

**Regular Meeting #9 - 2017
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
February 21, 2017**

Review

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jim Bahnsen, Amy Brown-Thompson, Jeff Porter, Aunie Cordle, Dennis Keller, Spencer Remoquillo, Jon Kochis, Todd McCullough, Jeremiah Upp, Chief Perrigo, Tony Vogel, and Rick Szabrak.

- Legal Update

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

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Announcements

Ms. Brown provided some announcements about upcoming dates of importance.

On February 22, there is Employee Training for the Health Benefit Plan and Ethics. On February 23, there is CRMS Training. There are flyers in the review packet about these opportunities.

In addition, ADAMH Training about Mental Health Awareness is March 9 in the County Commissioners Hearing Room. This is a four-hour training, and the review packet contains a summary. There has been communication to the staff about this opportunity, as well.

Sunshine Week is March 12-18. We are seeking news to highlight during this time, and we already have a few great ideas. For example, there is tremendous collaboration going on with the Courts to improve efficiency. In addition, one of the communications during Sunshine Week will feature the construction of the jail and public safety facility, which is on time and under budget.

The State of the County Address will be April 25. We will have the address at Crossroads on Fair Avenue. The theme for the address is Brilliant Ideas @ Work, which mirrors the National Association of Counties Theme for Awareness Month (also April).

- b. Highlights of Resolutions

Ms. Brown provided highlights of resolutions proposed for the voting agenda.

The County Engineer proposed the approval of a contract for the Liberty bridge replacement and the approval of a contract with 2LMN for the Walnut Township NRP project. We also had a resolution to rescind a previous Commissioners' resolution relating to brining roads, which is not currently done within Fairfield County. This rescission is needed for state records.

Further, we had resolutions from Engineer for an appropriation of very small pieces of land relating to the recently advertised bridge replacement project in Bloom Township. These resolutions were prepared by the County Prosecutor and are for perpetual easements.

JFS proposed approval of four CPS network contracts, which were all approved to form and had proper encumbrances.

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There were financial resolutions to approve, such as:

- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for the County Engineer (two projects), the Sheriff (for FFE, as previously discussed), and EMA (special revenue fund);
- Account to account transfers for DR Court, the Commissioners, Juvenile and Probate Court, and the Sheriff (to properly classify expenditures);
- Fund to fund transfer for DR Court to the general fund to support the Visitation program;
- Memo transactions relating to BWC for January and February 2017;
- Memo receipts and memo expenditures for the County Engineer and corrections within a special revenue fund; and
- The payment of bills (including the UHC payment for the health benefit plan & approval and payment of then and now certifications or substitute then and now certifications).

Mr. Upp added that the Bloom Township related resolutions (for the perpetual easements) were the result of one of the property owners passing away. Due to grant stipulations and the lack of an executor for the owner's trust, they need to get the ball rolling to complete the project by the end of the year. The right of way being acquired in each circumstance is very small in size.

c. Administrative Approvals & Budget Update

The review packet contained a list of administrative approvals for the week. Ms. Brown asked if there were any questions, and none were posed.

For 2017, the Commission budgeted flat sales tax revenues, as compared to 2016, keeping in mind there would be increases in sales tax revenues offset by the Managed Care Organization issue for a portion of the year. For the first two months of the year, actual sales tax revenues increased 2.8% over the first two months of the prior year. The 2.8% is an increase of just over \$94,000. We also reviewed conveyance fees which are as expected an in line with projections. Casino revenues saw a decrease of 2.5% in January, or a decrease of just over \$68,000. Casino revenues were budgeted flat for 2017, with no increase expected over 2016. We will continue to monitor. No adjustments to the budgeted amounts are needed at this point.

d. Jail and Public Safety Facility Update

The most recent report on the jail population showed the population at 240.

We talked last week about how the design of the new facility allows for efficiency with existing staff. The current level of staffing should be able to manage an inmate population of 300, as compared to the current population, according to Chief Perrigo. In addition, an additional existing deputy will be assigned to security of public buildings, the Hall of Justice and Administrative Courthouse. We believe that there are initial conversations happening among Sheriffs of neighboring counties to explore the concept of potentially renting bed space in the new jail, given efficiency posed with the new jail.

Dennis Keller presented some pictures of the project including the mechanical room, Control Room D, and the contractor appreciation lunch hosted by Granger last week. The exterior is moving along with dirt being moved and site work. Both water lines (domestic and fire) have been connected, and the building has a permanent water supply.

