

Regular Meeting #8 - 2023
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
February 28, 2023

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 210 E. Main Street, Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Also present: Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Bennett Niceswanger, Bart Hampson, Tony Vogel, Jon Kochis, Jonathan Ferbrache, Jeremiah Upp, Vince Carpico, Marty Norris, Jennifer Sturgeon, Audrey Stoffel, Dr. Carri Brown, Rick Szabrak, Staci Knisley, Steve Feeney, Heather O'Keefe, Lisa McKenzie, Corey Clark, Amy Brown-Thompson, Steven Darnell, Dan Neeley, Bayley Fields, Anthony Iachini, Adam Sedlacko, Anne Mikan, Angel Conrad, Dr. David Uhl, Frank Martin, Barb Martin, Emily Hayek, and Garland Snyder.

Attending virtually: Tony Vogel, Park Russell, Sara Madenwald, Lori Hawk, Lynette Barnhart, Jim Bahnsen, Shelby Hunt, Raz Sabaiduc, Marcy Fields, Ashley Arter, Jared Collins, Jeff Barron, Tiffany Wilson, Jessica Murphy, Christina Foster, Britney Lee, and Alex Lape.

Welcome

Commissioner Davis opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance. He asked Assistant Director of JFS, Heather O'Keefe, to introduce new staff members Ashley Fahner and Britney Throckmorton from the JFS Human Resources team.

Commissioner Levacy welcomed everyone and spoke about the United Way Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet he attended earlier.

Hot Topics in Economic & Workforce Development

Commissioner Davis spoke about the meeting in Liberty Township Trustee Town Hall meeting the previous night. He thought all the speakers did a great job of conveying their information and thanked everyone for attending.

Director of Economic & Workforce Development, Rick Szabrak, provided an update on hot topics related to economic and workforce development. He began by introducing the employees of the Economic & Workforce Development team.

Rick went on to speak about the Route 33 CRA which is a tool used to get companies to locate to Fairfield County. The CRA focuses on the Basil Western Development, which totals 380 acres. His team has been working with the Transportation Improvement District to make that area conducive to potentially higher levels of trucking traffic.

Rick spoke about the Fairfield 33 Alliance which is working with Krile Communications to market a message about investing in the future of Fairfield County. He also spoke about Alleguard, a foam solutions company located in Fairfield County, that received a training grant from the County. He showed a Spectrum News interview with Alleguard where they reference the assistance Fairfield County has provided.

Rick called attention to the public meeting for the Active Transportation Plan which will be conducted soon. He added that drivers' education classes have begun at the Workforce Center.

Commissioner Davis explained that the percentage of people between 16 and 19 years of age with a driver's license has dramatically decreased since he got his license at 16. He offered his concerns for the workforce not having abundant access to workers in the 16-19 age range caused by the lack of drivers licenses in that age group. He is interested in making that option available and is looking forward to seeing those services positively impact the number of licensed drivers.

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Rick stated the Workforce Center encourages students to take drivers education classes so they are able to reliably commute to work. He spoke on some other programs that are offered at the Workforce Center which includes the pre-apprenticeship programs for electric, water/wastewater management, carpentry, and HVAC. CDL training is also offered.

Economic & Workforce Development received a grant to run a campaign to get people interested in available jobs. He reported that they have had 150 leads since enacting the campaign. They have contracted with Innerphase Video, a local company, to run videos showcasing companies and increase interest in the workforce. Rick played one of the videos which focuses on Mid West Fabricating Co.

Commissioner Davis pointed out that Eastland Fairfield Career & Tech is now a local partner with the Workforce Center.

Rick explained the attitude of Eastland Fairfield has changed drastically in the last six months and they have seen the benefits of partnering with the Workforce Center.

Commissioner Davis thanked Rick and his team for their work in the community. He thinks his team is positioning the County for exciting opportunities.

Commissioner Levacy stated the importance of being able to collaborate with Eastland Fairfield Career & Tech.

Public Comments

Steve Feeney from Lancaster offered his concerns for solar energy.

Emily Hayek from Pleasantville offered her concerns for solar energy.

Garland Snyder from Millersport offered his concerns for solar energy.

Commissioner Davis stated the Public Comments section is a time where the Commissioners listen. It is not a time for debate or back and forth conversation. He does not want people to misinterpret their silence as them not listening.

Legal Update

None.

County Administration Update

Week in Review

ARP Update

From the \$30,606,902 received as the first and second tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$22.2M has been appropriated, \$11.6M expended, \$4.2M encumbered or obligated.

Received update timeline and planning from ADAMH.

Senator Brown Organized Summer Manufacturing Camp Summit

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U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown spoke with manufacturing, education, and community partners at the Summer Manufacturing Institute Summit, as they work to plan for this summer's camps. Brown was joined by Evelyn Neeley, a graduate of the Summer Manufacturing Institute, who plans to pursue a STEM career because of her experience attending the Fairfield County Summer Manufacturing Camp in 2018, when she was a rising 8th grader.

Information Technology Director, Dan Neeley, stated the Fairfield County Summer Manufacturing Camp has been a great source of inspiration for his daughter Evelyn.

Resolution Establishing Truck Engine Brake Noise Reduction Zone on a Designated Portion of Coonpath Road

County Engineer, Jeremiah Upp, has received complaints regarding excessive noise emitted by engine combustion exhaust systems from commercial vehicles on parts of Coonpath Road (CR 31), located in Fairfield County and is therefore recommending that the Board of Commissioners impose certain noise restrictions emanating from the usage of truck engine brakes within the limits of truck engine brake noise reduction zones on Coonpath Road in Greenfield Township from a point 800 feet west of Election House Road (CR 40) to State Route 37 in Pleasant Township (3.85 miles in length).

Commissioner Davis asked if the engine brake is used in a downhill situation.

Jeremiah stated trucks use it to stop at any place but especially when they are going downhill. The issue comes stems altered exhausts and older model trucks that don't have the current systems.

United Way Awards Banquet

Fairfield County received the Chairman's Award at the United Way Awards Banquet in recognition of County giving increasing by \$17,000. The Sheriff's and Auditor's office, both received individual recognition as well. Donna Stalter of JFS received the Advocate Award and Anne Mikan of DD received campaign coordination award and Jeff Porter was recognized for his service as Board President.

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

Resolution Review

There are 18 resolutions for the voting meeting.

Resolutions of note:

- A resolution authorizing the approval of 5 proclamations- Mary Ann Murphy, DD Awareness Month, Severe Weather Week (March 19-25), Sunshine Week (March 12-18), World Water Day (March 22).
- A resolution to appropriate monies for health Department upgrades and transit study.
- A resolution to approve ARP funding for Village of Baltimore and the Village of Pleasantville water project.
- A resolution to sign the Escrow Agreement for the Rickly Farm and authorization to sign the Agricultural Easement for the Rickly Farm, 7390 Westfall Road SW

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Amanda, OH, at a closing to be scheduled through the Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program with the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Jonathan Ferbrache from Fairfield Sol & Water Conservation District stated this was a farm that was selected last fall and they are close to closing on it within the year.

Commissioner Davis spoke on the Transit resolution and mentioned they will have a meeting with RLS to look into transit and transit solutions.

Budget Review

- Budget Director, Bart Hampson, provided a Sales Tax update

Recognition

- County Auditor, Dr. Brown shared, that Fairfield County will be well represented on the state of Ohio's Geographically Referenced Information Program Advisory Council (part of DAS). The goal is to develop a statewide parcel database. This will result in a way to share and distribute parcel data more effectively. Dr. Brown congratulated Dave Burgei, REA Director, for being selected to serve on this statewide advisory committee.
- Thank you to the IT Team, specifically Michael and Alex for their work on the Clerk of Courts Pickerington Title office move to The Fairfield Center.
- Thank you to Sergeant Burke for his assistance with crowd and parking management at the Liberty Township Trustee meeting last night.
- Great job to Engineer, Jeremiah Upp, Utilities Director, Tony Vogel, and Rick Szabrak for their presentation and Q&A follow up at the Liberty Township trustee meeting.
- Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer, thanked Dan Neely and Brian Plummer for working with MOVIS on the access controls for the new office.
- Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer, thanked Michael Scamyhorn for working on the network connectivity.
- Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer, thanked Alex Johnson for getting the computer parts and pieces moved from the old office and getting them all setup at the new office.
- Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer, thanked Jon Kochis, Tammy Smith and the facilities team for their hard work and effort assisting in getting things moved from the old office to the new office and all the other miscellaneous tasks they have been doing to help us.

Commissioner Levacy emphasized the importance of the drive through payment option at the Pickerington Title Office, explaining that it is one of very few in the State of Ohio.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

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- Regional Planning Commission Special Meeting, February 28, 2023, 5:30 p.m., Fairfield County Records Center, 138 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster
- Fairfield 33 Development Alliance Meeting, March 2, 2023, 8:30 a.m., South Central Power Company, 720 Mill Park Dr., Lancaster
- Economic Development Strategic Plan Steering Committee Meeting, March 7, 2023, 2:00 p.m., Commissioners' Hearing Room
- Celebration of Possibilities, May 17, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Wigwam Event Center, 10190 Blacklick-Eastern R. NW, Pickerington

Correspondence

Items Requiring Response

Informational Items

- City of Lancaster, Storm Water Department, February 16, 2023, Retention Detention Pond Inspection Report
- Memo from the Fairfield County Auditor, Dated February 22, 2023, Subjects: Current Agricultural Use Value Program Deadline Approaching, Electronic Processes for Conveyance of Property-Record of 75%, and Conveyance Fee Collections by Year
- Lancaster Police Department Annual Report 2022 Received February 22, 2023
- Thank you from the County Auditor's Office for Initiation of New I-9 Management and Employment Verifications
- Letters from Fairfield County residents regarding solar energy
- Press release from the Office of the County Auditor, Friday, February 24, 2023, titled "Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) Deadline is March 6th"
- Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections Winter 2023 newsletter
- CCAO 2023-2024 Legislative Platform
- Meals on Wheels 2024 Budget Packet, received February 27, 2023
- Press release from Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development, Tuesday, February 28, 2023, titled "Fairfield County to hold Public Meetings for Active Transportation Plan"
- Press release from Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development, Tuesday, February 28, 2023, titled "Fairfield County to hold Public Meeting for Economic Development Plan and Update to the 2018 Comprehensive Land Use Plan"

Jail Population

- February 21 was 248 with 18 of those being contracted placements.
- February 28 is 252 with 20 of those being contracted placements.

Old Business

Commissioner Davis spoke on the Speaker of the Ohio House visiting the Workforce Center. The purpose of the meeting was to pitch to him some things the State may want to participate in at the Workforce Center. He also spoke about the Liberty Township Town Hall meeting and expressed his initial concerns. He stated the Trustees had complete control over the

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meeting and his concerns were unwarranted. He thanked the officer who was present at the meeting for helping to facilitate traffic after the meeting.

Commissioner Levacy spoke about the State of the City of Lancaster. He was pleased to hear Mayor Scheffler reference the County during his address.

New Business

County Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown, presented a copy of the March Map of the Month which will be introduced with the next newsletter.

Regular (Voting) Meeting

The Commissioners continued to their Regular Voting Meeting in the Commissioners' Hearing Room of the Historic Courthouse at 210 E Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy and Steve Davis. Also present: Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Bennett Niceswanger, Bart Hampson, Tony Vogel, Jon Kochis, Jonathan Ferbrache, Jeremiah Upp, Vince Carpico, Marty Norris, Jennifer Sturgeon, Audrey Stoffel, Dr. Carri Brown, Rick Szabrak, Staci Knisley, Steve Feeney, Lisa McKenzie, Corey Clark, Amy Brown-Thompson, Steven Darnell, Dan Neeley, Bayley Fields, Anthony Iachini, Adam Sedlacko, Anne Mikan, Angel Conrad, Dr. David Uhl, Frank Martin, Barb Martin, Emily Hayek, and Garland Snyder.

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Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Approval of Minutes for February 21, 2023

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 21, 2023, meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy

Approval of Resolutions from the Board of Commissioners

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

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| 2023-02.28.a | A resolution authorizing the approval of proclamations. |
| 2023-02.28.b | A resolution to approve an authorized use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, the Village of Baltimore Water Project with Fairfield County |

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| 2023-02.28.c | A resolution to approve an authorized use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, the Village of Pleasantville Water Project with Fairfield County |
| 2023-02.28.d | A resolution to amend Resolution No. 2022-08.09.f |
| 2023-02.28.e | A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 2876, American Rescue Plan (ARP). |
| 2023-02.28.f | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in major expenditure object categories for Fund# 1001. |
| 2023-02.28.g | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expenditure category for fund# 4485 Bond Retirement Liberty Center & to approve a fund to fund transfer to the General Fund 1001 for allowable transfers of residual equity |

Commissioner Davis presented the proclamations to their designated recipients.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy and Steve Davis

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Clerk of Courts – Title Division

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Clerk of Courts – Title Division:

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| 2023-02.28.h | A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category – Clerk of Courts Title Division |
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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy and Steve Davis

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency

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

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| 2023-02.28.i | A resolution to request for appropriations for receipts for EMA Grant Fund 12209054 Firehouse Subs Grant Award |
| 2023-02.28.j | A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer for EMA Fund 2890 Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning and 2091 Local Emergency Planning Committee Funds |
| 2023-02.28.k | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category EMA Funds 2090 |

EMA and Facilities Director, Jon Kochis, thanked Firehouse subs for their partnership.

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer

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

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| 2023-02.28.l | A resolution to authorize the disposal of obsolete vehicles and equipment within the Fairfield County Engineer's Office by public auction. |
| 2023-02.28.m | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for repairs and maintenance. |
| 2023-02.28.n | A resolution to approve the purchase of a Mowermax Mower. |
| 2023-02.28.o | A resolution to approve the purchase of a Western Star 47X Single Axle Cab and Chassis. |

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff

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

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| 2023-02.28.p | A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to Fund 2593 Concealed Handgun License |
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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy and Steve Davis

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield Soil and Water Conservation District

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| 2023-02.28.q | A resolution to sign the Escrow Agreement for the Rickly Farm and authorization to sign the Agricultural Easement for the Rickly Farm at a closing to be scheduled through the Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program with the Ohio Department of Agriculture. |
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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy and Steve Davis

Approval of the Payment of Bills

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution for the Payment of Bills:

2023-02.28.r A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval.

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

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Dave Levacy and a second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:24 a.m.

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2023, at the Pleasantville Community Center located at 207 W. Columbus St., Pleasantville, Ohio.

