Review

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- Welcome

The Commissioners welcomed attendees to the meetings.

- Legal Update

  a. Solar Energy Letter of Intent

  Ms. Brown-Thompson has reviewed the letter of intent and had discussions with Dr. Brown who followed up with Palmer Energy. Changes were made and the LOI is now ready for the Commissioners’ approval.

  b. Lease Example for the City of Lancaster

  Mr. Davis met with Charles Elsea, President of the Parks Board. The Parks Board would like to make an investment into the soccer facilities on East Main Street, but do not want to do so if they do not own the facilities for fear of losing the investment of upgrades. Mr. Davis informed Mr. Elsea of the lease agreement for Beavers Field and provided him a copy of that lease. Mr. Davis asked Mr. Szabrak his thoughts on a potential development.

  Mr. Szabrak replied that due to the restrictions (pipeline and railroad) there would be very limited interested in development, except for retail establishments potentially.

  Mr. Davis stated that the Parks Board has not yet asked for a new lease, just broad questions. The site is heavily utilized by the community and Mr. Davis believes that moving the soccer fields without having a substantial upgrade at a new site would be a bad political move for the Commissioners.

  Mr. Levacy stated he believed the Parks Board was looking at installing lighting. He supports maintaining the relationships, but you never know what the future holds.

  Mr. Davis replied they were also in need of parking.

  Mr. Horacek added that regardless of what the Commissions’ decision was, a more formalized agreement is needed.

  Previously, Dr. Brown had asked Joshua Horacek to update the Beavers lease model for the City of Lancaster related soccer fields. It was reasonable to note that there is no longer interest from a private buyer for the soccer fields.

  Josh Horacek stated an example of a lease was in the review packet so that it can be read and taken under advisement – prior to providing this example to the City of Lancaster. The County Prosecutor began with the Beavers lease example and made changes to match the circumstances with the City of Lancaster and the soccer fields.

  Dr. Brown reported the County Auditor’s appraised value of the property is $186,160, and the estimated in-kind rent contribution is $12,100 annually based
on that appraisal. We expect consideration of $1. The actual value of the property to the county is more than the appraised value, but this approach for determining an in-kind contribution makes sense.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri’s List
  
a. Announcements

March 5 – Leadership Conference – Part 1

March 15-21 – Sunshine Week

April 1 – Career Readiness Expo

April 8 – Wear Blue for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness

GOOD NEWS:

On April 8, Lt. Governor Husted will be the keynote speaker for the Child Abuse Prevention Awareness breakfast. This is super exciting. The event will be held at Life Church again this year. This event is designed to encourage the community and show appreciation for child protective services, foster care, and adoption. We will have plenty of opportunity to promote the event.

April 11 – Township Trustees Assoc. Meeting (need to verify)

April 10 – Good Friday – Close at Noon

April 23 – Circus Night at JFS

April 28 – State of the County Address – WigWam in Violet Township

The special dates and proclamation list for the year were in the review packet.

b. Highlights of Resolutions

Dr. Brown highlighted 17 resolutions for the voting meeting.

There were two contracts proposed for protective placement in network.

There was a resolution from County Utilities proposed to place a voluntary assessment for water connection on the property tax duplicate.

There was a resolution proposed to approve signing a letter of intent relating to the solar power energy opportunity with CCAO partner, CCAOSC ENERGY SOLUTIONS. We sometimes refer to this partner as Palmer Energy, but the technical name is CCAOSC ENERGY SOLUTIONS.

We are showing interest in expanding and amending those agreements. Now is the time in which countyites are coming together to identify their interest, specifically to the solar energy options.

The program is designed to explore savings potential for various counties based on an installation of large ground-mounted arrays. Similar to the electric and natural gas programs, the solar program will utilize group buying to secure the best deals possible from developers.

The program fits with our previously discussed parameters, and we will continue to evaluate this option and others on an ongoing basis. It is a way to think with a long-term focus, understanding there are finite resources and sustainable resources, as well.
A copy of the proposed letter of intent and associated resolution were in the review packet.

There were financial and grant related resolutions to approve, such as:

- Account to account transfers of appropriations for the Major Crimes Unit, Real Estate Assessment, and Sheriff;
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for the Board of Developmental Disabilities and Juvenile Court (special revenue funds, three resolutions);
- A fund to fund transfer and appropriations from unappropriated funds for an Engineer’s project, as well as memo transactions (three resolutions);
- Repayment of an advance for a grant;
- The credit of interest for the Health Department and Parks District; and
- The payment of bills over $50,000.

In queue, there were contractual resolutions, such as contracts for protective placement in network for child protective services and for the Millersport CDBG related project. There were also financial resolutions in queue.

c. Administrative Approvals, Program, & Budget Update

**Administrative & Program Updates**

**Administrative Approvals**

The review packet contained a list of administrative approvals.

Dr. Brown reported the Enterprise related agreements required multiple emails, meetings, and teleconferences. Thanks to all involved in managing these agreements, which will expand departmental choices for vehicle purchases and maintenance, potentially reducing costs and streamlining appropriation activity.

**March 5th Leadership Conference**

Mark your calendars now for the March 5th Leadership Conference for elected officials and departments heads. Leadership and public records procedures will be discussed.

The conference will be held in the Commission Hearing Room, and it will begin at 8:15 am.

The roundtable portion of the meeting will conclude at noon.

A draft agenda was in the review packet.

There will be some “take-away” tools for elected officials and department heads. Some preview documents were in the review packet. We have shared the fact sheet about addressing complaints with DD, and they like it very much.