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Mr. Szabrak added that the Lancaster High School STEM group would be touring the site next Wednesday.

Mr. Davis stated that he had productive conversations with the Commissioners from Hocking and Perry Counties. The Perry County Sheriff has had conversations with Sheriff Phalen regarding the possibility of Fairfield County housing some of their inmates. This will be considered for late 2017 or early 2018.

e. Bravos

Thank you to Randy Carter and Andrew Michael Stemen for their early preparations relating to the implementation of Executime.

- Old Business (none)
- New Business (none)
- General Correspondence Received
 - a. CFLP Board of Directors Meeting Agenda for Friday, February 24th
- Calendar Review/Invitations Received
 - a. MCO Meeting at the State House with House Finance Chairman Ryan Smith and Senate Finance Chairman Scott Oeslslager – Wednesday, February 22nd at 10:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
 - b. Bremen Chamber Lunch – Thursday, February 23rd at 12:00 p.m. at Bremen Bethel Presbyterian Church
 - 1. Commissioner Kiger will attend.
 - c. Lancaster State of the City Address – Wednesday, March 8th at 7:30 a.m. at Olivedale
 - 1. All three Commissioners will attend.
- FYI
 - a. HR Trainings – February 21st
 - b. CRMS Training – February 23rd
 - c. ADAMH Mental Health Awareness Training – March 9th
 - d. OJACC Winter 2017 Newsletter
- Issues Bin (none)
- Open Items (none)

At 9:16 a.m. Commissioner Davis stated the Commission would be in recess until the ODOT Update.

ODOT Update with Morgan Overbey and Sonja Simpson

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The Commissioners met at 9:24 a.m. for an ODOT update with Morgan Overbey and Sonja Simpson. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jim Bahnsen, Aunie Cordle, Spencer Remoquillo, Amy Brown-Thompson, Rick Szabrak, Jeremiah Upp, Jon Kochis, Todd McCullough, Tony Vogel, Jeff Porter, Jon Slater, Dennis Keller, Sonja Simpson, and Morgan Overbey.

Mr. Davis thanked Ms. Simpson and Ms. Overbey for coming.

Ms. Simpson introduced herself at the ODOT District V Deputy Director. Ms. Overbey serves as the Public Information Officer. Ms. Simpson provided a brief update on the state budget, state wide projects, and Fairfield County projects. The last six years was exciting for Ohio while other states struggled. There were 6,000 projects over the six years, with a total for new projects reaching \$12.5 billion without increasing taxes. The next six years will see \$2 billion a year spent on ODOT projects. Upcoming proposals include allowing the director to change variable speed limits for certain areas for certain time periods (i.e. white outs, rush hours, etc). They will also be testing hard shoulder usage on 670 so the inside shoulder can be used as a lane during peak hours. There is also a smart highway initiative for Ohio. In Fairfield County they have finished the Carroll interchange. For 2018 they anticipate projects in the county totaling \$5.7 million. ODOT is currently working on FY2019 and FY 2020 budgets.

Mr. Davis expressed his appreciation for the update and the recent investment into the 33 corridor. The county is down to just one light on 33. Mr. Davis commented that while we appreciate the work, we look forward to eliminating that remaining light.

Ms. Simpson stated that they need the traffic to normalize now that the Carroll interchange is completed. Once traffic normalizes, they will complete necessary studies to determine what is best for the Pickerington Road light.

Ms. Davis stated he appreciated all the work.

Mr. Levacy asked what the possibility was for a study at Pickerington Road.

Ms. Simpson stated that ODOT believes the study is in order and are gathering preliminary information to determine when to do the study (this year or next) and are also getting all the necessary players involved.

Mr. Kiger stated that the Carroll interchange vastly improved the lives of those who use the route every day. He looks forward to the 33/Pickerington Road advances.

Ms. Brown asked when public meetings would be held in relation to the study.

Ms. Simpson stated that they hold the public meetings after the study is completed to share preliminary results and see if there is anything they missed. They want to give opportunities for everyone who would like to weigh in on the study and its findings.

There will be a ribbon cutting for the Carroll Interchange this coming Spring. Ms. Simpson will make sure an invitation is sent to the Commissioners.

Mr. Upp stated that ODOT is great to work with and he appreciates their support.

Mr. Davis asked where Lockville Road stood in terms of access.

Mr. Vogel replied that he'll be meeting with ODOT on February 23rd. It looks like they may allow the right-in, right-out to stay which would eliminate the need for a new road. The \$2 million set aside for a new road could possibly go towards improving the right in, right out.

