

Regular Meeting #7 - 2022
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
February 22, 2022

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Fix called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy. Also present: Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, Carri Brown, Bart Hampson, Dennis Keller, Dan Neeley, Jon Kochis, Joshua Horacek, Ray Stemen, Judy Stemen, Corey Clark, Tom Lininger, John Pekar, Cheryl Reeves, Rick Szabrak, Ashley Lynch, Adam Tippet, and Lori Hawk.

Attending virtually: Lisa McKenzie, Jeff Barron, Jessica Murphy, Lynette Barnhart, Jacqueline Tripp, Ashley Arter, Audrey, James Bahnsen, Britney Lee, Calvin Robinson, Chief Collins, Dave Burgei, Stacy Hicks, Raz Sabaiduc, Kevin DeWine, and Garrett Blevins.

Welcome

Commissioner Fix welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Listen & Learn – Human Resources Update

Deputy County Administrator, Jeff Porter, presented on the Fairfield County Wellness Program. Mr. Porter spoke about the Medical Clinic as a pilot program for benefits eligible employees and how it evolved to cover all individuals on the county's health insurance plans. Mr. Porter stated that one of the reasons the clinic was initially opened was due to feedback from staff, and that the clinic has evolved into a savings for the county of over a million dollars to date. Mr. Porter also stated that beyond the numbers, the overall health benefit has been significant, and the next step is for the clinic to address mental health issues. The clinic will now have Jackie Tripp, a counselor with over 20 years of experience, providing mental health care on Wednesdays and Fridays. Mr. Porter provided a handout with statistical data on the health and Wellness Clinic program (document attached).

Jackie Tripp joined the meeting virtually and stated that she was excited to join the county's endeavor. Ms. Tripp emphasized that healthy employees lead to healthy work environments, which lead to healthy communities. Ms. Tripp also stated that employees could meet with her virtually, by phone, or in person, and that she would also be assisting with referrals for family mental health issues.

Jeff Porter shared that the program would be a great addition to the health benefits program. He then introduced Cheryl Reeves, Ashley Lynch, and Lori Hawk, the county's Human Resources team.

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Public Comments

Ray Stemen of Lancaster spoke about celebrating the birthdays of Presidents Washington and Lincoln. He also spoke about the first amendment and the First Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation (amendment and proclamation outlined in handout provided by Judy Stemen).

Judy Stemen shared a handout (included as an attachment) and highlighted main points of said attachment.

Legal Update

Josh Horacek spoke on Senate Bill 52 which was signed into law on July 12, 2021, by Governor DeWine. The bill applies to large-scale wind and solar facilities. Attorney Horacek defined the facilities and outlined the provisions and restrictions for local authorities. Mr. Horacek also clarified the application process for building a large wind farm or solar facility (PowerPoint presentation attached).

County Administration Update

Questions During the Meeting

County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle stated that anyone can send an email to her at Aundrea.Cordle@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

County Administrator Cordle then reviewed the following items from the “Week in Review” through the “Correspondence” received.

Week in Review

COVID-19 Update

Health Commissioner, Joe Ebel, shared that Fairfield County’s reported COVID-19 cases have decreased by 35% over the past week. From 2/11/2022 through 2/17/2022 there have been 223 new COVID-19 cases reported, for a rate of 141.5 cases per week per 100,000 population (High Transmission). He also stated that he is hoping the numbers drop below the high transmission level by the end of this week.

There were thirteen new hospitalizations reported in the past week and four COVID-19 related deaths for Fairfield County. One additional death was reported for January for a total of forty-four Fairfield County resident deaths for the month of January and three COVID-19 related deaths have been reported so far for the month of February.

Mr. Ebel shared that the Health Department would be closed 2/23/2022 for staff training.

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ARP Update

There are multiple projects under review.

From the \$15,303,451.00 received as the first tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$9.2M has been appropriated, \$2.8M expended, \$4.2M encumbered or obligated.

Idea Box

An employee was inquiring about an electronic billboard to share information such as ride share opportunities. There was something similar in the past that was not used frequently and required some effort of maintenance. Aundrea Cordle will be checking with IT to see if there is anything that would be free and easy to use and maintain.

Virtual Meetings- HB 51

On February 17, Governor Mike DeWine signed House Bill 51 into law. Among other provisions included in the bill is temporary authority for public bodies to conduct public meetings and hearings using virtual technology.

The legislation contains an emergency clause, making the bill effective immediately. This authority is temporary and will expire on June 30, 2022.

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

Resolution Review

There are 19 resolutions for the voting meeting.

Resolutions of note:

- Proclamations for Sunshine Week and Developmental Disabilities Month
- Authorization for County Administrator to sign space use agreements

Budget Review

- Sales Tax
 - With three months of data, the average monthly receipts are \$2,436,923.47. Using that figure, the annual estimate would be \$29,243,082. The estimate in the planning tool is \$24,142,820. We continue to evaluate the monthly data but will revisit the planning estimates at the quarterly mark.

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Bart Hampson stated that he expects first quarter 2022 sales receipts will be positive.

County Auditor, Carri Brown stated that quarterly revenues in all categories will be examined and that after the quarter is over the county will be able to adjust accordingly.