**Sunshine Week!**

Sunshine week is in March, and we are seeking additional participants for our county press releases. Please see Carri Brown with ideas.

We have a full slate of newsworthy items, but we want to be as inclusive as possible with the approach.
State of the County Address

Save the date now for the State of the County Address! It will be April 28 at 11:30 am at the WigWam in Violet Township. We already have the summary of accomplishments and informational packets ready, with some placeholders. A video for county operations is in progress. We envision a video from the County Parks District, too.

The theme is Counties Matter – and Fairfield County Matters!

If anyone has information to add to the packets, please contact Carri Brown, carri.brown@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

Amstutz Mural Project – Update from the February 19th Meeting

The project to explore a patriotic mural at Amstutz progresses! We met with the Lancaster Historic Commission on February 19th and all went well with that meeting. They approved the concept and both renderings.

The overall project will cost less than $25,000, will not harm the building, will provide patriotic outreach, and add to the culture of the community. There are some donations expected. We have artists renderings, technical specifications, and paperwork completed.

We will meet with the BZA on March 3rd.

Complete Count – US Census 2020

The Complete Count Committee continues to conduct outreach. March 23rd marks the day self-responses begin.

The Complete Count Committee continues to conduct outreach. Utilities billing inserts have been completed. Fliers and small handouts were provided at the County Fair and at other events. Brainstorming sessions were conducted. Outreach with schools was conducted. Social media has been used. Videos were created and posted on the county website. We have a billboard ready to run in March and April. We will also use the county alert system to text people.

Employees will also see global emails as reminders. The review packet contained the school-related flier.

Use of the County Records Center Conference Space

For the Records Center (as one location), we can see all of the meetings scheduled now through the end of the year with our electronic reservation system. FCFACF, Juvenile Court, ADAMH, the Sheriff and Commission Departments have scheduled the use of the Records Center conference room. FCFACF and Juvenile Court are using the conference space often. Community partners are also using the conference space.

Those partners are the Lancaster Festival Board, Chamber of Commerce, Bar Association, Education Service Center, and the Lancaster Playhouse. This is a good use of the space – and there appears to be a capacity to use the space more.

Electronic Idea Box

For February 2020, three ideas were received in the electronic idea box. Here is a summary:
Idea 26: There was a request for the water coolers placed in multiple locations as part of the wellness effort to be tested to ensure the filters were working as expected.

Response: Thank you for the idea, and we contacted the vendor to ensure filters were being replaced properly. The water coolers are UV/Reverse Osmosis filter coolers which are the highest level of filtration available. The filters are replaced yearly, which is the vendor’s recommendation. The vendor will check the machines to make sure they are functioning properly and will assess if the filters need changed on a more frequent basis.

Regarding actual testing of the water, the City of Lancaster supplies the water which is tested appropriately. Consumer confidence reports and contact information is found here: https://www.ci.lancaster.oh.us/274/Consumer-Confidence-Report

Idea 27: An employee thought it would be a good idea to have a wheelchair available in the Administrative Courthouse (and other buildings) in case it would be needed for use.

Response: Thank for the idea! Some buildings already have wheelchairs available, but the Administrative Courthouse was not a building in which one was formerly available. The Board of Developmental Disabilities provided one on the same day the idea was presented, and it is now placed at the information desk at the Administrative Courthouse in case it would be needed. We will also check to see if others would find one to be useful. (Thanks to DD for being of service!)

Idea 28: There was an electronic idea box suggestion to have the Treasurer include in the ACH email more information in the comment section. An example is to use the OAKS system website to obtain more detail about the ACHS (which is more information than what the banking system provides). An example of OAKS was cut and paste into the suggestion.

Response: Thanks for the idea. It was shared with the Treasurer by email and in person. The Treasurer is going to put this in place. The OAKS information is sometimes different from the banking information.

We continue to seek ideas that will improve services and processes and potentially save resources, too.

There are four outstanding ideas,

1. One recommendation from April 2019 is under review with the County Auditor who is working with Tyler Technologies on the recommendation.

2. Another recommendation from September 2019 is under review with the Clerk of Courts who is gathering information and evaluating the idea (relating to phone messaging).

3. A recommendation from December 2019 is under review with the Recruitment and Retention Committee. They are conducting research and will offer a policy recommendation after evaluating options. The recommendation is expected for the policy manual update of February 2021 or sooner.

(Note: We need to evaluate this recommendation because there is a generous compensated absence or leave policy within the county now, especially with the three personal days, a performance related personal day, holidays, vacation leave, sick leave, and wellness conversion leave. Adding more paid leave must be carefully evaluated and compared to the market, including other public entities and private entities.)
4. A recommendation from January 2020 was presented to IT and will be presented to the Data Board, as well. This relates to password policy.

24 other ideas have been implemented. A summary will continue to be shared monthly with all staff.

Budget Update

Community Housing Improvement Partnership and Other Collaborations

We are exploring a partnership agreement with the City of Lancaster in order to improve the allocation relating to the Community Housing Improvement program. We will follow up once some research is conducted. We anticipate a partnership agreement with state-approved elements. With other special revenue fund or grant connections, we have provided support to ADAMH, DD, and Community Action, in terms of coaching, participating in meetings, and evaluating new grant opportunities, respectively.

There are some additional purchases connected with Executime, such as timeclocks and wiring. We anticipate paying for those centrally, as opposed to charging departments. This makes sense, as some departments have been very helpful to the County Auditor with work group implementation. For example, Michelle Wright with DD has been a lead work group member. The centralized purchase makes sense for this case.