*Approved on March 7, 2023

Steven Davis Commissioner	Dave Levacy Commissioner	Jeff Fix Commissioner
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ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY ITEMS
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
FEBRUARY 20, 2023 TO February 26, 2023

Fairfield County Commissioners

- AA.02.21-2023.a An Administrative Approval for the payment(s) of the United Health Care (UHC) invoice for the Fairfield County Self-Funded Health Benefits Program – Fairfield County Board of Commissioners [Commissioners]
- AA.02.21-2023.b An Administrative Approval for the payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval and have bills presented that are not more than \$50,000 per invoice. [Commissioners]
- AA.02.21-2023.c An Administrative Approval for professional services agreement with RLS & Associates for an alternate transit governance structure analysis for public transit in Fairfield County. [Commissioners]

South Central Major Crimes Unit

- AA.02.21-2023.d An Administrative Approval for the Major Crimes Unit-Project FORT and Creed of Recovery 2023 COSSAP Grant Contract [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]
- AA.02.21-2023.e An Administrative Approval for the Major Crimes Unit-Project FORT and Connections West 2023 COSSAP Grant Contract [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]
- AA.02.21-2023.f An Administrative Approval for the Major Crimes Unit-Project FORT and The Recovery Center 2023 COSSAP Grant Contract [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]
- AA.02.21-2023.g [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]
- AA.02.21-2023.h An Administrative Approval for the Major Crimes Unit-Project FORT and Ohio Guidestone 2023 COSSAP Grant Contract [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]

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2023 Weekly Report

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Project Code	Project Category	Project Description	Original Budget	Estimated Carryover PO's and Budget Updates	Revised Budget	Cumulative Appropriations	Cumulative Expenditures	Cumulative Obligations (Current Year)	Cumulative Not Obligated	Variance Check	Status Ident % Comp
Public Health			Public Health Weekly Summary								
R15a	Public Health	Public Health, PPE	-	-	-	199.90	199.90	-	-	-	100%
R16a	Public Health	Public Health, Medical Expenses	-	-	-	206,838.33	206,838.33	-	-	-	100%
R17a	Public Health	Public Health, Vaccination Clinic and Related Expenses	-	12,573.48	12,573.48	78,677.05	66,362.57	3,997.38	8,317.10	-	84%
R17b	Public Health	Public Health, Capital Investments and Public Facilities of the County	-	1,615,044.47	1,615,044.47	3,254,524.02	1,717,056.01	1,248,907.04	288,560.97	-	53%
R17c	Public Health	Public Health, Capital Investment for Air Quality Improvements	-	-	-	56,674.00	56,674.00	-	-	-	100%
R17d	Public Health	Public Health, Capital Investment for Health Equipment, Mobile Morgue	-	-	-	49,498.87	49,498.87	-	-	-	100%
R17e	Public Health	Public Health, Capital Investment for Sheriff Cruiser to Respond to Increased Violence	-	25,591.02	25,591.02	60,565.00	54,250.98	-	6,314.02	-	90%
R18a	Public Health	Professional Communications on Behalf of the Board of Health	-	-	-	34,577.94	34,577.94	-	-	-	100%
R18b	Public Health	Public Health, Creation of a Community Health Assessment (CHA)	-	49,825.00	49,825.00	49,825.00	-	49,825.00	-	-	0%
R19a	Public Health	Public Safety Payroll Support	247,381.00	-	247,381.00	1,555,582.09	1,170,432.05	-	385,150.04	-	75%
R19b	Public Health	Public Health Payroll Support	-	75,964.89	75,964.89	204,392.13	185,406.39	18,985.74	-	(0.00)	91%
R19c	Public Health	Other Public Sector Payroll Support	79,011.00	-	79,011.00	302,778.33	150,541.17	-	152,237.16	-	50%
R110a	Public Health	Mental and Behavioral Health	-	40,018.00	40,018.00	40,018.00	-	40,018.00	-	-	0%
	Public Health	Subtotal Public Health	326,392.00	1,819,016.86	2,145,408.86	5,894,150.66	3,691,838.21	1,361,733.16	840,579.29	-	63%

Negative Economic Impacts			Negative Economic Impacts Weekly Summary								
R210a	Negative Economic Impacts	Emergency Assistance for Nonprofit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
R210b	Negative Economic Impacts	Emergency Assistance for Non-Profits,	-	-	-	120,000.00	120,000.00	-	-	-	100%
R210c	Negative Economic Impacts	Salvation Army	-	-	-	500,000.00	500,000.00	-	-	-	100%
R211a	Negative Economic Impacts	Subgrant for Tourism, Support for the	-	4.00	4.00	500,000.00	499,996.00	4.00	-	-	100%
R211b	Negative Economic Impacts	Aid to Tourism, Travel, Hospitality	-	6,721.99	6,721.99	25,000.00	18,278.01	1,369.39	5,352.60	-	73%
R29a	Negative Economic Impacts	Emergency Assistance Business Planning	-	13,348.13	13,348.13	160,178.00	146,829.87	13,348.13	-	0.00	92%
R213a	Negative Economic Impacts	Support for Agriculture and the Growing	-	10,000.00	10,000.00	45,000.00	35,000.00	10,000.00	-	-	78%
R213b	Negative Economic Impacts	Technical Assistance for Townships & Others	150,000.00	7,645.16	157,645.16	400,000.00	111,854.84	137,423.16	150,722.00	-	28%
R213c	Negative Economic Impacts	Contracts for Services to Support Residents	-	79,460.00	79,460.00	102,000.00	71,240.00	25,460.00	5,300.00	-	70%
	Negative Economic Impacts	Subtotal Negative Economic Impacts	150,000.00	117,179.28	267,179.28	1,852,178.00	1,503,198.72	187,604.68	161,374.60	0.00	81%

Disproportionately Impacted Communities			Disproportionately Impacted Communities Weekly Summary								
R310a	Disproportionately Impacted	Housing Support, Affordable Housing	-	-	-	39,554.00	39,554.00	-	-	-	100%
	Disproportionately Impacted	Subtotal Services Disproportionately	-	-	-	39,554.00	39,554.00	-	-	-	100%

Premium Pay			Premium Pay Weekly Summary								
R41a	Premium Pay	Premium Pay, Premium Pay for Emergency	-	-	-	27,907.72	27,907.72	-	-	-	100%
	Premium Pay	Subtotal Premium Pay	-	-	-	27,907.72	27,907.72	-	-	-	100%

Subtotal Infrastructure			Subtotal Infrastructure Weekly Summary								
R52a	Infrastructure	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and	-	582,582.86	582,582.86	598,480.00	15,897.14	8,946.86	573,636.00	-	3%
R56a	Infrastructure	Clean Water, Stormwater	-	400,000.00	400,000.00	539,895.00	139,895.00	400,000.00	-	-	26%
R511a	Infrastructure	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution,	-	330,503.18	330,503.18	1,038,515.50	708,012.32	236,092.68	94,410.50	-	68%
R511b	Infrastructure	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution,	-	102,000.00	102,000.00	102,000.00	-	-	102,000.00	-	0%
R511c	Infrastructure	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution,	-	1,900,000.00	1,900,000.00	1,900,000.00	-	-	1,900,000.00	-	0%
R511d	Infrastructure	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
R516a	Infrastructure	Broadband, "Last Mile" Projects	-	500,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00	-	-	500,000.00	-	0%
R517a	Infrastructure	Broadband, Other Projects	-	31,534.54	31,534.54	49,900.00	18,365.46	27,286.72	4,247.82	-	37%
	Infrastructure	Subtotal Infrastructure	-	3,846,620.58	3,846,620.58	4,728,790.50	882,169.92	672,326.26	3,174,294.32	-	19%

Revenue Loss			Revenue Loss Weekly Summary								
R61a	Revenue Loss	SaaS and Technological Equipment	-	298,487.18	298,487.18	370,646.50	230,825.32	139,821.18	-	-	62%
R61b	Revenue Loss	Recorder Document Scanning	-	314,085.49	314,085.49	400,000.00	257,743.53	142,256.47	-	0.00	64%
R61c	Revenue Loss	Clerk of Courts Case Management	-	375,000.00	375,000.00	375,000.00	-	375,000.00	-	-	0%
R61d	Revenue Loss	MARCS Tower Project	-	378,447.50	378,447.50	520,000.00	141,552.50	378,447.50	-	-	27%
R61e	Revenue Loss	Dispatch Consoles	-	416,889.25	416,889.25	560,000.00	143,110.75	416,889.25	-	-	26%
R61f	Revenue Loss	Fairfield Center Purchase	-	-	-	2,708,752.85	2,708,752.85	-	-	-	100%
R61g	Revenue Loss	Fairfield Center Renovation of Bldg 2	-	2,592,008.25	2,592,008.25	3,692,375.73	1,675,265.28	336,779.83	1,680,330.62	-	45%
R61h	Revenue Loss	Community School Attendance Program	165,612.00	-	165,612.00	501,137.00	59,637.31	-	441,499.69	-	12%
R61i	Revenue Loss	Fairfield Center Renovation of Bldg 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
R61j	Revenue Loss	Smart Growth	-	200,000.00	200,000.00	200,000.00	7,400.12	192,599.88	-	-	4%
	Revenue Loss	Engineer's Radio (\$80k In-Work)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	#DIV/0!
	Revenue Loss	Revenue Loss	165,612.00	4,574,917.67	4,740,529.67	9,327,912.08	5,224,287.66	1,981,794.11	2,121,830.31	0.00	#DIV/0!

Administration			Administration Weekly Summary								
R71a	Administration	Administrative Expenses	91,800.00	-	91,800.00	412,415.82	234,029.69	-	178,386.13	-	57%
	Administration	Subtotal Administration	91,800.00	-	91,800.00	412,415.82	234,029.69	-	178,386.13	-	57%
Grand Total			733,804.00	10,357,734.39	11,091,538.39	22,282,908.78	11,602,985.92	4,203,458.21	6,476,464.65	0.00	52%

Variance Check	Revenue Total (30,606,902.00)										
	Appropriations -										
	Expenditure Total Expense 11,602,985.92 -										
	Obligation Total Obligation 4,203,458.21 -										

Be sure to SAVE THE DATE and plan to attend the 2023 Celebration of Possibilities Wednesday, May 17th at 6:00pm. The event will be held at the Wigwam in Pickerington.

Join us as we challenge guests to Think Differently. There will be a plated dinner, entertainment with Derrick Tennant, and award winners will be recognized.

Celebration of Possibilities

Location: Wigwam Event Center

Date: Wednesday, May 17

Time: 6pm

Special Guest: Derrick Tennant



Comedian Derrick Tennant specializes in turning "Obstacles to Opportunities" and will challenge us to Think Differently!



CITY OF LANCASTER
Storm Water
121 E. Chestnut St., Su. 100
Lancaster, OH 43130

February 16, 2023

To: County Commissioners, Liberty Center

From: James A. Pate Jr., Stormwater Inspector, CESSWI Cert.

Re: Retention detention pond inspection,

Dear Commissioners,

I recently completed an annual inspection of your retention and/or detention pond facilities along with various other properties and developments throughout the city of Lancaster. These inspections, which occur annually throughout the year, serve to assist property managers, homeowner associations, and various other entities manage their facilities for proper flood prevention/reduction and other city and state requirements.

Please find attached individual report(s) that detail inspections performed on your detention/retention facility(ies). If there are questions in regard to the findings please feel free to contact me at 740-681-5070 ext.1312.

Thank you for your cooperation

James A. Pate Jr. Stormwater Inspector

City of Lancaster
Department of Engineering / Storm Water

121 East Chestnut St. Phone: 740-681-5070
Suite 100,
Lancaster, Ohio 43130 Fax: 740-681-5030



Annual Retention/Detention Pond Inspection Form

Name of Project: Liberty Center West Pond Project #: 16.0001 misc
Date and Day: 2-15-23, Wednesday Weather: Sunny, Windy, 70
Owner/Manager Add: County Commissioners, C/O: Facilities Manager, 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH 43130

Pond Location: Between main parking lot and Fair Ave., east of County Engineer's office.

Pond Specifications:	Size	<u>400'x200'1/2 +/-</u>	Depth	<u>4' +/-</u>
	Area	<u>40000 sf</u>	Volume	<u>160000 cf</u>
Elevation	<u>N/A</u>	Water Level		<u>Damp</u>

Retention (Wet) Pond Condition: Good XXX Clean Out
Comments: N/A

Detention (dry) Pond Condition: Good XXX Clean Out
Comments: Maintain as needed. Monitor for ground hog holes and repair.

Inlet, Outlet, & Pipe Condition: Orifice Plate(s) Yes Good XXX Clean Out
Orifice Plate Size & Location: 9.75" +/- on outlet structure.
Comments: Maintain inlet and outlets regularly.

Ditch Condition: Good XXX Needs Clean/Repair
Comments: N/A

Additional General Observations and Comments

None

Condition of Roadway Pipe Crossing at Pond:

N/A

Re-inspection Required: Yes _____ No XXX Completed _____

Inspector: James A. Pate Jr. Stormwater Inspector Date: 2/15/2023

Signature & Title of Responsible: _____ Date: _____

As part of storm water pollution control and management, yearly inspections of storm water detention and retention ponds and facilities are required. Lancaster Codified Ordinance 919.16 thru 919.18 and 919.99 specify inspections, owner responsibilities, and enforcement. Please respond to this inspection within 30 days. Re-inspection will be completed at 60 days from original inspection for items previously noted as needing maintenance. Retention and detention ponds serve two main purposes. One, to clean water prior to discharge into streams. Two, restrict amount of water discharged to streams which reduces flooding. Improperly maintained ponds diminish the ability to clean water and the ability to restrict storm water flow to a stream or waterway and could cause unnecessary flooding.

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Date and Day: 2-15-23, Wednesday Weather: Sunny, Windy, 70
Owner/Manager Add: County Commissioners, C/O: Facilities Manager, 210 E. Main St. Lancaster, OH 43130

Pond Location: East side of property north of BMV between parking lot and Fair Ave.

Pond Specifications:	Size	<u>220'x140' +/-</u>	Depth	<u>3' +/-</u>
	Area	<u>30800 sf</u>	Volume	<u>92400 cf</u>
Elevation	<u>N/A</u>	Water Level		<u>Damp</u>

Retention (Wet) Pond Condition: Good XXX Clean Out
Comments: N/A

Detention (dry) Pond Condition: Good XXX Clean Out
Comments: Maintain regularly

Inlet, Outlet, & Pipe Condition: Orifice Plate(s) No Good XXX Clean Out
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Created on 1/16/2005

To: Fairfield County Commissioners & Staff
From: Dr. Carri Brown, County Auditor
Date: February 22, 2023
Subjects: Current Agricultural Use Value Program Deadline Approaching, Electronic Processes for Conveyance of Property – Record of 75%, and Conveyance Fee Collections by Year

Current Agricultural Use Value Program Deadline Approaching

For property tax purposes, land used for commercial agriculture may be valued according to its current use, as opposed to the "highest and best" potential use. This provision in Ohio law is for the Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) program. There are more than **5200** Fairfield County parcels in CAUV. **By permitting values to be set below market values, CAUV results in a lower property tax bill.** The state sets unappealable CAUV values based on soil types.

CAUV renewal applications are due the first Monday in March (March 6, for 2023). To qualify for CAUV, land must meet one of two requirements during the three years preceding an application:

- Ten or more acres must be devoted exclusively to commercial agricultural use; or
- If under ten acres are devoted exclusively to commercial agricultural use, a farm must produce an average yearly gross income of at least \$2,500.