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Mr. Davis thanked Ms. Simpson again for the update and stated at 9:44 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 21, 2017 beginning at 10:01 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Amy Brown-Thompson, Jim Bahnsen, Rick Szabrak, Jeff Porter, Aunie Cordle, Todd McCullough, Jon Kochis, Tony Vogel, Ray Stemen, Jon Slater, Dennis Keller, and Jeremiah Upp.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

Commissioner Davis asked if there were any announcements.

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

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

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, February 14, 2017

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, February 14, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

Approval of the Auditor's Office Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Auditor's Office resolutions:

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| 2017-02.21.a | A Resolution to approve the Rescinding of Resolution # 2017-02.07.h, Sections 1 and 2 - That requested additional appropriations for fund 2024 & a fund to fund transfer from fund 2024 (Motor Vehicle) to fund 2580 (Subdivisions)–Fairfield County Engineer. [Auditor- Finance] |
| 2017-02.21.b | A resolution to approve the allocation of employer BWC refund received in January 2017 as memo expenditures for various funds/orgs [Auditor- Payroll] |
| 2017-02.21.c | A resolution to approve the allocation of employer BWC premium paid in February 2017 as memo expenditures for various funds/orgs [Auditor- Payroll] |

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

Approval of the Commissioners' Office Resolutions

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On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Commissioners' Office resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category – Fund #1001; see resolution 2017-02.21.d.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

Approval of the Domestic Relations Court Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Domestic Relations Court resolutions:

2017-02.21.e A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer for the compensation of the Parent Education Instructor. [Domestic Relations Court]

2017-02.21.f A resolution approving funding from – Domestic Relations Special Projects Fund # 2625 to Visitation Center Fund # 1001; appropriate from unappropriated General Fund [Domestic Relations Court]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

Approval of the Emergency Management Agency Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Emergency Management Agency resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category EMA 2091 Local Emergency Planning Committee Fund; see resolution 2017-02.21.g.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

Approval of the Engineer's Office Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Engineer's Office resolutions:

2017-02.21.h A resolution to hire 2LMN, Inc. for General Engineering Services for Walnut Township's Fairfield Beach Neighborhood Revitalization Project – FY2016 CDBG. [Engineer]

2017-02.21.i A resolution to approve fund balance and cash adjustment for reimbursement received in 2016 in Motor Vehicle [Engineer]

2017-02.21.j A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for truck #34 repair due to accident [Engineer]

2017-02.21.k A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for safety supplies [Engineer]

2017-02.21.l A resolution to request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts of Memo receipts and memo expenses for fund 2050 for annual inspections in various subdivisions 2/1/17-2/14/17 [Engineer]

2017-02.21.m A resolution to rescind all resolutions approving the application of brine on Fairfield County roads. [Engineer]

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2017-02.21.n A resolution to appropriate a perpetual easement for highway purposes from Parcel No. 008-01549-00 (11-SH). [Engineer]

2017-02.21.o A resolution to appropriate a perpetual easement for highway purposes from Parcel No. 008-01550-00 (12-SH). [Engineer]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

Approval of the JFS Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the JFS resolution regarding Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Ohio Mentor Inc. and Job and Family Services, Child Protective Services Department; see resolution 2017-02.21.p.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

Approval of the Juvenile/Probate Court Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Juvenile/Probate Court resolution approving an account to account transfer; see resolution 2017-02.21.q.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

Approval of the Sheriff's Office Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Sheriff's Office resolutions:

2017-02.21.r A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category - Fairfield County Sheriff Fund# 1001 [Sheriff]

2017-02.21.s A resolution approving an account to account transfer Fund 1001 Equipment [Sheriff]

Discussion: Ms. Brown stated that resolution "r" was to increase appropriations for the FF&E for the new jail as a result of the meeting held last week.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

Approval of Payment of Bills Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Payment of Bills resolutions:

2017-02.21.t A resolution to approve the payment of the vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders for all Departments that are approved by the Commissioners [Auditor- Finance]

2017-02.21.u A resolution authorizing payment(s) to United Health Care for purposes of the Fairfield County Health Benefits Plan – Fairfield County Board of Commissioners [Commissioners]

2017-08.21.v A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for

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departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval
[Commissioners]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Dave Levacy and a second of Mike Kiger the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:07 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by:

Seconded by:

that the February 21, 2017, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on February 28, 2017



Steven A. Davis
Commissioner

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Mike Kiger
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