Last week, we introduced the concept of the entrepreneurial grants with Economic and Workforce Development. We have taken appropriate administrative steps and forecast a meeting on March 17th to announce an entrepreneurship support project in collaboration with the City of Pickerington, the Pickerington Chamber of Commerce, and Cultivate, a non-profit community partner.

During the March 17th meeting, we will hear more about the project, its goals, and accountability measures. As a preview, about 80 jobs over a three-year period will be supported. A press release will be prepared for March 17th.

Thank you to Commissioner Fix and Rick Szabrak for promoting this effort and entrepreneurial growth in Fairfield County.

Moody’s Bond Rating

Moody’s bond rating is maintained at Aa2, indicating Fairfield County’s credit position is very high quality. According to Moody’s the financial position of the county is very strong and is relatively favorable when compared to the assigned rating of Aa2. Moody’s indicated the debt burden of Fairfield “is extremely small and is a credit strength” when compared to the assigned rating of Aa2.

Mr. Levacy was very encouraged by the letter from Moody’s.

Dr. Brown reported there was an administrative meeting scheduled to review potential refinancing opportunities because interest rates were as low as they have been in a very long time.

Environmental Stewardship and Energy Conservation Project (Phase 2)

Fairfield County has demonstrated environmental stewardship. We have reduced waste, increased efficiency, and worked hard to continuously improve. We have conserved energy, utilized energy efficient products, and modified operations to improve energy efficiency. In addition, we have made progress with:

- recycling,
- employee involvement,
• impact to the environment,
• management commitment,
• economic benefits,
• stormwater best management practices, and
• promotion and dissemination.

We strive to produce a better environment, conserve resources, and produce long-term economic benefits.

As a result of the first phase of the Energy Conservation Project, two of our buildings (the Agriculture Building and Government Services Center) earned the EPA Energy Star Award for 2016. This designation means these buildings are more energy efficient than similar buildings across the nation and are using at least 35% less energy and generating at least 35% fewer greenhouse gas emissions.

In addition, nine buildings are operating more efficiently.

With the ongoing program, we are on track to save more than $2 Million over 20 years – while completing projects we knew needed to be completed, such as projects to replace HVAC equipment and windows.

We have been researching the second phase of this Energy Conservation Project, and we have confirmation that we can proceed from a technical standpoint. The review packet contained a draft summary from Dynamix, which we will be updating.

This summary is for the brainstormed version of Phase 2 of the Energy Conservation Project. We have a meeting this week to update the elements of Phase 2.

One update will be to make sure all HVAC needs are met, at least for the Hall of Justice and the Administrative Courthouse. We will also be replacing windows at the Hall of Justice, similarly to how windows were replaced at the Administrative Courthouse. Once we have a new summary, we will provide that to the Board of Commissioners for review.

Debt would be issued for phase 2, and we will be identifying a return on investment. Looking at these variables alone, the county would be able to manage the debt service with the current projections, and the targeted cash balance would be maintained. However, we are aware there are multiple other variables to continue to evaluate.

Commissioner Davis stated he was interested in the ongoing evaluation and in the evaluation regarding refinancing of debt.

d. BRAVOs

Thank you to Branden Meyer and Christy Barker with the Clerk of Courts Office for their open attitudes to the concept of job sharing. We have been able to meet cross-departmental goals with collaboration.

Bravo to Rick Szabrack for conducting presentations at the state level about the Workforce Center and its objectives. Also, positive progress was made with the career readiness program, connecting Workforce Development with Utilities. Tony Vogel hosted tours of the Utilities plants with Millersport and Pickerington Schools. Currently, the Utilities Department is maintaining an ongoing posting for operators in training.
Thank you to Tony Vogel, Don Rector, and Dennis Keller for being science fair judges for Liberty Union. Joe Palmer sent a wonderful note of thanks. If there are others who would like to participate next year, there will be opportunities.

With stakeholder connections, Utilities is maintaining an open dialogue with the Builders Industry Association, as the specifications manual is updated. You will recall that the bond timeframe requirements were adjusted in partnership with the Regional Planning Commission. Subject matter experts continue to connect to review specifications.

Thank you to Dennis Keller, Facilities Manager, for his expertise in managing construction projects. While the project at 108 N. High differs from other county projects (it has historical preservation components), Mr. Keller has been very helpful in ensuring relationships with contractors are managed very well.

Great job to Jon Kochis for leading the “Stop the Bleed” trainings. There was a feature in the Columbus Dispatch about the training effort with Lancaster City Schools.

Thanks to Melanie Freisner, Meagen Bowland, Amy Kennedy, Jennifer Effinger, David Miller, and Shar Bails for support in resolving a customer complaint on Friday afternoon, February 21, 2020.

Bravo to Cindy Hillberry and Kevin Rigsby with the Board of Development Disabilities for helping us (quickly!) obtain a wheelchair to place at the Administrative Courthouse for potential use, as needed.

Bravo to Aunie Cordle, JFS Director, for establishing a culture at JFS that promotes career growth, especially across departmental lines.

Thanks to Aunie Cordle, Laura Holton, and the Community Services team at JFS for exceeding their 2019 Community Project goal! They collected 67 pairs of socks along with $86! With this money, they bought another 150 pairs of socks and were able to help restock the Basics Closet. They donated 217 pairs of socks to the YMCA to help the homeless. Community Services’ commitment to the individuals and families of Fairfield County is truly amazing!