Electronic Processes for Conveyance of Property – Record of 75%

In January 2023, a record of 75% for electronic conveyances of property was met. The County Auditor is in the process of augmenting this technology with a new electronic pre-approval process for reviewing legal descriptions. We have received positive feedback from the community about the ease and speed of new processes.

Conveyance Fee Collections by Year

While sales and property taxes are the two most significant sources of general fund revenue, conveyance fees are the third largest source of taxes. Conveyance fee consists of a statewide mandatory tax of 1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 dollars of the value of property sold) and a transfer tax of up to 3 additional mills. In Fairfield County, the total is \$4 per \$1,000 dollars of the value of the property sold. In 2022, conveyance fees were \$4.9 M. The estimate for 2023 is \$4.1 M. This will be monitored for potential adjustments.



annual **report** 2022



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To provide protection and high quality police services to all.

Chief's report



2022 was a year of change.

In the late spring, the department lost a great mentor with the retirement of Chief Adam Pillar. When Chief Pillar left the building, he took invaluable experience and knowledge with him. Chief Nicholas Snyder took the lead position on May 9, 2022.

In the last eight months, the men and women of the Lancaster Police Department have worked to flip the agency on its head. An emphasis was placed on leadership, responsibility, and training. In addition to these fundamental priorities, the physical appearance of the agency drastically changed to mirror its mission and new expectations.

While law enforcement (nationwide) struggled with staffing, the Lancaster Police Department thrived. At the time of last year's annual report, the number of sworn personnel was 58. In 2022, the agency hired 10 officers — increasing our sworn strength to 66. Our communication technicians suffered through the worst staffing levels in recent memory, but by the end of 2022, our dispatchers were fully staffed.

The patrol division was re-directed to pro-active measures including area watch details, welfare checks, and prioritized saturation patrols. I am proud to submit that robberies, homicides, and auto-accident numbers were all down. Our incidents of burglary/home invasion were some of the lowest in the last five years.

In addition to this excellent work, LPD birthed extremely valuable initiatives:

- Supervisory Restructuring
- LPD's (first) K9 Unit
- Directed Patrol Unit
- Increased In-Service Training
- MARCS Radio Conversion
- Officer/Dispatcher Driven Project Management
- Digitization of Departmental Processes
- Revamped Field Training Program
- Online Reporting System

The accomplishments are something to be proud of, but the men and women responsible for these changes remain my top priority.

Nicholas H. Snyder
Chief of Police

administration —



Nicholas H. Snyder

Chief of Police

Chief Snyder has served with the Lancaster Police Department since 2005. He has served in multiple capacities including patrol officer, detective, Major Crimes Unit/SCRAP, Special Response Team, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain. He is a former commander of the department's special response team and special services units. In 2022, Snyder was promoted to Deputy Chief of Police, and a short time later, Chief of Police.

Snyder graduated from Ohio University, Athens, in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in criminology and accounting. Chief Snyder holds multiple memberships and accreditations including FBI-LEEDA Trilogy, Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, International Association of Chiefs of Police, International Homicide Investigators Association, and the Ohio Tactical Officers Association. He is a member of the Lancaster Rotary Club and Lancaster Public Education Foundation.

The Chief's primary goal is to protect his agency and the citizens of Lancaster. He is a staunch supporter of officer safety and an advocate for advanced training. Chief Snyder recognizes that law enforcement must break its comfortable boundaries while further pushing expectations and processes.



William C. Tolly

Deputy Chief of Police

Deputy Chief Tolly has served the citizens of Fairfield County, Ohio for over 31 years. He began his career at the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office in January of 1992. He also served briefly at the Fairfield Medical Center Police Department until he joined the Lancaster Police Department in February of 1994. Tolly has earned an associate degree in criminal justice from Columbus State Community College, a bachelor's, and a master's degree in justice administration, both from Tiffin University, and has a graduate degree in Christian ministry from Vineyard Leadership Institute. He is a graduate of the Police Executive Leadership College (PELC – Class 63) and is a Certified Law Enforcement Executive (CLEE – Class XIX). Deputy Chief Tolly is a past president, 2nd vice president, trustee, and chaplain of the Fraternal Order of Police – Forest Rose Lodge 50.

Deputy Chief Tolly has been assigned to many roles throughout his tenure. He was hired as a patrol officer and later became a bicycle patrol officer, crime scene evidence technician, field training officer, community services unit (CSU) supervisor, and a special response team (SRT) member, team leader, and commander. Tolly has progressively risen through the ranks from patrol officer, sergeant, lieutenant, and captain to his current position, deputy chief, which he was promoted to in the spring of 2022.

Deputy Chief Tolly and his wife, Dora, and their two children reside in Lancaster, Ohio.

exciting growth —

2022 was an exciting year for growth at the Lancaster Police Department. Significant changes occurred from the hard work, dedication, and motivation of our members!



As a major asset for the community and long awaited tool for our officers, our K9, Omega, was obtained in 2022 and will assist with missing persons, safer apprehensions, and drug detection.

As a form of force multiplier, the Lancaster Police Department began deploying Community Services personnel, along with K9 Unit personnel, to begin the Directed Patrol Unit.

This unit will alleviate patrol resources being drained for specific and/or acute enforcement. The unit has already had great success in addressing quality of life issues in the city of Lancaster. The goal for 2023 is to have this unit staffed with full time assignments from the patrol division.



10 Officers Hired in 2022

Our officer count took a significant jump with the hiring of (10) officers. A change to the recruiting / hiring procedures has proved beneficial.

Headquarters (Physical) Updates

Officers, dispatchers, volunteers, and the LCPAAA assisted with updating the look of the department. Several projects were completed by volunteer/ personnel work alone. The department began its process to aligning our agency with the same mission as our people.

Supervisory Restructure

The captain position was eliminated and three lieutenants now lead the patrol bureau, special services unit(s), and administrative sections. This has resulted in more equitable work output.

Online Reporting

We began directing citizens to an online reporting method if no investigation is needed (purpose only events). This has helped keep our most valuable asset, the officer, on the street.

Marc's Radio Communications

We were authorized to begin our transition to the MARCS radio system. This system allows us to communicate with nearly all public safety agencies in Ohio.

Dispatch Center at Full Staff

Our communication center reached full staffing with the addition of 5 hires by the end of 2022.

Digitization of Forms

The department began removing the inefficient and redundant paper form processes.

Department Logo / Patch Updating

Although not complete, the department made significant progress in updating the agency's logo and patch. This project is near completion and we will welcome the updated appearance. The department's logo will standardize our organization's letterhead, documentation, and signage.

Revamped Field Training Program

An emphasis was placed on the exposure of young officers to a structured, monitored, and reliable training process once they arrive at LPD.

staffing | hiring —

Law enforcement agencies across the United States are struggling to recruit and hire police officers. Due to this crisis, the Lancaster Police Department made a concerted effort to change the way we connect with potential recruits. In 2022, we added a record high 10 officers.



advertise

Law enforcement has changed. Agencies must be willing to admit that change, and develop a mission around it. Our newest officers are hungry for purpose and leadership. As a result, our recruiting efforts have taken extra steps to get into schools, police academies, trade shows, and social media.

connect

We are beginning to develop an agency that potential recruits “want” to join. With specialized units, employee driven approaches, and an emphasis on support — we are connecting with individuals that want ownership of their career, and are finding that ownership with the Lancaster Police Department.

follow through

Our recruiting process has been refined, with added pressure to the background investigation phase. We have installed checks that keep our background investigators in more frequent and in-person contact, further showing interest to applicants. The proof is in the feedback of our newest officers that often state they felt like “Lancaster wanted them more” than competing agencies.

We continued our efforts to purposely and actively recruit highly qualified candidates in all positions. Our agency is encouraged by the caliber of candidates we continue to attract interest from, and we have seamlessly adapted to this updated style.

Overall, we have been very fortunate and successful in drawing candidates that meet, and more importantly exceed, the requirements to become a police officer. Despite a national trend reflecting a law enforcement hiring crisis, **the Lancaster Police Department hired ten (10) additional officers in 2022** with plans to hire at least eight (9) more in 2023. We currently have (66) sworn officers with an authorized strength of (75). In addition, **we hired five (5) communications technicians in 2022** - that number is nearly half of the total communication technician staff!

A unique aspect of the hiring process involved a long-awaited transformation from the traditional seated written examination to an accessible web-based examination. The Lancaster Civil Service Commission voted to incorporate the National Testing Network (NTN) to extend the reach of our recruiting efforts. They also awarded additional percentage advantages for those applicants with educational, military, and especially Ohio Peace Officer certification.

HIRING INFORMATION



hiring —

Officers (10 hired)



Corey Snyder
HIRED March 14, 2022



Spencer Skillman
HIRED May 9, 2022



Zachary Valentine
HIRED May 13, 2022



Noah Luikart
HIRED June 6, 2022



Harley Northcut III
HIRED June 27, 2022



Kobie Reed
HIRED July 13, 2022



Nathaniel Rennie
HIRED August 8, 2022



Vancil Casebolt II
HIRED August 11, 2022



Justine Hafley
HIRED October 24, 2022



Chandler Evanichko
HIRED December 12, 2022

Dispatchers (5 hired)



Montana Pompeo
HIRED January 17, 2022



Lacey Wilson
HIRED March 15, 2022



Clara Bernthold
HIRED March 21, 2022



Jessica Flowers
HIRED September 19, 2022



Paula Jones
HIRED October 24, 2022

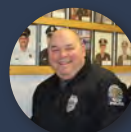
Maintenance (2 hired)



Dennis Lott
HIRED March 21, 2022



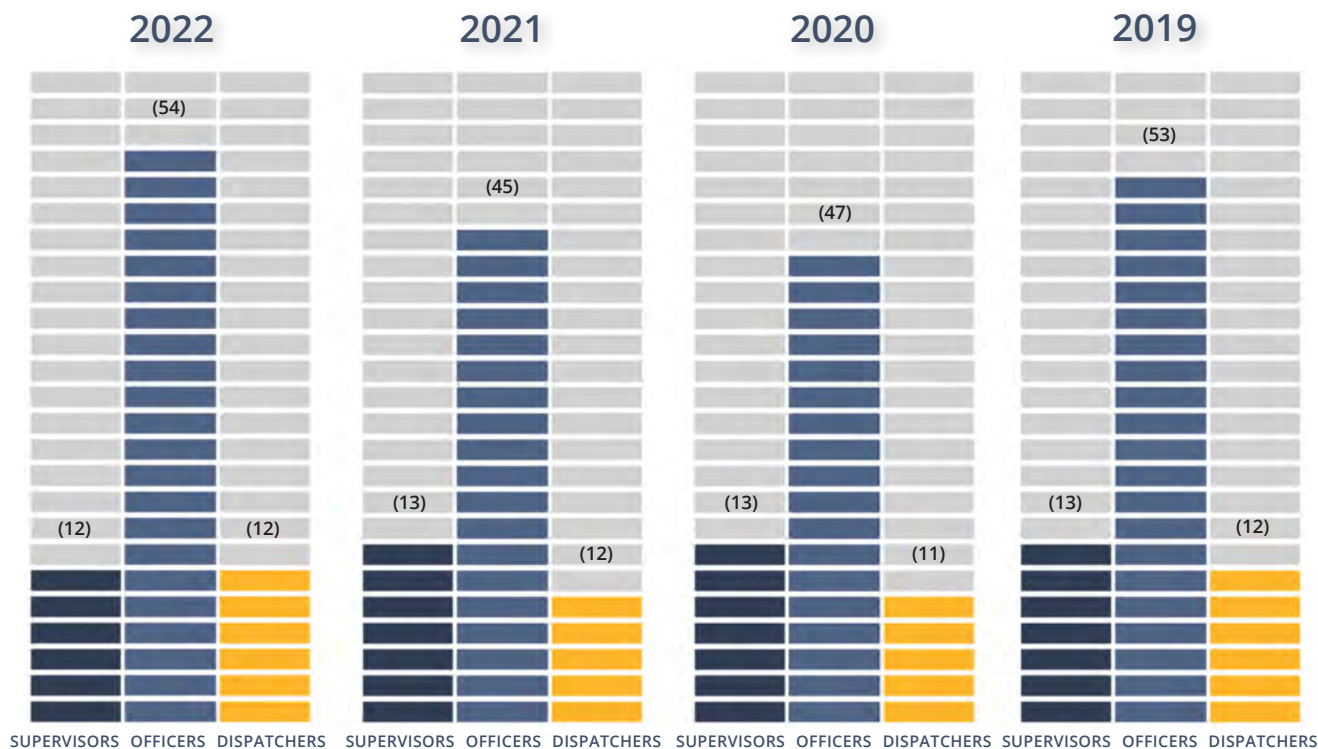
Karen Lott
HIRED March 21, 2022



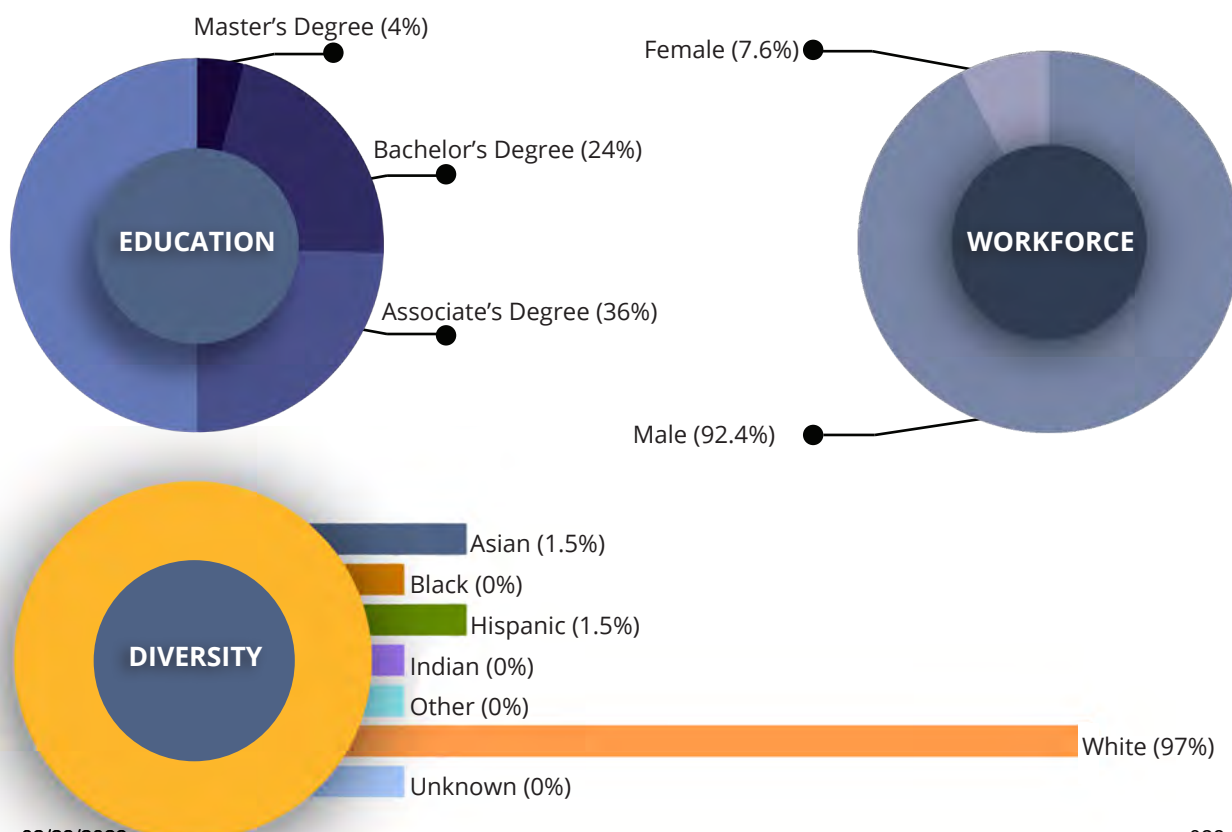
Rod Sandy
(January 1 of 2023)

by the numbers —

A year-to-year comparison of the Lancaster Police Department's people.

