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2072 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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Approval of the Juvenile/Probate Court Resolutions

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Juvenile/Probate Court resolutions:

- 2021-02.16.g A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to the General Fund from Fund #2870 OCJS – State Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Fund [JUVENILE COURT] [Juvenile/Probate Court]
- 2021-02.16.h A resolution authorizing memo transactions for Fund# 2870 and appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Juvenile Court #2870 OCJS-State Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Program Fund [Juvenile Court] [Juvenile/Probate Court]
- 2021-02.16.i A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to the General Fund from Fund #2856 Child Abuse & Neglect Discretionary Fund (QIC) [JUVENILE COURT] [Juvenile/Probate Court]

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 increase appropriations in Fund 78785818 to that of the COAP grant award; see resolution 2021-02.16.j.

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 Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Sheriff's Office resolution approving account to account transfers for appropriations Fund 1001; see resolution 2021-02.16.k.

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

Approval of the Payment of Bills

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Payment of Bills resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval; see resolution 2021-02.16.l.

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

Open Items (none)

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Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Steve Davis and a second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 9:28 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

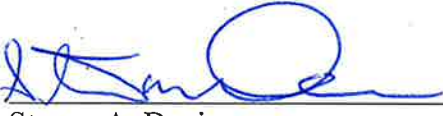
Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by: Seconded by:
that the February 16, 2021 minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:
ABSTENTIONS: None
*Approved on February 23, 2021

NAYS: None


Steven A. Davis
Commissioner


Dave Levacy
Commissioner


Jeff Fix
Commissioner


Rachel A. Elsea, Clerk