We appreciate the services of Donna Stalter of JFS. Management has provided some good text, guidance, and information, and she has provided more attractive representations for HR, County Administration, and JFS, of course.

Thanks to the HR staff for working on the ACA reporting and IRS filing in order to meet the IRS deadlines. Thanks to the HR staff for also managing the Center of Medicare and Medicaid Services requirements for creditable coverage reporting. HR also has formed a work group to review cloud based human resources tools to bring Fairfield County into a stronger foundation in meeting talent acquisition needs. Thanks to everyone working on this work group – and we are adding participation as the research continues.

Thank you to Jeff Porter, HR Director, for covering the Board of Revision meeting this week, as staff was fully booked and could not adjust for that meeting this week.

Thank you to Josh Horacek and Amy Brown-Thompson for quickly reviewing a lease agreement and the plans for ongoing energy conservation projects. Mr. Horacek and Ms. Brown-Thompson were the very first recipients of the countywide customer service awards, and they continue to exemplify exception internal customer service. Thank you for how they have modeled customer service for Tom Lininger, too.
They have helped us in Fairfield County define the meaning of internal customer service, and we do see how that is helpful by establishing expectations for new employees, too. These examples contribute strongly to the culture of customer service, the culture of care in Fairfield County.

*Mr. Bahnser thanked his staff in the Treasurer’s Office* for their work during the tax collection season. This year was particularly difficult with the increase in property values and therefore the increase in property taxes. The staff took numerous lengthy calls and conducted themselves very professionally. Over $110,000,000 will have been collected this tax collection period.

- Old Business

  a. Court Appointed Attorney Fees

  An administrative meeting to review the reimbursement of indigent attorney fees was held February 18th. We await feedback from representatives of the Bar Association. We know they plan to meet at the Records Center on February 28th.

  Mr. Davis stated that the Commissioners’ proposal and the Bar’s response are both very structured.

  We will hold an additional administrative meeting in April.

  Dr. Brown attended a webinar with CCAO (in part) on February 19th. Our approach is consistent with proposed Ohio Public Defender Commission guidelines, meeting the $60 hourly target a year earlier than the guidelines suggest.

  b. ADAMH Board Position Opening

  The Board of Commissioners accepted applications for an ADAMH Board position through February 21. We have scheduled interviews for the opening.

  c. Information from Mr. Mike Waites

  Mr. Davis provided an update to Mr. Waites who was in attendance regarding his request the previous week for a resolution of support. Mr. Davis informed Mr. Waites that last September the Commissioners passed a resolution encouraging everyone to be guardians of the rights laid out in the U.S. Constitution. The Commission is also looking at proposals from the Governor’s Office as well as other counties’ resolutions. He would like Fairfield County’s decision to be researched and well-measured.

  Mr. Waites responded that he appreciated the review and consideration.

  d. JFS Placement Update

  Ms. Cordle provided an update on the youth discussed last week who was not able to be placed. On Monday they found a facility for the youth in Indiana. The costs for the placement will be $630 a day.

- New Business (none)

- General Correspondence Received

  a. CFLP Agenda for February 28th

  The Commission previously received a presentation from Community Action about their approach to the pending grant opportunity. There was a short administrative meeting to follow up on this topic on February 20th. At that time,
Community Action officials confirmed they are not ready for a complete application for the new grant. They will continue to progress.

They need support of the Commissioners in perhaps scheduling an additional CFLP meeting this year. They will connect with us once they are ready for the application, which will require a resolution of support, similar to other applications that are made to CFLP. Community Action will be proposing a “set aside” of funding to support their eventual proposal to CFLP.

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received (none)

**ADAMH Board Vacancy Interview with Vicki Anderson**

The Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. to interview Vicki Anderson for an ADAMH Board vacancy. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Rick Szabak, Aunie Cordle, Jeff Porter, Jon Kochis, Todd McCullough, Tony Vogel, Rhonda Meyers, Dennis Keller, Ray Stemen, Chief Lape, Branden Meyer, Amy Brown-Thompson, Tom Lininger, Joshua Horacek, Jake Tharp, Mike Waites, Dave Burgei, Jeff Barron, Marea Bigham, and Vicki Anderson.

Ms. Anderson introduced herself. She is a resident of Pickerington and is currently on a board at Peace United Methodist addressing opiate addiction. She has held a court system job 20+ years, currently serving as a probation officer. She also explained her passion to serve those with addictions.

Mr. Fix was impressed by Ms. Anderson’s passion for her work and thanked her for the desire to step up and serve. He asked if there were certain areas she would bring her expertise to for ADAMH.

Ms. Anderson replied that the opiate crisis is very important as well as stabilization program (or housing and inpatient treatment). Those are very important to those needing service.

Mr. Levacy asked if Ms. Anderson saw parallels to addiction and mental health.

Ms. Anderson replied the two issues go hand in hand.

Mr. Levacy asked what the number one reason why she’d like to serve on the board.

Ms. Anderson replied she would like to be more involved in the community in helping people getting the services they need and making sure that those services are good services.

Dr. Brown asked about the program she created in Franklin County and how her skills, knowledge, and abilities would translate to board participation.

Ms. Anderson replied that she works well with other people and that is necessary to be successful. They worked for a solid year with other agencies to get the new program off the ground. She also noted that there should be a passion for service, which she has demonstrated.

Mr. Davis asked how Ms. Anderson became aware of the opportunity.