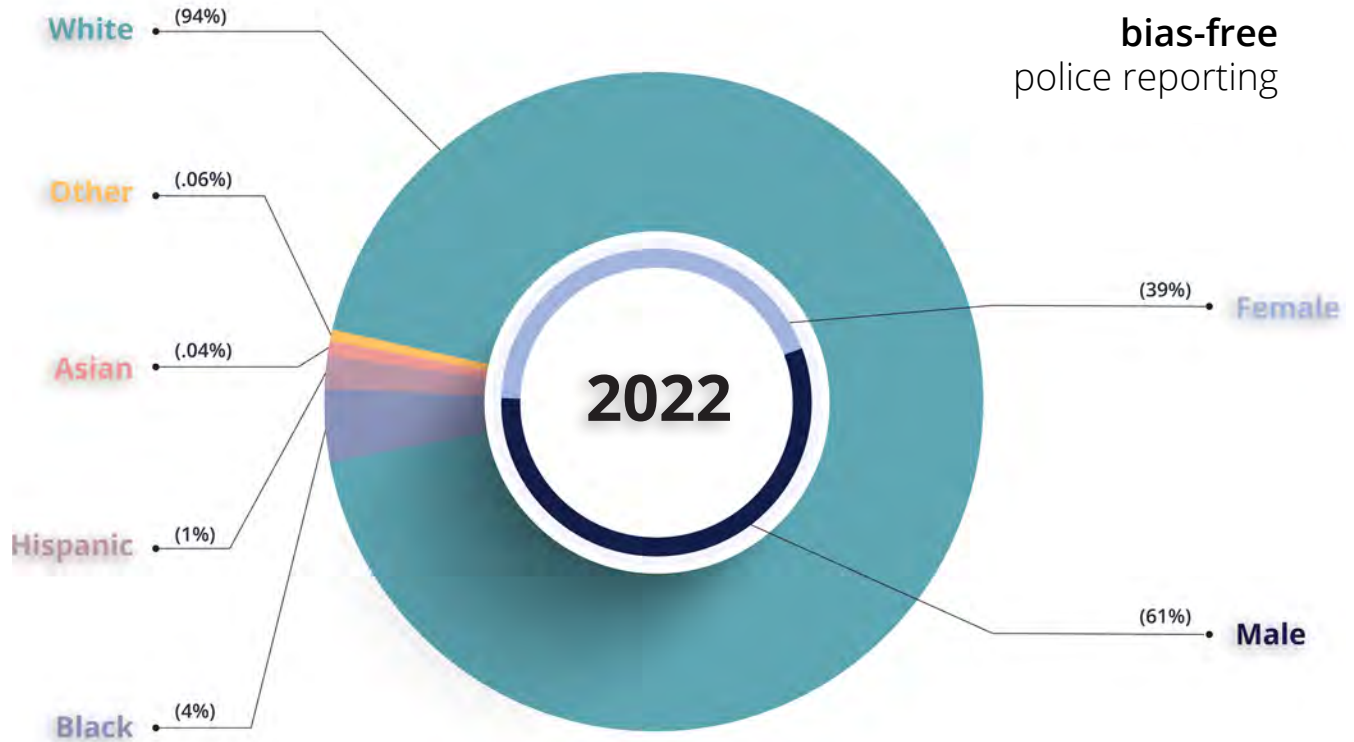


Sworn Personnel (66)



bias-free policing report

This report provides insight to the agency's practices and bias-based policing data for the purposes of pro-actively identifying potential issues related to training, conduct, policy, or other community concerns.



The Lancaster Police Department sources bias free policing information from self-initiated traffic stop data (including motor vehicle accidents) regardless of enforcement action, search, impound, arrest, warning, or citation.

the data

TOTAL Traffic Interactions in 2022

2,868

White	2,301
Black	121
Hispanic	21
Asian	11
Male	1,511
Female	958
Unreported/Error	414

data —

Dispatch center call data statistics / officer initiated activity.

58,291

calls for service

Involving Gun	153
Involving Knife	43
Domestic Violence/Dispute	1,127
Fight	256
Person in Crisis	363
Removal of Person(s)	850
Overdose	190
Check Suspicious Person(s)	2,009
Check Suspicious Vehicle(s)	1,135
Traffic Stop	2,574
Welfare Check	1,373

The Lancaster Police Department remains one of the most active law enforcement agencies in central Ohio. Total calls for service consistently target the 60k per year range — requiring our dispatchers and officers to be at their best, at all times.

CALL TYPE	2022	2021	2020	2019		2022	2021	2020	2019
911 HANG-UP/OPEN LINE	1257	1508	1739	2035	LOG ENTRY ONLY	3843	4455	4237	4500
ALARM	1619	1410	1601	1752	PERSON IN CRISIS	363	278	282	298
AREA WATCH	8611	2223	3635	1419	MISSING PERSON/RUNAWAY	206	197	186	272
ASSAULT	220	216	239	288	MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT	131	108	118	148
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	1079	1083	1170	1367	OVERDOSE	190	195	149	127
AUTO ACCIDENT	980	1060	972	1143	PARKING VIOLATION	613	637	939	892
AUTO ACCIDENT WITH INJURY	214	244	202	243	PROWLER	31	64	96	66
AUTO ACCIDENT /FATAL/NEAR FATAL	5	5	2	4	REMOVAL	850	894	160	956
AUTO ACCIDENT HITSKIP	311	398	330	368	SERVING WARRANT/COURT PAF	812	782	1155	1904
AUTO ACCIDENT NON INVESTIGATIVE	31	23	13	49	SPECIAL DETAIL	653	600	577	934
AUTO ACCIDENT OFFICER INVOLVED	4	3	3	2	STALKING	23	18	18	35
BITE/ANIMAL	27	39	38	26	SUICIDE	5	11	7	7
BURGLARY/BREAKING&ENTERING	74	235	313	486	SUICIDE ATTEMPT	259	238	225	306
DISABLED VEHICLE	277	249	246	280	SUSPICIOUS PERSON	2009	1977	2337	2088
DISTRICT CHECK	4340	4608	7190	6308	SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE	1135	1188	1397	1377
DISTURBANCE	449	2	759	644	THEFT	850	999	1183	1538
DEATH/DOA	43	54	69	33	THREATS	364	409	393	408
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/DISPUTE	1127	1231	1577	1086	TPO/CPO VIOLATION	134	92	71	101
EMERGENCY SQUAD	7393	6866	6330	6916	TRAFFIC STOP	2574	2508	2718	3877
FIGHT	256	206	229	266	UNLAWFUL ENTRY TO VEHICLE	92	67	154	150
FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATIONS	1424	1296	1081	1096	UNSECURED DOOR	92	83	87	104
FOUND/RECOVERED PROPERTY	306	293	359	421	VACATION/HOUSE CHECK	773	65	130	223
GUN	153	171	209	179	VANDALISM	409	285	391	474
HARASSMENT	401	475	376	495	WELFARE CHECK	1373	1113	1034	1100
IDENTITY THEFT	102	167	95	78					
KNIFE	43	38	55	56					
					TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	58,291	50,839	56,564	62,282

jurisdiction by zones —

Our coverage and call response is broken up in “districts”. These districts are the responsibility of the assigned officer(s) during every shift. Many officers prefer working the same area(s) due to familiarization and contacts.



d1

District 1 covers the city's west side. This district includes many small businesses, but the majority of the area is residential. District 1's activity remains steady throughout the 24 hour shift cycle.

d2

District 2 covers the city's north side. This district includes a large portion of the city's retail shopping complexes. The district also encompasses many residential neighbourhoods. District 2's activity peaks during business hours.

d3

District 3 covers the city's east side. This district spans over a large area, and is not as condensed as the other zones. Most of the calls for service in this district are residential in nature. The city's largest rental properties are in district 3.

d4

District 4 covers the city's south side. This district includes a mix of residential, commercial, and rental properties. Most calls for service that arrive at headquarters are taken by district 4 officers.

d5

District 5 covers the city's central landscape. This zone often receives heavy call volume during all hours. Zone 5 includes residential, commercial, parks, alcohol establishments, and heavily congested traffic.

Additional Deployed Assets

As staffing allows, the Lancaster Police Department will deploy several enforcement focused officers throughout the city to impact specific infractions/crime.

- Traffic Enforcement
- Business Area Presence
- School Zone Monitoring
- Drug Interdiction
- Area Watches
- OVI Enforcement
- Parking Enforcement

command staff —

administration

Internal Projects
Training Compliance
Departmental Audits

patrol

Patrol Commander
Fleet Management
Officer/Supervisor after
action review(s)

special services

Detective Bureau
Major Crimes Unit
Community Services
Systems Access



Christopher Caton
Administrative Lieutenant

Lieutenant Caton has served the Lancaster Police Department for over twenty-four years. Caton has been previously assigned to the patrol bureau, bicycle patrol unit, and Community Services Unit. He is very well respected by Lancaster's educational body, having instructed thousands of hours of D.A.R.E. programming to youth in our community.



Matthew Chambers
Patrol Commander

Lieutenant Chambers has served the Lancaster Police for twenty-eight years and has over thirty years of total law enforcement experience. Chambers has an immense amount of patrol related experience, progressing throughout the ranks of the patrol bureau from patrol officer, sergeant, and lieutenant. He previously served as the agency's detective bureau commander, and has led department wide initiatives including (most recently) our Tyler Tech CAD system.

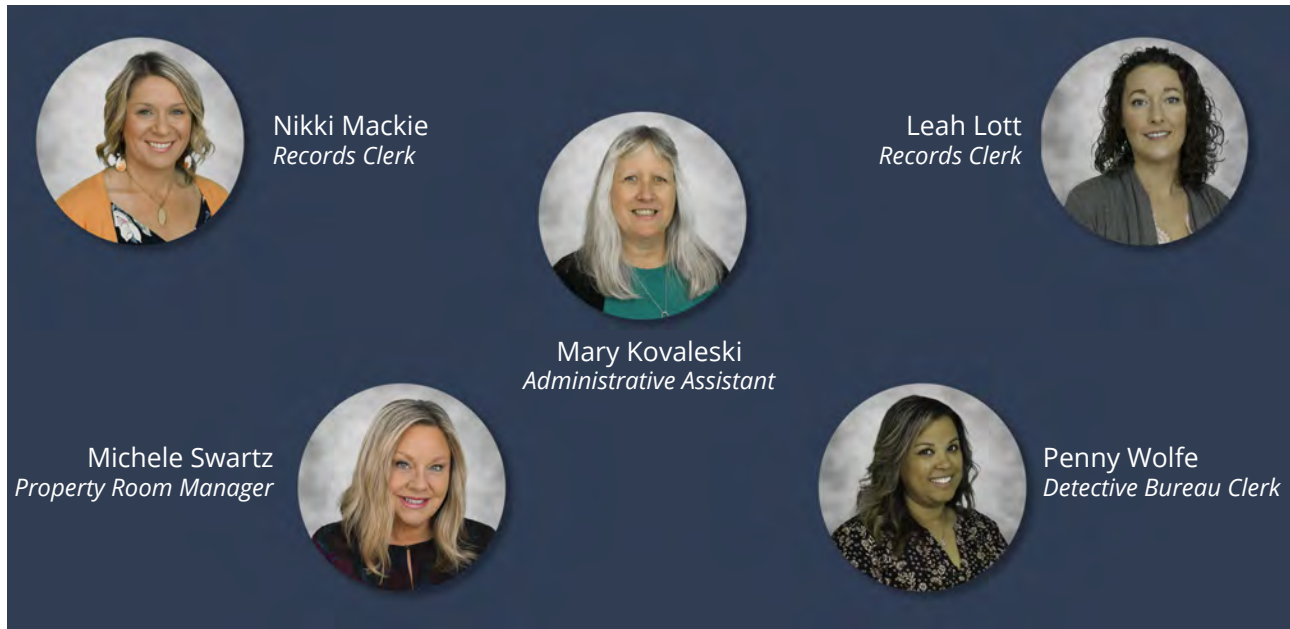


Matthew Poffenbarger
Special Services Commander

Lieutenant Poffenbarger began his career with the Lancaster Police Department in 2007 after spending six years at the Franklin County, Ohio, Sheriff's Office. Lieutenant Poffenbarger has served in several capacities within the department, including patrol officer, patrol sergeant, and patrol lieutenant. He has also served as a hostage negotiator since 2017 and served as FOP union president from 2011 until his promotion to sergeant in 2016.

support staff —

The Lancaster Police Department support staff are relied heavily upon to ensure efficient agency operations both internally and externally. Many times, our support staff are tasked with knowing more than one position, and regularly lend assistance on unrelated projects without hesitation.



Did you know?

- The support staff is responsible for key reporting including **bias-free policing** and **traffic/fine data**.
- **Public records requests** are efficiently managed as a result of the staff's training and experience.
- Many staff members cross-train for understanding of (nearly) all positions.
- Support staff are typically the **first interaction** people have with our agency.



records

The records staff touch nearly every paper record that comes through the police department. With the movement to digital documentation, records staff deliver this information to thousands of people every month.

Bias-free policing reports, fine intake, public records requests, data reporting, call taking, and public relations are key elements of their position.



administration

Mary Kovalski's knowledge and dedication to the Lancaster Police Department is unmatched. She is the face that everyone knows in our building.

Mary handles budgeting adjustments, payment delivery, and vendor management — all while assisting the Chief's office with day to day planning and organization.



detective bureau

Detective Bureau staff organize the (extremely) complex file management for the department's investigative units. Relationships with local, state, and federal reporting depositories are crucial.