Recognition

- County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle, thanked Corey Clark for his commitment to engaging the JFS staff with each other and the multiple program areas using video technology.

Corey Clark stated that the meeting format had been changed to resemble a talk show and that the feedback had been very positive.

- Rick Szabrak shared that an individual in the pre-apprentice program at Workforce Center made the winning free throw to win the Lancaster versus Newark basketball game.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- Regional Planning Commission, March 1, 2022, 5:30 p.m., Commissioners' Hearing Room
- Fairfield 33 Alliance Meeting, March 2, 2022, 8:30 a.m., Workforce Center, Lancaster
- Fairfield Dept. of Health Board Meeting, March 9, 2022, 3:00 p.m., Agricultural Center
- MORPC Meeting, March 10, 1:30 a.m., 111 Liberty St., Suite 100, Columbus
- ADAMH Annual Dinner, March 22, 2022, 6:30 p.m., Cheers Chalet, 1211 Coonpath Rd. NW, Lancaster

Correspondence

Items Requiring Response

There were no items requiring a response.

Informational Items

- Fairfield County Transportation Improvement District Board Meeting Notification and Agenda for February 24, 2022, 9:00 a.m.

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Jail Population

- February 15 was 269 with 27 of those being contracted placements
- February 22 was 286 with 24 of those being contracted placements

Old Business

Commissioner Davis spoke about the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio [CCAO], their preparations for upcoming elections, and state funding to counties.

New Business

Facilities Manager, Dennis Keller, spoke about a bid opening on February 18, 2022, and an impending resolution for the landscaping bid.

County Engineer, Jeremiah Upp, stated he is working with Dennis Keller and his team on the airport project.

Regular (Voting) Meeting

Commissioners present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy. Also present: Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, Carri Brown, Bart Hampson, Dennis Keller, Dan Neeley, Jon Kochis, Joshua Horacek, Ray Stemen, Judy Stemen, Corey Clark, Tom Lininger, John Pekar, Cheryl Reeves, Rick Szabrak, Ashley Lynch, and Lori Hawk.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Fix asked everyone to rise as able and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, February 15, 2022

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, February 15, 2022, Regular Meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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Approval of Resolutions from the Board of Commissioners

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Board of Commissioners:

2022-02.22.a A resolution authorizing the approval of proclamations. [Commissioners]

2022-02.22.b A resolution to authorize the County Administrator to enter into space use agreements with Ohio University for the use of facilities located on Stonecreek Drive NW in Pickerington, Ohio [Commissioners]

Commissioner Fix thanked Aunie Cordle and Josh Horacek working on the project.

Commissioner Davis stated that the facility is a wonderful extension of county services.

2022-02.22.c A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in major expenditure object categories for the Fund# 5376 [Commissioners]

2022-02.22.d A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major expenditure object category for fund# 1001 - Fairfield County Juvenile Court - Probation [Commissioners]

2022-02.22.e A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major expenditure object category for fund# 1001 - Fairfield County Probate Court [Commissioners]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Auditor - Administration

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Auditor's Office resolution:

2022-02.22.f A resolution approving an account to account transfer into a major expenditure object category. Auditor General Fund [Auditor- Admin]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolutions from the Board of Developmental Disabilities

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Board of Developmental Disabilities:

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2022-02.22.g A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer –Fairfield DD Fund # 2060 to FCBDD Reserve Fund # 2560 - Fairfield County Board of DD [Board of Developmental Disabilities]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Engineer

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

2022-02.22.h A resolution of increase appropriations, appropriate from unappropriated, account to account and fund to fund transfer for PLE-29 bridge replacement project [Engineer]

2022-02.22.i A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for the BER-26 FAI-CR63-1.038 Horns Mill Road Bridge Replacement Project. [Engineer]

2022-02.22.j A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for the PLE-29 FAI-TR273-0.029 Stringtown Road Bridge Replacement Project. [Engineer]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council:

2022-02.22.k A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major expenditure category for the Fund# 7521, sub fund# 8160 – Family Adult Children First (FACF) [Family, Adult and Children First Council]

2022-02.22.l A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major category expense for the Fund# 7521, sub fund #8286 – Family Adult Children First [Family, Adult and Children First Council]

2022-02.22.m A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major category expense for the Fund# 7521, sub fund #8251 – Family Adult Children First [Family, Adult and Children First Council]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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Approval of resolutions from the Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit:

- 2022-02.22.n A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category 7858 SF 8290 Major Crimes Unit [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]
- 2022-02.22.o A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category 7830 SF 8269 Major Crimes Unit [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of resolutions from the Regional Planning Commission

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Regional Planning Commission:

- 2022-02.22.p A resolution to approve Conditional Acceptance of the Spring Creek Section 3 Phase 1A Subdivision [Regional Planning] [Regional Planning Commission]
- 2022-02.22.q A resolution to approve Conditional Acceptance of the Spring Creek Section 3, Phase 1B Subdivision [Regional Planning] [Regional Planning Commission]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a resolution from the Sheriff

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Sheriff:

- 2022-02.22.r A resolution to authorize the establishment of a new fund for the Sheriff's Office [Sheriff]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