Ms. Anderson replied that she is on a board with Mr. Meyer (at Peace Church) and he brought it to everyone on the board’s attention, noting there was an opening.

Ms. Fix noted that Peace has a very active community outreach program.

Ms. Anderson stated that she believes her years of service in probation and her passion for service would be beneficial to the ADAMH Board. She wants to give back to the community and would appreciate the opportunity to serve.
Mr. Davis thanked Ms. Anderson for her interest and willingness to serve. He expects this to be a competitive process.

**ADAMH Board Vacancy Interview with Marea Bigham**

The Commissioners met at 9:43 a.m. to interview Marea Bigham for an ADAMH Board vacancy. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Rick Szabak, Annie Cordle, Jeff Porter, Jon Kochis, Todd McCullough, Tony Vogel, Rhonda Meyers, Dennis Keller, Ray Stemen, Chief Lape, Branden Meyer, Amy Brown-Thompson, Tom Lininger, Joshua Horacek, Jake Tharp, Mike Waites, Dave Burgei, Jeff Barron, and Marea Bigham.

Ms. Bigham introduced herself. She has been with Fairfield County for 16 years currently serving in Protective Services at JFS. She has a passion for serving those with mental health and substance abuse which is why she works in protective services. She has a desire to grow within the community and grow her partnerships. Ms. Bigham currently serves on the Lancaster Biddy Basketball Board and volunteers with the United Way Community Council.

Mr. Fix asked what strengths Ms. Bigham would bring to the board to improve it.

Ms. Bigham stated she is in a good place to share what's going on in Fairfield County through her connections and service at JFS. She is aware of what addictions are the most prevalent, currently being methamphetamine. She is also knowledgeable in mental health diagnoses and the relationships to addictions. She explained the current issues with getting help for addiction treatment.

Mr. Levacy stated the entire conversation is very complex. He has toured the new Mount Carmel facility. He asked if she wants to expand the relationship with county providers, where does she see the gap in providing services.

Ms. Bigham replied it depended on the provider. She gave an example of a local agency you would think would have a good relationship with JFS but is not as strong as it could be. She would build the relationships to decrease or eliminate drug abuse.

Mr. Levacy asked if she was seeing a lack of communication.

Ms. Bigham replied it was hit or miss depending on the volume. The higher the volume, the harder it is to have the services available to the larger populations.

Dr. Brown asked what she saw the biggest challenge would be for her serving in this role.

Ms. Bigham replied she would be very excited to have a role and if not on this board, then another. The biggest barrier she would have is time commitments, as kids are involved in many sports. She is hearing that the meetings are long and intense. She wants to be able to attend her kids' games and extracurriculars.

Dr. Brown thanked Ms. Bigham for her time, interest, and passion. She stated she appreciated getting to know her better as part of the mentoring program and believed she had a lot to offer the community.

Mr. Davis thanked Ms. Bigham for her time and stated that if the Commission is not able to appoint her to this position, they look forward to her serving elsewhere on a County Board.

**Review (continued)**

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Brown-Thompson, Tom Lininger, Joshua Horacek, Jake Tharp, Mike Waites, Dave Burgei, and Jeff Barron.

- **Correspondence Received (continued)**

  Mr. Davis stated the Commission received correspondence from Recorder Wood announcing his intent to retire June 30, 2020. He understands the Central Committee of the Republican Party cannot appoint a replacement until after the resignation occurs. The Commission would be required to appoint a temporary Recorder to serve from June 30 until the 10-45 days after when the Central Committee can meet to appoint. There is currently a candidate for the Republican primary. The Commission will know after March 16th if there is an independent running.

- **FYI**

  a. Jail Population - 308

  b. TID Meeting for February 27th has been cancelled

  c. Hocking County resolution example, model resolution example, and Governor’s Office summary – under advisement

  d. Notice to Habitat for Humanity re: Clarence E. Miller Building Historical Status

  e. DD Newsletter for March 2020

- **Open Items** (none)

Commissioner Davis stated at 9:59 a.m. at the Commission would take a short recess prior to the Regular Meeting.

**Commissioners’ Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 beginning at 10:03 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Rick Szabrak, Annice Cordle, Jeff Porter, Jon Kochis, Todd McCullough, Tony Vogel, Rhonda Myers, Ray Stemen, Dennis Keller, Chief Lape, Branden Meyer, Jim Bahnser, Jeff Barron, Amy Brown-Thompson, Tom Lininger, Joshua Horacek, Jake Tharp, Mike Waites, Dave Burgei, Jim Bahnser, Jeff Barron, Jeff Camechis, Phil Dysard, and Jon Slater.

**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.

Mr. Ray Stemen of 2444 West Point Road in Lancaster spoke regarding two concerns he has. The first is the Governor pushing new gun laws and the second is the resolutions before the Senate today regarding abortion. He would like to see those resolutions pass.
Motion to go out of the Regular Meeting

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to go out of the Regular Meeting.

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

Mr. Davis welcomed Mr. Phil Dysard, Palmer Energy representative. Mr. Dysard will be replacing Mr. Snively who is now representing a different part of the state. Mr. Davis looks forward to continuing the good relationship between Fairfield County and Palmer Energy.

Motion to go return to the Regular Meeting

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to return to the Regular Meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, February 18, 2020

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, February 18, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

Approval of the Auditor's Office Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Auditor's Office resolution approving an account to account transfer – Auditor Real Estate Department; see resolution 2020-02.25.a.

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

Approval of the Board of Developmental Disabilities Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Board of Developmental Disabilities resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund #2060; see resolution 2020-02.25.b.