In addition, the evidence room is one of the most sensitive arm(s) of law enforcement. Documentation and processes must be meticulous.

front line supervision —

These leaders establish the tone by maintaining the standards of the department and demonstrate the mission of the agency for the entire patrol division.

first watch

7am - 3pm

second watch

3pm - 11pm

third watch

11pm - 7am



Matthew Ream

1st Watch Sergeant

- Special Response Team Commander
- Department Training Coordinator
- Federal 1033 / DRMO Administrator
- Department Major Event Coordinator



Bryan Underwood

1st Watch Sergeant

- 2022 Markwood Award Winner
- Former Special Services Commander
- Department's AXON Coordinator



Jeff Thurston

2nd Watch Sergeant

- Special Response Team Member
- Former Major Crimes Unit Detective
- Officer of the Year (2022)



front line supervision —

These leaders establish the tone by maintaining the standards of the department and demonstrate the mission of the agency for the entire patrol division.

first watch

7am - 3pm

second watch

3pm - 11pm

third watch

11pm - 7am



Alex Sinewe

2nd Watch Sergeant

- Special Response Team Member
- Former Member of the Detective Bureau
- *Promoted to Sergeant in Early 2023



Eric Eggleston

3rd Watch Sergeant

- Former D.A.R.E. Instructor
- Wealth of Patrol Experience
- Voted by Officers for Shift Officer of the Year (2022, 3rd Shift)



Simon Hall

3rd Watch Sergeant

- Special Response Team Leader
 - Firearms Instructor
 - Detective Bureau Experience
 - Voted by Officers for Shift Officer of the Year (2022, *First Shift)
- *previous assignment



first watch

7am - 3pm

patrol division —

The patrol division is the backbone of the Lancaster Police Department. With nearly 60,000 calls for service per year, our officers must be well supported, dedicated, and proficiently trained.



Michael McManaway

1st Watch



Tyler Welsh

1st Watch



Erik Spiegel

1st Watch



Franklin Graf

1st Watch



Curtis Guisinger

1st Watch



Roxx Watson

1st Watch



Brian St. Clair

1st Watch



Luke Ayers

1st Watch



James Marshall

1st Watch



Christopher Cook

1st Watch



Henry Lanham

1st Watch



Nathaniel Rennie

Field Training



Terry Williams

1st Watch



Vancil Casebolt II

Field Training



James Schorr Jr.

1st Watch



Chandler Evanichko

Police Academy

second watch

3pm - 11pm

patrol division

Suspicious person(s), welfare checks, domestic disturbances/assaults, and drug related offenses account for most of the division's workload. These incidents are also the most unpredictable (nationwide).



Adam Locke

2nd Watch



Nicholas Poorman

2nd Watch



Michael Callander

2nd Watch



Alexis Smith

2nd Watch



Andrew Hoyt

2nd Watch



Mark Squires

2nd Watch



Brian Malone

2nd Watch



Brandon Eveland

2nd Watch



Levi Benner

2nd Watch



Adam Currence

2nd Watch



Esfreiner Delgado-Prado

2nd Watch



Corey Snyder

2nd Watch



Michael Jones

2nd Watch



Taylor Dean

2nd Watch

third watch

11pm - 7am

patrol division

Nearly all officers assigned to the patrol division are CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) trained, a practice focused on de-escalation. Of the nearly 60,000 calls for service per year, only a handful result in officer involved use of force.



Raymond Hambel
3rd Watch



Matthew Witryk
3rd Watch



Marlo Morehouse
3rd Watch



Noah Luikart
3rd Watch



Jared Howell
3rd Watch



Harley Northcut III
3rd Watch



Troy Rine
3rd Watch



Kobie Reed
3rd Watch



Kyle Lindsey
3rd Watch



Spencer Skillman
Field Training



Cody Callihan
3rd Watch



Zachary Valentine
Field Training



Adam Dilley
3rd Watch



Justine Hafley
Field Training



MacKenzie Warren
3rd Watch

communications —

Morning, noon, or night, the communications center is staffed with 2-3 communication technicians handling the entire spectrum of requests for safety services. Our communication technicians must be prepared for every possible crisis as they are the lifeline between safety and harm.



Nikolet Meadows

PSAP Supervisor

PSAP Supervisor Niki Meadows has been employed with the Lancaster Police Department since 2012. Meadows has earned an associate's degree in law enforcement and a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Ohio University. She was promoted to PSAP Supervisor in January of 2022. PSAP Supervisor Meadows has over 10 years of experience as a public safety dispatcher. Meadows resides in Lancaster with her husband, Jason.



Stacy England

1st Watch



Clara Bernthold

2nd Watch



Aimee Marshall

1st Watch



Kimberly Bever

3rd Watch



Kimberly Ream

1st Watch



Jenna Webster

3rd Watch



Jessica Flowers

1st Watch



Lacey Wilson

3rd Watch



Rachel Malone

2nd Watch



Paula Jones

Field Training



Montana Pompeo

2nd Watch



Christy Sutphen

Retired, January 2023

community services



Charles Sims

Community Services Unit Sergeant

Sergeant Sims has been with the Lancaster Police Department for eleven years, including the patrol bureau and Major Crimes Unit (detective). Sims is a graduate of Logan Elm High School (2001). In 2005, Sims graduated from The University of Rio Grande with an associate's degree in sociology. In 2016, Sims completed the D.A.R.E. instructor course, in Columbus, Ohio. He has instructed over 2,000 students in the last six years. Sims serves as an A.L.I.C.E. (active shooter) instructor, CRASE (active shooter) instructor, and is the team leader of the Hostage Negotiation Team. In 2022, Sims was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and became the supervisor of the Community Services Unit.

Sergeant Sims, his wife and two children reside in Pickaway County.



Andrew Bennett

D.A.R.E. Officer | Community Services



Austin Pierce / K9 "Omega"

K9 Handler | Directed Patrol



The Drug Abuse Resistance Education provides children with skills they need to avoid involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence. Our certified DARE officers also install curriculum to educate youth on the impact of bullying.

- Teach directly in the schools
- Identifies at risk youth
- Incorporates school safety
- Lasting positive impacts



In late 2022, our very first K9 handler was sent to grueling training in an effort to equip our agency with an invaluable tool. Our K9 "Omega" will be an asset for this agency and the community.

- Search and rescue
- Drug interdiction
- Performs search / apprehension with less risk to officer(s)



The Directed Patrol Unit will serve as a partner to the community. Often times (quality of life) issues occur within our neighborhoods that are difficult to address by routine patrol. This unit will focus on proactive measures to address these issues.

- Concentration on acute crime / unsafe traffic patterns
- Community outreach
- Special events

detective bureau —

The detective bureau is responsible for investigating all major felony level violent crime, sexual assaults, and property crime. Detectives are on-call 24/7, and often respond to complicated crime scenes in an effort to maintain the department's mission of high quality police service to all.



Matthew Poffenbarger

Commander, Detective Bureau / Community Services

Lieutenant Poffenbarger began his career with the Lancaster Police Department in 2007 after spending six years at the Franklin County, Ohio, Sheriff's Office. Lieutenant Poffenbarger has served in several capacities within the department, including patrol officer, patrol sergeant, and patrol lieutenant. He has also served as a hostage negotiator since 2017 and served as FOP union president from 2011 until his promotion to sergeant in 2016. Poffenbarger was assigned as the commander of the Special Services units in February of 2022.



Kurt Humbert

Detective



John Browning

Detective (recently assigned from patrol)



Dan Thomas

Detective



Anthony Haupt

Major Crimes Unit



Alex Sinewe

Detective (recently promoted to sergeant)



Trent Temper

Major Crimes Unit



Ernie King

Detective



Penny Wolfe

Detective Bureau Clerk



Chris Jubach

Detective



Michele Swartz

Evidence Room Manager



detective bureau

Notable Cases / Statistics

abduction

On March 3, 2022, an 11 year old girl was walking to her bus stop and was abducted by an adult male. The female was sexually assaulted, but managed to flee the area. Detectives worked quickly to identify a truck used by the suspect. After working the lead, detectives soon gained enough information to arrest and charge the suspect.

robbery

On October 31, 2022, Walgreens and B.P. gas station were robbed within minutes of each other. Throughout the following two days, detectives worked tirelessly to develop information on the suspect. On November 2, 2022, the suspect was arrested.

felonious assault

On April 27, 2022, a female reported a serious physical assault. Detectives developed enough information to complete two separate search warrants, and eventually executed the warrants at the suspect's residence. Nearly 40 grams of Methamphetamine and 8 firearms were located. The suspect was immediately charged.

theft

On February 23, 2022, an employee of Reflections Retirement Community was alleged to have misspent nearly \$15,000 of the business's money during her employment. Detectives investigated the allegation with the business and developed key information leading to charges for theft.

abduction

On August 19, 2022, officers and detectives responded to the area of Circle K (East Main Street) on the report of a frantic female stating her vehicle was stolen with her child still inside. Detectives and officers searched the area, eventually locating the vehicle and child a short time later. The child was unharmed. Through an investigation, the suspect was identified and arrested.

interference with custody

On December 13, 2022, six children were taken against Child Protective Services orders from Ohio to the state of Florida. CPS had significant concerns for the safety and welfare of the children. The biological mother of the children, as well as the biological father of at least one of the children refused to return them to Ohio, choosing instead to flee. Detectives worked to pinpoint the location of the couple and they were subsequently arrested. The children were returned safely to Ohio.

shooting

March 11, 2022, a male fired a gun at another male during an altercation at the Certified gas station. Detectives responded and spoke to witnesses of the shooting. Evidence was gathered during the initial investigation and search warrants were obtained as a result of that investigation. During a search of the suspect's residence, detectives seized bulk amounts of Fentanyl, Methamphetamine, Heroin, and prescription medication. The suspect was arrested and charged for the shooting as well as his involvement with drug trafficking.

Case Type	2022	2022 CLOSED	2021	2021 CLOSED	2020	2020 CLOSED
Burglary/B&E	17	16	14	10	40	39
Robbery	13	11	11	7	10	7
Att. Homicide/Homicide	0	0	3	3	0	0
Felonious Assault	3	2	2	1	10	8
Death	34	27	52	47	30	26
Theft/Forgery	29	23	38	24	64	57
Motor Vehicle Theft	1	1	0	0	6	6
Missing Person	12	12	13	12	15	14
Vandalism	2	2	0	0	11	11
Sex Offenses	118	103	98	82	73	69
Background Investigations	25					
Totals:	229	197	231	186	259	237
Totals with backgrounds:	254		231	186	259	237
% Criminal Closure Rate		86.02%		80.52%		91.50%

"The world is full of obvious things which nobody by any chance ever observes."

~ Arthur Conan Doyle

maintenance —

These dedicated individuals are responsible for many of the behind-the-scenes functions of our agency. Maintenance personnel maintain the mechanicals of the police department building and grounds. They take care of janitorial, equipment, and repair responsibilities.



Dennis Lott
2022



Karen Lott
2022



Rod Sandy
2023

Our maintenance staff are the heart and soul of the Lancaster Police Department headquarters. It doesn't matter whether Lancaster suffers through a blizzard or heat wave, the police department must remain functional. In 2022, we were blessed to have Dennis and Karen Lott help guide us through some of the largest failures our building has experienced in its lifetime.

In 2023, our department welcomed back retired officer, Rod Sandy, to fill Dennis and Karen's shoes. Rod is a beloved coworker and we look forward to having him back in the building. With this transition, we will utilize him for department training, exercises, and the knowledge he brings from such an accomplished career.



special response team —

The mission of the Special Response Team is the preservation of life and property during critical incidents and high-risk operations. Our Special Response Team trains above national standards, and has successfully resolved incidents ranging from hostage rescue to warrant service.



Matthew Ream

Commander, Special Response Team

Sergeant Ream began his career in 1999 and has over 23 years of committed service to the Lancaster Police Department. Ream obtained the rank of sergeant while serving in the United States Army Military Police Corps, 101st Airborne Division - Air Assault. Ream also obtained an associate's degree in police science from Hocking College. Ream became a member of the Special Response Team in 2001, team leader in 2012, and team commander in 2022.

team leaders

Simon Hall
Ernie King

team members

Terry Williams
Jeff Thurston
Alex Sinewe
Trent Temper
Chris Jubach
Brian Malone
Jay Delgado
Tyler Welsh
Levi Benner

hostage negotiators

Charles Sims (Team Leader)
Matthew Poffenbarger
James Schorr Jr.
John Browning
Michael Jones

notable callouts in 2022



Standoff, Suicidal Female w/Firearm (February 12, 2022)

SRT members (and patrol) resolved a situation involving a female armed with a handgun threatening harm. The female was safely taken into custody after lengthy communication.

High-Risk Warrant Service (March 14, 2022)

The detective bureau requested assistance apprehending a male subject accused of a shooting. The individual was known to be armed and had an extremely violent criminal history. SRT responded and after the subject's initial refusal, negotiations were successful in getting the subject to exit his residence safely.

High-Risk Warrant Service (March 15, 2022)

SRT members served a warrant on two individuals reportedly in possession of handgun(s) and an AR-15. The entry was successful with no reported injuries.

Barricaded Subject (June 23, 2022)

SRT responded to a male subject barricaded in his residence with a firearm. SRT members and negotiators responded to the scene and set the perimeter/command post. After negotiations, the subject safely surrendered.

Homicide Suspect Apprehension (August 6, 2022)

SRT members assisted the United States Marshal's in attempting to locate a homicide suspect on the city's west side. Tactical / logistical support was provided for the operation.

honor guard —

The Honor Guard Unit was created in 2002 to represent the department at various special functions across the city. The unit currently has eight members, many of which have previously served in the United States Armed Forces.



Eric Eggleston
Sergeant, Honor Guard



Bryan Underwood
Sergeant, Honor Guard



Raymond Hambel
Officer, Honor Guard



James Marshall
Officer, Honor Guard



Jared Howell
Officer, Honor Guard



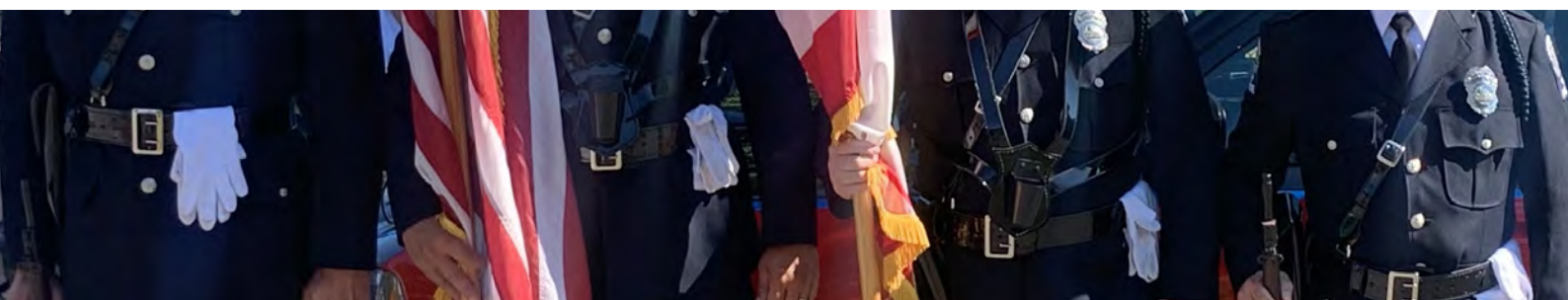
Tyler Welsh
Officer, Honor Guard



Brandon Eveland
Officer, Honor Guard



James Schorr Jr.
Officer, Honor Guard



crash investigation unit

This unit responds to crashes day and night. They utilize technology to investigate complex crashes resulting in serious injury or death. The unit consists of one traffic reconstructionist and two technical crash investigators.