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

Approval of the Commissioners' Resolutions

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners’ Office resolutions:

2020-02.25.c A resolution to approve a memo expense for interest allocation reimbursement for Fairfield Department of Health – Fund #7012 & Fund# 7321 [Commissioners]

2020-02.25.d A Resolution Authorizing the Approval and Signature for a Letter of Intent with CCAOSC ENERGY SOLUTIONS [Commissioners]

2020-02.25.e A resolution to approve a memo expense for interest allocation
reimbursement for Fairfield County Historical Parks – Fund # 7308
[Commissioners]

2020-02.25.f A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to the General Fund – Fund # 3034, Subfund# 8186 FY2018 ODOT Grant – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]

Discussion: Dr. Brown stated the LOI included county owned buildings but not government aggregation. Mr. Davis stated he and Mr. Keller attending a presentation by Palmer explaining this opportunity. The idea is to take 25% of the energy consumed and use solar energy at a fixed rate for 35 years. The LOI is an expression of interest so Palmer can know how many counties are interested. A decision to participate will not be made until RFPs are returned. Mr. Levacy is a big proponent of solar energy as fossil fuel resources will run out. Mr. Davis stated he just wants to make a good financial decision for Fairfield County. Mr. Dysard reiterated that the LOI is a good faith agreement and added that everything Mr. Davis stated was correct.

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

Approval of the Engineer’s Office Resolutions

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Engineer’s Office resolutions:

2020-02.25.g A resolution to request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts of memo receipts and memo expenses for fund 3434 MAD-08 Bridge Replacement Project [Engineer]

2020-02.25.h A resolution of increase appropriations, appropriate from unappropriated, account to account and fund to fund transfer for VIO-35 bridge replacement [Engineer]

2020-02.25.i A resolution to request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts of memo receipts and memo expenses for fund 3434 VIO-35 Bridge Replacement Project [Engineer]

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

Approval of the JFS Resolutions

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

2020-02.25.j A resolution regarding Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Ohio Mentor Inc., and Job and Family Services, Child Protective Services Department [JFS]

2020-02.25.k A resolution regarding Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between United Methodist Children’s Home and Job and Family Services, Child Protective Services Department [JFS]

Discussion: Mr. Fix asked where the funding would come from to pay the $630 a day for the youth who would be at a facility in Indiana (following up on an earlier discussion). Dr. Brown replied that there is state and federal reimbursement, and levy dollars also cover this type of expenditure. Ms. Cordle added that they would max out the state and federal funding first and pull the levy funds month by month depending on how the reimbursements were coming in. Mr. Davis asked for a more detailed discussion about protective placement (at a later time and for each commissioner) noting that it was good to refresh on this topic.
Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Dave Levacy, and Steve Davis

Approval of the Juvenile/Probate Court Resolutions

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

2020-02.25.l  A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category – Juvenile Court #2317 Computer Fund [Juvenile/Probate Court]

2020-02.25.m  A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category – Fund #2859 Probate Court Guardianship Services [Juvenile/Probate Court]

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

Approval of the Major Crimes Unit’s Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Major Crimes Unit’s resolution to approve an account to account transfer; see resolution 2020-02.25.n.

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

Approval of the Sheriff’s Office Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Sheriff’s Office resolution authorizing an account to account transfer Fund 2394 CFLP Litter Enforcement; see resolution 2020-02.25.o.

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

Approval of the Utilities’ Office Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Utilities’ Office resolution for the assessment of water connection on property tax; see resolution 2020-02.25.p.

Discussion: Mr. Vogel stated this is for a customer who is having problems with their well and cannot afford the tap fee. The fee will be assessed after the tap is connected.

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

Approval of the Payment of Bills

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, 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 2020-02.25.q.

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

On the motion of Steve Davis and second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment of a public employee at 10:30 a.m.

Discussion: Commissioner Davis stated that the following people be included in the executive session: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Levacy, Commissioner Fix, Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, and representatives from the Prosecutor’s Office.

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

On the motion of Jeff Fix and second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 10:57 a.m.

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

Review (continued)

The Commissioners met at 10:57 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, Commissioner Fix and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Joshua Horacek, and Amy Brown-Thompson.

Commissioner Davis stated at 10:58 a.m. the Commission would be in recess until the 11:30 a.m. Time with the Commissioners.

Time with the Commission

The Commissioners met at 11:30 a.m. for a Time with the Commission at the Engineer’s Office. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, and various Fairfield County employees.

Mr. Davis welcomed everyone and noted how the Engineer’s Office is always the best attended Time with the Commission.

The Commission updated the attendees on the solar related LOI it just passed; the US Census; continued retention and recruitment discussions; this year’s State of the County theme of “Fairfield County Matters”; the electronic idea box, and other items.

The Commission addressed concerns regarding insurance rates, supplemental insurance coverage, and the recognition of how dangerous road work is.

The attendees thanked the Commission for the extra $1,000 for 25 years of service as well as the respect.

Mr. Levacy stated he has a high regard for the work the Engineer’s Office does. It is hard and difficult work, but he appreciates the roads in the County. When it snows, he knows the crews are taking care of business and he appreciates that.

Mr. Fix thanked everyone for their work.

Dr. Brown thanked everyone for their cooperation with the safety plans and ExecuTime. She also mentioned the meeting on Wednesday to discuss a new salt barn.

Commissioner Davis stated at 12:34 p.m. that the Commission would be in recess until their 1:00 p.m. meeting with the Salvation Army.
Salvation Army Update

The Commissioners met at 1:03 p.m. for an update from representatives of the Salvation Army. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Aunie Cordle, Heather O’Keefe, Barth Hampson, Laura Holton, Dan Neeley, Corey Clark, Rick Szabrak, Jim Bahnsen, Michael Kaper, Captain Bryan DeMichael, and Bob Heath.

Captain DeMichael presented the attached review of the Salvation Army’s programs and needs.

Mr. Davis thanked the Captain DeMichael for the presentation and asked what the connection with JFS was.

Ms. Cordle replied that she has spoke with Judge Clark and he asked that the story be shared with the JFS Senior Leadership team.

Mr. Davis asked what the Salvation Army’s annual budget was.

Captain DeMichael replied it was $1.7 million which is 74% funded from community contributions with 15% government funding, 4% from United Way and 5% from investments. The site would probably be a $5 million project funded through a capital campaign. The goal is to launch the campaign this June. There would not be debt as the Salvation Army is not permitted to have debt for any purchases or facilities.

Mr. Davis asked Captain DeMichael about his understanding about the disposition of school property, and Captain DeMichael believed charter (or high performing community schools) would have first chance to access the property, with a public auction being an opportunity to follow that.

Dr. Brown stated that was generally correct.

Mr. Davis stated that there was some perception that the Education Service Center may be interested.

Captain DeMichael replied they were meeting on Thursday to explore potential partnerships.

Mr. Davis stated that the County currently housed the ESC but was not obligated to. He asked if they had asked the Commissioners to fund a new location.

Dr. Brown replied that they had not, but they had asked if the county had any capacity to maintain a building the county did own, and we replied that we did not.

Mr. Davis was encouraged to hear the two groups were meeting on Thursday.

Mr. Davis asked what a location that was not General Sherman’s current site would cost.

Captain DeMichael replied the cost would increase by about $2 million. He is not asking for anything from the Commissioners, just wants to build awareness and share the plans of the Salvation Army.

Mr. Davis thanked the Captain and stated the Commission would want to be helpful.

Mr. Fix thanked Captain DeMichael for the presentation. He asked how they are reaching out to other parts of the county.

Captain DeMichael replied that clients are coming from Thurston, Millersport, and Baltimore. They pick up children from Pleasantville. At Christmas they support families all throughout Fairfield County.

Dr. Brown stated she served on the United Way Board for several years and appreciated the Older Adult Care at the Salvation Army, which was rare in the community.
Captain DeMichael replied that the Salvation Army Older Adult Care facilities are rare across the country. The closest facility is in Syracuse, New York.

The Commissioners thanked Captain DeMichael and Bob Heath for their presentation and thanked others for attending.

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Dave Levacy and a second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 1:57 p.m.

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by: Seconded by:
that the February 25, 2020 minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
*Approved on March 3, 2020

Steven A. Davis Dave Levacy Jeff Fix
Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner

Rachel A. Elsea, Clerk
The Salvation Army
Serving Lancaster & Fairfield County

What Brings Us Here
- The Salvation Army in Fairfield County relatively unknown
- We’ve spent last three years preparing for future growth
What Brings Us Here

• It’s time to tell our story
Mission Statement

• The Salvation Army, an international movement, is an evangelical part of the universal Christian church. Its message is based on the Bible. Its ministry is motivated by the love of God. Its mission is to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ and to meet human needs in His name without discrimination.

History

• Founded by William Booth 1865
• Began work in Fairfield County in 1900
What Do We Do?

• Today
  – We have 14 different programs to help people living in Fairfield County

What Do We Do?

• Tomorrow
  – Expand these 14 programs
  – Add 9 additional programs
  • Results of commissioned “program study” firm
What is Driving Growth

- Community is growing
- Populations we serve are growing
- Utilizing the same spaces designed for programs in 1970's

Current Facilities?

- Two Rooms For 14 Programs
Current Facilities?

• Room #1

Current Facilities?

• Room #2
Whom Do We Serve?

- Seniors
- Youth
- Basic Needs

Whom Do We Serve?

- Seniors
  - Youth
  - Basic needs
Samaritan Center

- Adult Day Service
  - An alternative or supplement to assisted living or nursing home
  - Allows caregivers to continue with gainful employment
  - Allows caregivers to receive needed respite

Samaritan Center

- Adult Day Service
  - Began in 1984
  - 7:00am – 5:00pm M-F
  - On-site staff: social worker, nurse, activity & personal care aides
Samaritan Center

- Nearly half have some level of dementia
- Focus on prevention & health maintenance
- Offer cognitive stimulation

Samaritan Center

- Provides interaction with other participants
- Provides personal care
- Exercise & mental activities
- Door to door transportation
Samaritan Center

- Daycare avg. cost $1430/month
- Homecare avg. $3766/mo.
- Assisted living avg. $4580/mo.
- Nursing homes avg. $7148/mo.

Current Center
Our Vision

- Sustain or enhance quality of life for our seniors
- Offer specialized care for a variety of client needs

Our Vision

- Increase daily capacity to 60 clients; expandable to 100
- Provide extended levels of care including showers and laundry
SAMARITAN CENTER

Currently: 28 per day
Future: 60 per day

Whom Do We Serve?

- Seniors
- Youth
- Basic needs
Youth

• 80% of at-risk youth lack:
  – Strong family ties
  – Parental relationships
  – Solid role models

Youth

• 20% of serious crimes involving youth occur between the hours of 3:00-7:00 p.m.
Youth

• Recent survey*
  - 50% of Lancaster residents state that crime prevention and youth programming should be top priority

*Lancaster Community Block Development

Youth

• Why do they say that?