Simon Hall
Sergeant
Crash Reconstructionist

Alcohol Related	48	Pedestrian Related	22
Bicycle Related	10	Red Light/Stop Sign	55
Commercial Related	41	School Bus Related	3
Deer Related	14	Speed Related	41



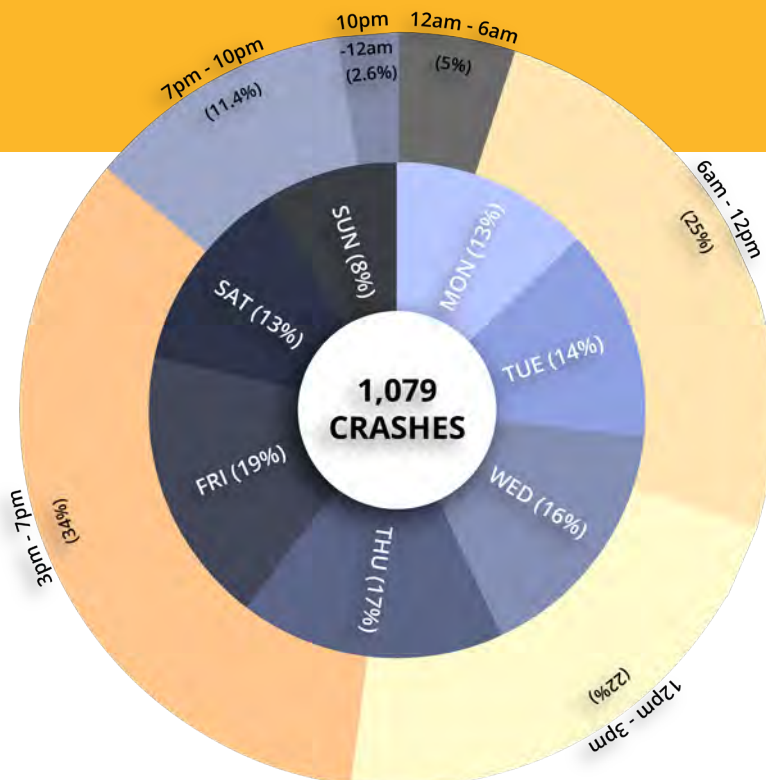
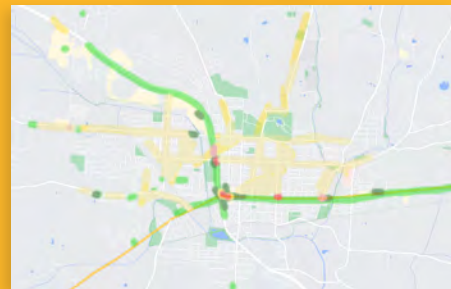
Tyler Welsh
Officer
Technical Crash Investigator

Distracted Related	51	Teen Related	143
Drug Related	27	Unbelted	150
Failure to Yield	235	Work Zone	2
Motorcycle Related	15	Youth	312
OVI Related	58		



Roxx Watson
Officer
Technical Crash Investigator

CRASH HEAT MAP



SOFAST —

Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team



The Southern Ohio Fugitive Apprehension Strike Team (SOFAST) is a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement organization created to arrest the most violent felons in the Southern District of Ohio. Strike teams are headquartered in the largest metropolitan areas: Columbus, Dayton, and Cincinnati. SOFAST is comprised of agents, officers, and deputies from multiple federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies. Each member of SOFAST is deputized as a Special Deputy U.S. Marshal, thereby giving the member an ability to travel to apprehend the worst criminal offenders. The SOFAST unit emphasizes identifying and pursuing fugitives who have been documented as gang members and sharing gang intelligence with local law enforcement.

In 2022, the Lancaster Police Department assisted the task force by assigning four officers to the program. In addition to utilizing our officers for this shared goal, the Lancaster Police Department benefitted by receiving assistance from SOFAST in locating and arresting local offenders that had otherwise been successful in avoiding apprehension.



Daniel Thomas
Detective



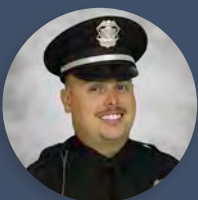
Brian Malone
Officer, 2nd Watch



Alex Sinewe
Sergeant, 2nd Watch



Franklin Graf
Officer, 1st Watch



Luke Ayers
Officer, 1st Watch



Jared Howell
Officer, 3rd Watch



drug recognition expert —

A drug recognition expert or drug recognition evaluator (DRE) is a police officer trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol.



Marlo Morehouse

Drug Recognition Expert

Officer Marlo Morehouse is available 24/7 to respond and assist not only Lancaster Police Department Officers, but she is often called upon by several central Ohio agencies for her expertise in the detection and prosecution of impaired drivers. In 2022 Officer Morehouse conducted 6 enforcement D.R.E. evaluations for the city of Lancaster alone. In addition to her enforcement commitment, Officer Morehouse created a mentor program aimed to identify officers interested in becoming a D.R.E.

blood and alcohol testing summary

2022 Blood / Urine Tests	Total Tests	Alcohol Only Test	Drug Only Test	Alcohol/Drug Test	Urine Test	Blood Test
January	3	0	1	2	1	2
February	2	0	0	2	1	1
March	3	0	1	2	1	2
April	5	0	2	3	3	2
May	4	0	1	3	4	0
June	1	0	0	1	0	1
July	2	0	2	0	1	1
August	1	0	0	1	1	0
September	2	0	1	1	1	1
October	4	0	0	4	1	3
November	3	0	2	1	1	2
December	2	0	1	1	2	0
Totals	32	0	11	21	17	15



LCPAA —

Lancaster Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association

The LCPAAA was formed to bring together graduates of the Lancaster Citizen Police Academy in their effort to improve the relationship between the police department and its citizens. The LCPAAA works together to assist the department with endeavours that would otherwise cost the valuable time of the agency and/or its members. The Lancaster Police Department would not be where it is today without the generous contributions of this amazing group of people.



driving force behind the:

- Kids & Cops Event
- Parade Organization
- Shop with a Cop
- National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
- Safety Town Support
- City of Lancaster Beggars Night Support
- City of Lancaster Annual Auction Support
- Fairfield County Fair Support
- Lancaster Police Department Awards Banquet

contributing to assist with:

- Special Response Team Equipment
- Updating LPD Headquarters
- Retirement Celebrations
- Promotional Celebrations
- Officer Safety Equipment
- K9 Program Assistance

events —

A reactive law enforcement agency will not result in successful relationships with the community. The Lancaster Police Department continues to emphasize engagement with the people it serves.

kids & cops day

Kids and Cops Day started in 2016 as an event to allow children to interact with police officers, firefighters, and other first responders. Children learn about the jobs of a first responder, and have the opportunity to meet, explore, and ask questions. Every year approximately 2,000 people attend Kids and Cops Day.



shop with a cop

Shop with a Cop pairs Fairfield County families with Lancaster Police Officers and Lancaster Citizen Police Academy Alumni Association members for a Christmas shopping spree. This was the ninth year for our program, and this year, twenty children were selected for the event.

books + badges (and dogs..)

Chief Snyder, Common Pleas Magistrate, Jill Boone, The Connection Pet Therapy Program, The Recovery Center, and The Pearl House participated in Books + Badges. Magistrate Boone is an amazing author of children's books, and graciously donated many of her books for the event. Chief Snyder read books to the kids and the little ones were able to take Magistrate Boone's books home with them! The real stars of the show, the dogs, were around to help break the ice and put smiles on faces. Some of the children read books to the dogs!



safety town

safety town is a two week summer safety program designed for children entering kindergarten. each year, nearly 150 children attend to learn about decision making in potentially dangerous situations. it is a unique opportunity for children to be acclimated to a classroom environment, which lessens the anxiety of separation from parents for the upcoming school year.

events —

Here are a few more photos of some of the valuable interactions we had throughout the community in 2022.

juvenile court docket engagement

Fairfield County fair

overdose awareness day

4th of July parade

Christmas parade

department tours

operation teddy care

ground breaking ceremonies

community partnering

light Ohio blue

police officer Memorial Day

agency picnic



retirements —

The department had seven (7) retirements in 2022. The departures included a Chief, Deputy Chief, Captain, three (3) officers, and a Communication Technician.

Sworn Retirements (6)



Adam Pillar

RETIRED May 3, 2022

Chief Adam Pillar was hired on December 5, 1989. He began his career in the patrol division, and soon

promoted through every rank in the police department while also serving as a member of the Special Response Team. He was a great mentor, teacher, and leader of this agency. Chief Pillar served the citizens of Lancaster for 32 years.



Greg Yarbrough

RETIRED February 1, 2022

Officer Greg Yarbrough was hired on January 5, 1998. He served in the patrol division and as a member of the Special Response Team. He served the citizens of Lancaster for 24 years.



Dan Shupp

RETIRED February 4, 2022

Deputy Chief Dan Shupp was hired on February 25, 1994. He began his career in the patrol division, and was

assigned to the Detective Bureau almost immediately. Deputy Chief Shupp had unrivaled experience as an investigator and administrator. He was promoted through the ranks of the department, serving the citizens of Lancaster for 28 years.



David Thompson

RETIRED November 27, 2022

Officer David Thompson was hired on November 6, 2000. He served in the patrol division and was especially proficient at OVI enforcement. He served the citizens of Lancaster for 22 years.



Greg Seesholtz

RETIRED January 5, 2022

Captain Greg Seesholtz was hired on January 11, 1993. He served in the patrol division, Community Services Unit,

and Honor Guard. Captain Seesholtz was promoted through the ranks of the police department to Captain, serving the citizens of Lancaster for 29 years.



Rod Sandy

RETIRED January 24, 2022

Officer Rod Sandy was hired on September 20, 1993. He served in the patrol division, detective bureau, and as a

member of the Special Response Team. He served the citizens of Lancaster for 29 years.

Dispatcher Retirements (1)



Deb Hoffman

RETIRED February 28, 2022

Dispatcher Deb Hoffman was hired on April 7, 1997. She served as an experienced and dependable dispatcher in the communications division for 25 years.

promotions —

The department had six (6) sworn promotions and one (1) civilian promotion in 2022. The moves included every leadership role at the Lancaster Police Department.

Sworn Promotions (6)



Nicholas Snyder

*Chief of Police
May 9, 2022*

*Deputy Chief of Police
February 7, 2022*



William Tolly

*Deputy Chief of Police
May 9, 2022*



Christopher Caton

*Lieutenant
May 9, 2022*



Charles Sims

*Sergeant
February 7, 2022*



James Marshall

*Sergeant
May 9, 2022*

PSAP Supervisor Promotion (1)



Nikolet Meadows

*PSAP Supervisor
January 1, 2022*

awards —

Department members and, at times, citizens of Lancaster are recognized for their exemplary efforts in serving this community. The following individuals help make our agency an asset to this community.



Brett Markwood Award

Sergeant Bryan Underwood

The Brett Markwood award is presented to the top public safety member in Fairfield County. It is one of the highest honors a member of our agency can receive as a result of their dedication, skill, and commitment to their career.



Officer of the Year

Sergeant Jeff Thurston

This award carries a significant amount of respect due to the winner being chosen by their peers. It is not an appointed award. The men and women we work with every day choose their best example of the ideal officer.



Communication Technician of the Year

Rachel Malone

Dedicated to the safety of her officers, CT Malone was voted by her peers as the model dispatcher at the Lancaster Police Department. She is an asset to our agency and even more valuable as the lifeline for her coworkers.



Civilian of the Year

Mary Kovaleski

There isn't an employee at the police department that doesn't know Mary Kovaleski's spirit and kind heart. Mary is never too shy to help her coworkers fix a problem. Mary is the go-to for most, if not all, obstacles our members face.

Watch Officers of the Year

Sergeant Simon Hall, 1st Shift
Sergeant Jeff Thurston, 2nd Shift
Sergeant Eric Eggleston, 3rd Shift
Detective Ernie King, Special Services

2022 MADD Award of Excellence

Marlo Morehouse

Employees of the Quarter

Kim Ream (Q1 2022)
Michael McManaway (Q2 2022)
Daniel Thomas (Q3 2022)
Marlo Morehouse (Q4 2022)

2022 Tribute to Our Heroes Honoree

Simon Hall

The following awards are for actions in 2021; due to the timing of award nominations/voting, these awards are unknown until summer months.

Life Saving Award

Former Officer John Hill, Levi Benner, Nick Poorman, Luke Ayers, Adam Dilley, Christopher Cook, Brandon Eveland, Eric Eggleston, John Browning, Alexis Smith, Tyler Welsh

Randy Bartow Award

Tyler Welsh, Franklin Graf, Luke Ayers, Kurt Humbert, Terry Williams, Bryan Underwood

Chief's Cup Award

Alex Sinewe

Scott Moyer Rifle Competition Award

Adam Dilley
07/20/2023

Certificate of Recognition

Franklin Graf, Eric Eggleston, Michael McManaway, Stacey England

Certificate of Appreciation

Dennis Pool (Citizen), Glenda Woodgeard (Citizen)

Physical Readiness Award

Adam Pillar, Marlo Morehouse, Nicholas Snyder, Levi Benner, James Marshall, Simon Hall, Alex Sinewe, Trent Temper, Chris Jubach, Esfreiner Delgado-Prado, Adam Dilley

in memoriam —

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down their life for their friends.



William T. Osborne

End of Watch, December 23, 1909

Officer William Osborne was shot and killed while conducting a burglary surveillance at the Fairfield County Courthouse at approximately 1:00 am. He was struck in the leg by a shotgun round.



Brett D. Markwood #74

End of Watch, February 21, 1993

Officer Brett Markwood was shot and killed while chasing a man suspected of robbing a convenience store. Markwood and other officers had been called to the scene, following footprints that were left in the fresh snow. After a brief foot pursuit, the suspect shot Markwood in the face at close range.



Marvin S. Moyer #99

End of Watch, May 26, 2017

Officer Marvin "Scott" Moyer died as a result of contracting an infectious disease while backing up an officer with a subject resisting arrest on February 25th, 1998. Moyer had to break a window to remove the man from his car during a traffic stop as the man attempted to flee. Moyer, who also had a cut on his hand, came in contact with the infected man's blood.





end.

Lancaster Police Department
130 South Broad Street
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

February 22, 2023

- Commissioners Davis, Fix & Levacy
- County Administrator Cordle
- Deputy Administrator Porter
- Human Resources Director Watson -

Thank you for your initiation of
the Equifay approaches for
I-9 management and employment
verification.

This should improve the effectiveness
and efficiency of multiple
processes for all departments.

Kindest Regards,

Carli
County
Auditor

Chris
Financial
Systems
Director

Jen
Payroll
Manager

My Fairfield County Commissioners, Steve Davis, Jeff Fix and David Levacy:

I am very opposed to the Eastern Cottontail Industrial Solar farm being subsidized with my tax dollars in Fairfield County. Our government is broken and has failed the American people miserably. Ohio did not vote for Biden and his Green New Deal. I moved to Fairfield County in 2017 not knowing these thirty year leases for thousands of solar panels surrounding my retirement home were being signed. With all the plant-based diets, where will we grow our food? Agriculture has no voice in this matter in Fairfield County and across the country. Taking prime farmland and destroying it makes no sense. Making solar panels includes mining precious metals, which are coming from the earth. How is that green? And the majority of solar panels comes from China. They are killing birds and wildlife. Not to mention there are people living around these panels leaching

chemicals into the earth. Large battery storage will also be involved. I am concerned about water running off and will my well water be safe to drink? What about our waterways? I plan on taking a soil and water sample before the project begins. We just had a hail storm rip through this area in the summer of 2022. What will the hail do to the solar panels, it damaged metal roofs in our area. If a fire starts in one or more of these solar panels or one of the batteries. Is our local fire department equipped to extinguish an electrical fire? And what would their response time be? The electricity that these thousands of solar panels collect will not stay in Fairfield County or Ohio. At the end of these thirty-year leases who will decommission these fields if the developer is long gone. Tons and tons of gravel, concrete, aged solar panels, fencing etc. How will that be done? These developers are destroying our community, precious farmland and my property values. Not to mention climate change has two different sides which you do not hear. These failed

climate crises have been going on for decades. FEAR sells. We have Senate Bill 52 in Ohio which gives you, our local Commissioners the power to restrict this in our community. I'm Asking you as my elected Commissioner to listen to your voters and stop this in Fairfield County. I understand money is very enticing. And these developers have all the answers for sure. But please reach out and do what you can to stop this. America is crumbling in front of our eyes. Ask yourself, without the subsidies coming from the Government, would any of this be happening? Please think about what as an elected official you are doing. Thirty years is a very long time.

Thank you, and God Bless America

I am in opposition to The Eastern Cottontail solar project being proposed in Fairfield County. Below are some of the reasons why:

1. I do not think farmland is the place for solar panels.
2. Batteries are causing fires.
3. Agriculture needs to be protected in America.
4. Why are tax subsidies needed if these solar panels are so renewable, reliable and efficient?
5. Thousands of acres where wildlife live being fenced in and the animals get trapped in the fence.
6. Birds are being killed.
7. Chemicals leaching into the earth. What is that doing to the environment?
8. Thousands of acres being destroyed does not make much since.
9. Precious metals are used in the making of solar panels which are mined from the earth. Think about how much America would consume and when will we run out of metals?

Please as an elected official take the time and consider the damage that will be done. Protect Fairfield County farm land for generations to come.

Thank You

My Fairfield County Commissioners, Steve Davis, Jeff Fix and David Levacy:

I am very opposed to the Eastern Cottontail Industrial Solar farm being subsidized with my tax dollars in Fairfield County. Our government is broken and has failed the American people miserably. Ohio did not vote for Biden and his Green New Deal. I say that the states that voted for him and his administration should be the first states to have to deal with the Solar fields. For that matter, let's fill the entire White House lawn with the solar fields first. I say if these companies and cities want to use the power that this solar farm produces in Fairfield County Ohio, they should build them close to their towns and businesses. For example, the Chase building in Columbus Ohio, built their solar fields in their own asphalt parking lots and their employee park under them, not destroying any of our farmland. Also, with all the plant-based diets, where will we grow our food? Agriculture has no voice in this matter in Fairfield County and across the country. Taking prime farmland and destroying it makes no sense. Making solar panels includes mining precious metals, which are coming from the earth. How is that green? And most solar panels come from China, enriching their economy again. They are killing birds and wildlife. Not to mention there are people living around these panels leaching chemicals into the earth. Large battery storage will also be involved. I am concerned about water running off and will my well water be safe to drink? What about our waterways? I plan on taking a soil and water sample before the project begins. We just had a hailstorm rip through the area in the summer of 2022. What will the hail do to the solar panels, it damaged metal roofs in our area. If a fire starts in one or more of these solar panels or one of the batteries, is our local fire department equipped to extinguish an electrical fire and what would their response time be? The electricity that these thousands of solar panels collect will not even stay in Fairfield County or Ohio. At the end of these 30-year leases, who will decommission these fields if the developer is long gone. Tons and tons of gravel, concrete, aged solar panels, fencing etc. how will that be done? These developers are destroying our community, precious farmland, and the property values. Not to mention climate change has 2 different sides which you do not hear. These failed climate crises have been going on for

decades, FEAR sells. We have Senate Bill 52 in Ohio which gives you, and our commissioners the power to restrict this in our community. I'm asking you as my elected Commissioner to listen to your voters and stop this in Fairfield County. I understand money is very enticing and these developers have all the answers for sure. America is crumbling in front of our eyes. Ask yourself, without the subsidies from the Government, would any of this be happening? Please think about what as an elected official you are doing. 30 years is a very long time.

Thank you and God Bless America

*Carol Myers
Baltimore, Ohio 43105*

Dear David L. Levacy,

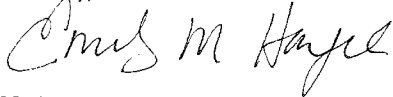
I am writing to you a letter of opposition about the 2,200 acres of prime farmland that has been signed up into the Eastern Cottontail solar panel field project.

I grew up on a small 200-acre farm outside of the town of Pleasantville. My family farm was founded in 1811 and it is now being farmed by 7th, and 8th generation farmers. My son who is just 4 years old tells me every day he wants to be a farmer; he will be the 9th generation. I have many concerns about the future of our district and the land surrounding Pleasantville as 2,200 acres of Prime farmland has been signed up to go into fields of solar panels.

Using prime farmland for projects such as these brings a lot of concerns to me and my family's well-being as well as the impact on the community around us. There is no regulations in place concerning the amount of land being used for these projects and when will it stop? Once the land is developed it is 100% completely destroyed!! Anyone who is saying anything different hasn't done their research. For instance when 2,600 acres of farmland is being developed (that's about 900 football fields) they will come in and remove about 16 inches of top soil, then they will truck in over 3000 truck loads of gravel to cover the ground 6 inches, next they will put a tall fence with barbwire on the top. If you stretch out the fence and barbwire out it's enough for you to be taking a one-hour drive until you reach the end. My point is this land is ruined forever and it will never be able to be turned back to its original state and ever be farmed again. The research shows that the average operational lifespan of a solar farm is 30-35 years. The farmers are told they can get their land back and it will be restored to its original state. They have no plan as to how this can happen because it simply cannot happen. Many companies will probably be bankrupt. As we all know Ohio is not the sunniest of states and if you look at an intensity map of the United States Ohio can only generate up to 0.09% of overall annual electricity. So, to destroy so much farmland over so little electricity is absurd. When these solar panels go bad or need to be replaced, they get dumped into a land fill. Run off from the solar panels are toxic when used in large projects and can lead to carcinogenic cadmium, lead, arsenic, and EMF exposure (electromagnetic fields) is also a major concern linked to health issues such as headaches, fatigue, and disrupted sleep. Lastly I would like to talk about the cost of the solar panels. Solar is much more expensive than coal, natural gas, and nuclear power plants. Solar will increase electricity prices for families and businesses that rely upon it. It costs roughly \$400,000-500,000 per an acre to install.

In conclusion, I am not against solar panels on rooftops of homes or in deserts where nothing grows but I am 100% against solar panels on prime farmland. Based on my research these solar panels offer absolutely nothing to the community or environment. I ask you to look to our future and the future of the next generation of farmers, where will the land be? Where is the cut off? We are an AG district and as we are working to unite this will only cause division among neighbors and friends. The Lord said we must be stewards of the land. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Psalm 24:1-2

Feb 7, 2023

RE: A letter to the Fairfield Commissioners regarding the Proposed Solar Panel Project

Fairfield County Commissioners,

I respectfully request you read my letter in its entirety and carefully consider my concerns regarding the Proposed Solar Panel Project in Walnut Township. I thank you in advance for your time.

Like many residents in the community, as I noticed the "no solar panels" signs pop up around the county, my first thought was wondering why anyone would be against the idea. How could using the sun for power be detrimental, I questioned? Then a friend approached me and began a conversation that has since driven me to spend tens of hours researching the topic. I note for transparency sake that I do not own a property near the farm but I do live in Walnut Township. Furthermore, I do not take the opinions of my friends as my own so this letter is to represent my thoughts and concerns from a resident 3 miles away from where the solar panels will sit.

My first concern comes from the conflict of interest that Dale Arnold and Terry Horn, both instrumental in this process, have in relation to financial gain from the proposed solar panels moving forward. It is my understanding that Dale wears many hats but I was at the meeting in Pleasantville last week and although I already knew about his conflict, I was quite surprised at his underhanded fear toward the attendees and how slanted his presentation was. While also riddled with condescending answers to the community questions, such as implying we were ignorant for doing our own research on the internet, as though everything on the internet were lies. We are not ignorant and are very aware of the difference between wikipedia and academic research papers. As for Terry, he has the right to lease his property to the solar companies, but with that opportunity, he should not have any power on deciding whether or not it is supported by Walnut Township.

Second Concern: The health risks are a very real concern. Dale would have us think in his presentation that the health risks have already been proven to be non-existent but that is definitely not the case. In truth, given the fact that we are only now finding out the ramifications of the solar panels on the midwest and southern states, I think it quite irresponsible for anyone, especially an educated professional in the field of energy, to state this to be true. In my hours of research I have found the contrary.

Solar panels rely on heavy metals to perform. These heavy metals can leak if the solar panel is damaged and even if the solar panel lasts for many years, upon disposal there are many concerns. I found countless articles questioning the current recycling of the panels DUE to the heavy metals and even more articles pro solar that admit there is a problem but no solution has yet to be found.

Third Concern: The solar panels are not made in the US any longer, posing multiple problems. Upon hearing this, it gives every US citizen concerned about the US economy a gut kick, but moving beyond the fact that we are investing billions of dollars in an industry that we cannot be self sufficient in, I am gravely concerned that the countries we are purchasing these toxic materials from have no quality control cares, let alone standards. Bottom line is that these panels will not last the expected 20-30 years as previously manufactured, and in the meantime will certainly be found to damage easier, creating a toxic mess in our soil and water.

Fourth Concern: This is a massive risk to the environment and the health of our community that we are INVITING into our county. It is bad enough that the toxic material will be sitting on our land with an opportunity to leak into our soil and water, but the process as to which the heavy metals are mined are much harder on the environment than the use of fossil fuels; energy that is self-sustaining in the US. Refer to the Stibnite Mine in Idaho that was mined for over one hundred years with devastating effects on the salmon and ecosystem of the community. Interestingly, Stibnite was closed in 1997, but is currently in the process of restorations to begin mining again the gold and the antimony, a key ingredient in liquid metal batteries, and solar panels. As always, follow the money trail, not the "environmental" dialogue.

Fifth Concern: These chemicals are extremely toxic and will not only damage anything living but have the potential to kill living organisms and alter our ecosystem forever. I have a child with a neurological disorder and she attends the public school system. I can tell you that her disability has been very difficult in many ways, physically, mentally, emotionally, and financially on not only our family but the community as a whole. The services that she receives from the school system throughout the years has been very costly. These toxic chemicals have the ability, with high probability, to affect the neurological health as well as other health risks, to any human being that they come in contact with. The toll this could ultimately have on the Fairfield county school systems will far outweigh the benefits of the tax monies that you are being tempted with. As you know, nothing is free and if it looks too good to be true it probably is.

I have many articles I can share on the health risks and the damage these chemicals have to not only humans but all living things. We don't have to look much further than the debacle in Flint Michigan with chemicals in their water supply to refer to.

Sixth Concern: The companies will argue that these panels are safe and will not leak, but my research proves that they can be damaged in storms from flying debris and hail. We live in a state that although may not be in "tornado alley" or "hail alley", has a close proximity to both, and we can all attest to recent damages from both in our community. Therefore, we can be assured that these panels will be damaged at some point. And when they do, who will be monitoring these, repairing them, and mitigating the toxic waste that leaks into our soil and ultimately our water? Again, refer back to the travesty of Flint Michigan.

Seventh Concern: The water storm runoff is another concern as we take a current pervious land and make it predominantly impervious, creating an altered and increased runoff that has been proven to cause damage to watersheds. Look no further than our neighbor one state

removed, Virginia, to see their emergency policies last year, in reaction to the need to mitigate watershed problems that were not anticipated with their utility solar farms. This is a real concern and we can expect to see much more problems arise as we discover new issues as the seasons pass. Let's watch and learn.

Eighth Concern: The damage of water storm runoff. Soil and Water in Fairfield county, and every county in the US, are dedicated to monitoring and mitigating the runoff of deadly bacteria, heavy metals, parasites, etc. into our water supply. Millersport alone has had recent issues with stormwater runoff and we are currently spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on a new water treatment plant. Furthermore, the water will runoff from the farmland with more force and speed due to the solar panels blocking the once 100% pervious soil, into the creeks, streams, Buckeye Lake, and the fish hatchery that supplies the state parks around our great state of Ohio.

Ninth Concern: Buckeye Lake has just recently gone through many years and many,many millions of taxpayers dollars to mitigate and develop the area to improve the lake and water quality. We have also recently added a wetlands that house many species, both indigenous and non-indigenous, that may now be affected and altered. Additionally, there are many environmental, governmental, and business organizations in place to ensure that Buckeye Lake travel and tourism will thrive by being known as a clean and safe destination and this will cause people to question that validity.

Tenth Concern: Property rights. I stand firmly behind property owners and their rights. But we keep hearing a narrative addressing only the property owner's rights who plan to lease to the solar companies. The rights of the majority of people around the area are not being considered. The harm that the solar panels can cause to property owners in the community far outweighs the property rights of making money. We all believe in making money and do not begrudge anyone capitalizing on an opportunity so long as it does not infringe on other resident's rights. This is the standard seen through current laws and legal rulings.

Eleventh Concern: The property rights of all the farmers who sign leases will probably ultimately lose their land to eminent domain. As we become more reliant on solar energy there will come a day when there will not be the opportunity to decommission the land for farm use. The government will certainly use public necessity as a reason to maintain the solar panel farms. THESE FARMERS NEED TO UNDERSTAND THIS MORE THAN ANYTHING.

Question: There are plenty of Brownfield or Superfund properties as alternatives. If the government pushes the use of solar energy,why are we not considering using properties that we know need remediated and are not fit to use for anything else.

Please use your reasoning skills and discernment to see this for the bigger picture. The argument of the community against the solar panels is not just about the aesthetics, rather a fight for the health of our families and communities as well as personal autonomy.

Respectfully, Angela Centofanti



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President's Message

By: Mike Randle, OJACC President

Happy New Year!

On behalf of the OJACC Board of Trustees, I would like to wish everyone a safe and joyous 2023.