City-Data.com crime index

[Graph showing crime index comparison between Lancaster and U.S. average]
Youth

• Our Goals
  - Support youth in identifying and realizing their full potential

Youth

• Our Goals
  - Promote sense of belonging
  - Increase cognitive & academic skills for Jr./Sr. high
  - Provide structured programs
Youth

• Our Goals
  – Expand youth mentoring
  – Provide summer camps to support families when children out of school

Youth

• Our Goals
  – Provide opportunities for youth to express themselves through athletics and creative activities
• Our Goals
  – Provide opportunities for youth to meet Christ

• In 2019
  – 2633 attended teen programing - up 300% from 2018
  – 1483 attended youth character building program
  – Up 73%
Youth

• In 2019
  – 159 youth accepted Christ or accepted a call to go deeper in their relationship

Youth Breakdown By Age

Junior Youth
1st - 5th grades

Currently: 120 weekly
25 weekly

Future:
Youth Breakdown By Age

Junior High Youth
6th – 8th grades

Future:
Currently: 90 weekly
60 weekly

Youth Breakdown By Age

Senior High Youth
9th – 12th grades

Future:
Currently: 40 weekly
20 weekly
Study Rooms & Computer Lab

All Youth

Future:
Currently: 50 weekly
Not available

Summer Day Camp

Junior Youth
1st – 5th grades

Future:
Currently: 50 /program
Not available
GYMNASIUM
Programs and Recreation for Every Age
Currently: Not available
Future: 400

Sports Ministries
- Gymnasium
- Playground
- Athletic field
Gym Uses

- Christmas Cheer
- Concerts
- Community Meetings
- Dances
Drug Awareness/Prevention
Youth – All Ages
Parents of Youth

Future:
Currently: 20/session
Not available

Fitting All These Into 2 Rooms
Playground

Whom Do We Serve?

- Seniors
- Youth
- Basic Needs
Whom Do We Serve?

- Basic Needs
  - A) Fellowship
  - B) Choice Food Pantry

Ladies Super Senior Group

Meeting once/month in chapel

Currently: 40 monthly
Future: 60 monthly
Super Seniors
Adult Fellowship

• Rm #1 not available

Super Seniors
Adult Fellowship

• Current  Our vision
Whom Do We Serve?

- Basic Needs
  - A) Fellowship
  - B) Choice Food Pantry

Providing For The Needy

- Facts
  - 12% of Fairfield County population live in poverty
Providing for The Needy

• Facts
  – 18,000 people wonder where their next meal is coming from

Providing For The Needy

• Facts
  – 33% of Choice Pantry Program served are children
Providing The Needy

• Facts
  – Choice Pantry Program has doubled over last ten years
  – Our space has not changed

Choice Food Pantry

• For the working poor
  – Folks who are trying
• In 2019 we provided 42,030 meals thru pantry
Choice Food Pantry

• Open 9:00am to 12:00 noon Monday through Friday

Choice Food Pantry

Future:
Currently: 7200 meals/mo.
3600 meals per mo.
Our Vision

• Expand square feet of Food Pantry space
• Substantially increase selection of food and other needed items
Choice Food Pantry  
- Our Vision

Produce Day - Our Vision

Provided over 15,770 people with fresh produce in 2019

Currently: 500 served/mo.

Future: 1000 served/mo.
Alcoholics Anonymous & Narcotics Anonymous

Future:
Currently: 120 weekly
30 weekly

Homeless Support

Future:
Currently: 20 weekly
5 weekly
CHRISTMAS CHEER

Christmas Gifts for Kids

Currently: Distribute
10,000 gifts
7136 gifts

Future:

SEASONAL MASS FEEDINGS

Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter Dinners

Currently: Not available

Future: 250 per event
Seasonal Mass Feedings

Food Preparation - Current
What's The Problem?

- We are maxed out!
- Building is 65 years old
- We've been here for 43 yrs.
- Two rooms for 14 programs
- Cannot expand at current site

What's The Problem?

- Both rooms must be multi-use (including chapel)
- Two rooms limit both the number and effectiveness of each activity
What's The Problem?

- Need to add 9 new programs
- Have 10,000sf but need 27,000sf

What's The Problem?

- Samaritan Center space limited
- Capacity dictated by state code
  - Requires 60sf per occupant
What's The Problem?

- No shower facilities
- Inadequate food pantry
- Inadequate refrigeration and freezer storage
- No space for food pantry backup stock

What's The Problem?

- No gymnasium
- Inadequate spaces for youth programs
- No space for Christmas Cheer program
What's The Problem?

- Main activity room inaccessible for the handicapped

What's Our Vision?

- Potential location
  - Minimum of 5 acres of buildable property in west or south side of Lancaster
Our Commanding Officers
Captains Bryan & Laura DeMichael
Advisory Board

- Joe Barrows
- Eric Brown
- Whitney Brown
- Joe Carson
- Joe Clark
- Temple Custer-Montanez
- Wayne Custer
- Ken Culver
- Jason Foster
- Tom Hammer
- Bob Heath
- Dan Fisher
- Georgia Hart
- Todd Lape
- Don McDaniel
- Dr. Jonathon Nusbaum
- Barbara Ramsey
- Holly Sanders
- Gurpreet Singh
- Jason Stankus
- Marjory Trishman
- Barb Wolf

By the Way

We Ring Bells!