This past October, we held our 35th annual conference in Columbus. Over 380 people attended the conference and were able to participate in a number of workshops covering a myriad of topics related to the work they do in the field of criminal justice. This was the first conference where OJACC honored the memory and life of Dr. Ed Latessa by instituting the first annual Dr. Ed Latessa Tribute Presentation, which was awarded to Dr. Brian Lovins.

Based on the participant's evaluations from the conference, the workshops and plenary speakers were rated very high overall, as were the format, schedule, and activities associated with the conference. We would like to thank our conference exhibitors listed in the conference article for partnering with OJACC to make the conference a success. We would also like to extend a special thanks to ODRC for co-sponsoring the conference. We also greatly appreciate our conference committee members for everything they did to plan, promote, and coordinate the conference.

In December, OJACC issued its first formal proclamation in recognition of Judge John M. Durkin's 25 years overseeing the Mahoning County Felony Drug Court. In 1997 Judge Durkin started the Drug Court with a focus on treatment rather than incarceration, incorporating other wrap-around services that address the multi-faceted needs individuals face in their recovery journey. The court is Ohio's longest-running specialty docket presided over by a single judge. OJACC member Phil Nunes presented Judge Durkin with the proclamation at the Mahoning County Felony Drug Court 25th Anniversary Celebration on December 14. Congratulations, Judge Durkin!

We look forward to working with all of our member organizations and continuing to promote and support effective community corrections that enhance public safety.

Thank you for the important work you do.



*Mike Randle, Executive
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Mahoning County Felony Drug Court Celebrates Anniversary

In one of her last official acts before retiring, Ohio's Supreme Court Justice Maureen O'Connor traveled to Youngstown, Ohio, to pay tribute to the Mahoning County Felony Drug Court, presided over by the Honorable John M. Durkin, calling it one of the best examples of 'community.' "People coming together, selflessly, to support one member of the community and, by doing so, strengthening the entire community."



Judge Durkin is celebrating his 25th year overseeing the Court, making it the longest-running specialized docket in the state presided over by the same judge. Despite the accolades now, however, Judge Durkin admits the early days of these "specialized dockets" or alternative courts, which provide offenders to address specific populations opportunities to obtain treatment as an alternative to incarceration, were met with opposition and uncertainty. However, after working as a prosecutor, defense attorney, and the attorney for the Children's Services Board, he recognized that he was seeing many of the same people, then their children, coming in and out of services of agencies, courts, and incarceration that were not effectively addressing the issues that led to substance use, violence, and other crimes.

Over 1300 individuals have been through the Felony Drug court, which has a 60% graduation rate, with 91% of those graduates not returning to the justice system. The Court has partnered with numerous social service and treatment agencies, community-based corrections, as well as law enforcement, the Adult Parole Authority, the Prosecutor, and the County Defense Bar, which are represented on his treatment team.

Along with Chief Justice O'Connor, Youngstown Municipal Court Drug Court Judge Carla Baldwin spoke of the guidance Judge Durkin has provided her as she builds both her Drug Court and Veterans' Court, and among other speakers, Phil Nunes, past president of the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections presented the Judge with a proclamation commending his ongoing efforts to impact the community through his ongoing identification of those issues impacting individuals and their families.

Save the Date

OJACC 36th Annual Conference

October 12 & 13, 2023

Crowne Plaza Hotel North in Columbus, Ohio



Celebrating Second Chances: Alvis Expansion Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Columbus is a community that cares about safety, second chances, and success for all of its residents. Leaders from multiple sectors of Central Ohio came together on Thursday, December 1, 2022, to cut the ribbon and celebrate the opening of a \$25-million expansion to Alvis' Alum Creek Residential Reentry Program.

The two-story expansion is about three times larger than the original Alum Creek building. Men in the original Alum Creek building, along with men from the program formerly housed at the downtown Columbus YMCA will move into the expansion area. The original Alum Creek building will be renovated to serve women so that women living in three turn-of-the-century Victorian homes on Bryden Road will be able to move into the renovated area in the summer of 2023.

The expanded and renovated facility will have a total capacity of 350 clients at a time. The two buildings will be connected by a breezeway that will house a structured recreation area and separate dining rooms for men and women.

Additional improvements include:

- Enhanced program implementation to support successful reentry with more room for individual and group counseling sessions
- Onsite medical, visual, and dental services provided by PrimaryOne Health
- Maximized program operations, with fewer staff to manage and operate programs, resulting in an estimated cost savings of approximately \$400,000 per year.

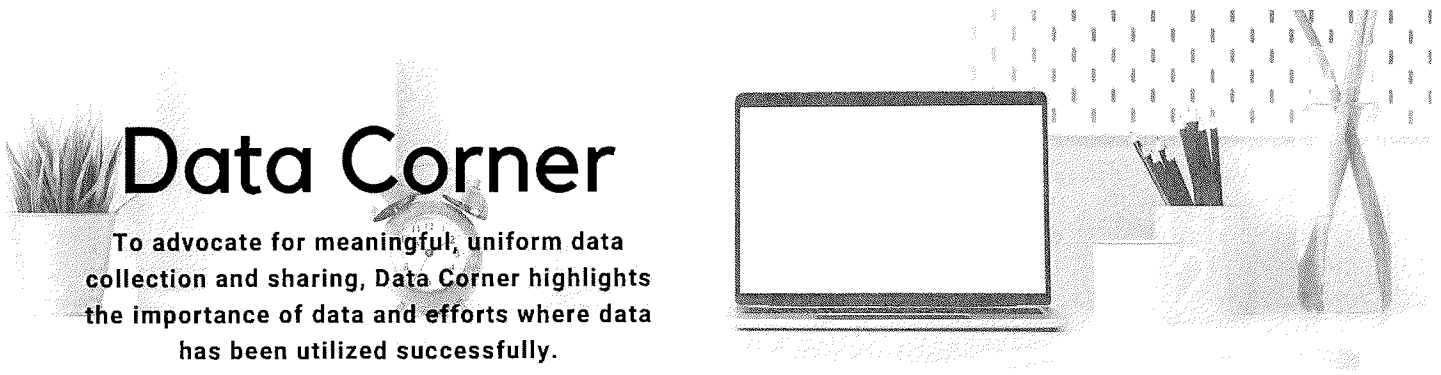
The expansion and renovation project is being funded by capital investments from Franklin County and the City of Columbus, a \$6 million capital campaign, bank financing, and bonds.

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Felony Sentencing in Ohio: Then, Now, and Now What?

Sentencing Roundtable Workgroup DRAFT Report & Recommendations presented to the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission December 15, 2022

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

The full Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission met on December 15, 2022. At the meeting, Reginald Wilkinson, EdD, and Judge Robert Nichols addressed the Commission regarding the work of the Sentencing Roundtable Workgroup and the smaller Crafting Committee. The Workgroup began meeting in January of this year.

The group met consistently throughout the year and has completed its draft version of the Sentencing Roundtable Workgroup Report & Recommendations. The draft report was circulated to members of the Commission prior to the meeting, and the recommendations contained in the draft report were presented to the Commission during the meeting.

The Commission has published the draft report for public viewing online. Interested groups are encouraged to send comments to the Commission – submissions should be emailed to Sara.Andrews@sc.ohio.gov. Public comment will be accepted until February 1, 2023. The Sentencing Roundtable Workgroup and Crafting Committees will reconvene after the close of the public comment period and will consider the submissions. The draft report may be adjusted after these meetings, and an updated draft report will be presented to the full Commission at the first full meeting on March 16, 2023.

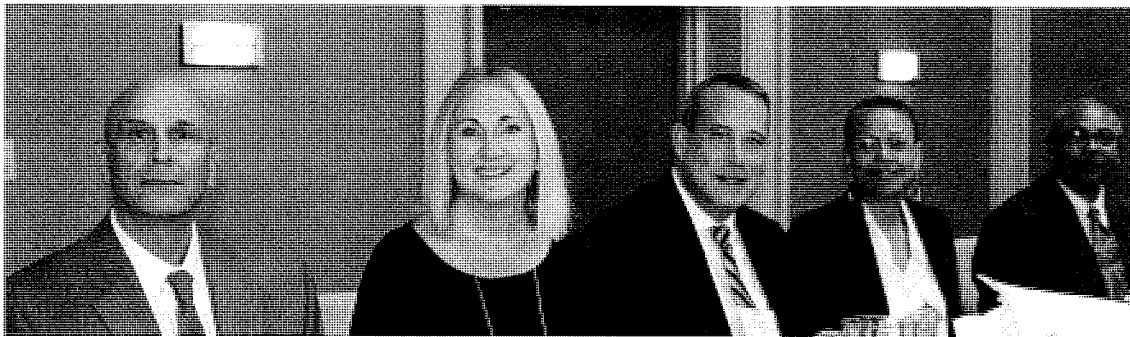
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY – DRAFT REPORT

On the 25th anniversary of the passage of Senate Bill 2 (SB 2), the “Truth in Sentencing” bill, the Ohio Criminal Sentencing Commission conducted a roundtable discussion led by Reginald Wilkinson, EdD. This roundtable discussion prompted the creation of an ad hoc group, Sentencing Roundtable Workgroup (Workgroup). The goal of the workgroup was to examine the sentencing system in Ohio and develop recommendations to improve the clarity and reduce the complexity of felony sentencing. After the Workgroup met for over the course of a year, a crafting or drafting Committee met several times to develop recommendations to the Workgroup and the Commission. The Workgroup studied rehabilitative, retributive, restorative, and therapeutic sentencing and reached a consensus that a modified and modernized rehabilitative model, utilizing indeterminate sentences, probation, and parole would best promote the objectives of the purposes and principles of sentencing. And, consequently, developed recommendations consistent with the Commission’s vision to enhance justice and its mission to ensure fair sentencing in the State of Ohio:

1. Establish a modified and modernized rehabilitative model of criminal sentencing.
2. Seriousness and recidivism factors, contained in R.C. 2929.123, to be weighted to provide context and distinction to sentences.
3. Expand indeterminate sentencing to apply to felonies of the third degree and eliminate the bifurcated structure of felonies of the third degree.
4. Implement a definite minimum time that a prisoner must serve before release options become available.

5. Modify consecutive sentence statutes to provide proportionality more effectively between similarly situated offenders.
6. Expand the responsibility of the parole system to implement the proposed indeterminate model of sentencing.
7. Support the Commission's efforts to promote the adoption of uniform entry templates.
8. Standardize Presentence Investigation Reports.
9. Reorganize and simplify criminal statutes.
10. Authorize an existing agency or create one to act as a clearing house for professional notifications.
11. Expand the use of, and resources for, prosecutor diversion programs and specialized dockets.
12. The drug epidemic in Ohio needs special attention to ultimately address a solution

Link to full draft report: <https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/docs/Boards/Sentencing/Materials/2022/December/SentencingRoundtableReport.pdf>



OJACC Hosts 35th Annual Conference

The Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections (OJACC) held its 35th annual conference: "At a Crossroad of System Change and Innovation," at the Crowne Plaza Hotel North in Columbus, Ohio, on October 13th and 14th, 2022.

We were pleased to have Dr. Brian Lovins from Justice System Partners open the conference Thursday morning with a session on Coaching Network for Change: Why a Coaching Model Might Just Change the Face of Community Corrections. Dr. Lovins addresses how we can improve outcomes with those we supervise by taking on the role of the coach instead of a referee. Referees monitor the rules, observe compliance, and issue penalties. Coaches are invested in the success of players and inspire and teach people to improve. Taking on a coaching philosophy might just change the face of community corrections.

Dr. Lovins was also the first recipient of the Dr. Ed Latessa Tribute Presentation. Dr. Latessa has been a friend to OJACC throughout our history, and we felt it important to honor him in a meaningful way. Each year a session will be highlighted that focuses on the work of Dr. Latessa and what we learned from him. It only made sense that the first recipient would be Dr. Lovins as a student, mentee, and friend of Dr. Latessa.

Thursday afternoon, James Henderson, a national presenter on the topic of domestic violence, presented When Domestic Violence and Substance Abuse Co-Exist: A Systems Perspective on Accountability. In his presentation, Mr. Henderson addressed the research around alcohol use and violence and many questions related to this topic.

In the closing session, Karen Vadino used a humorous approach to make us all think about stress in our lives, how it affects us, and healthy ways to manage it.

A juvenile track of workshops took a hard look at gun violence in youths and methods being used to mitigate that violence. These sessions, as well as many other workshops intended to improve the work we do in community corrections, were very well received by participants.

Thank you to our conference committee, who worked very diligently to provide a highly informative conference. Special thanks to ODRC for co-sponsoring the conference.

Thanks also to our exhibitors/sponsors who help to keep our conference registration rates low for participants and provide valuable information on products and services in efforts to help improve community corrections services.

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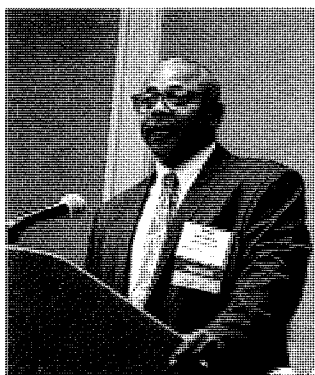
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Please mark your calendar for the 2023 OJACC Conference to be held on October 12th and 13th, 2023.



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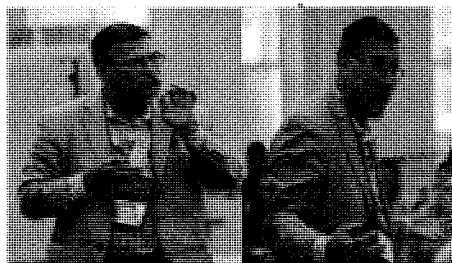
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Dr. Ed Latessa Tribute Presentation

OJACC 2022 Conference Recipient: Dr. Brian Lovins



Dr. Ed Latessa challenged us, he taught us with great patience until we understood, he was a friend and he transformed the field of community corrections.

Ed: "I have dedicated most of my career to trying to improve programs, trying to make us a little more effective. I am happy if I can get one program, make it more effective, and change a few peoples' lives. Many times the difference between us and the people that are incarcerated is a very small, thin line. It's important that we understand that they are human beings, they are citizens, they are our neighbors that are incarcerated. It's important to work hard to see that what we know works its way into the field."

For over 35 years, OJACC has brought together Ohio's criminal justice stakeholders, including judges, defense attorneys, prosecutors, pre-trial and probation officers, law enforcement officials, corrections officials from adult and juvenile systems, treatment providers, reentry practitioners, and victims' representatives to promote and support effective community corrections that enhance public safety. Few other states have achieved this type of umbrella organization which represents Ohio's collaborative efforts that have led to Ohio's place as a leader in Community Corrections.

Together we:

- *Work with state agencies, legislators, and other stakeholders on policy/issues affecting community corrections.*
- *Hold a biennial board retreat to focus the efforts of the organization and guide our mission.*
- *Host a biennial legislative reception with OJACC member organizations to educate legislators on issues vital to the improvement of community corrections. OJACC also takes positions throughout the year on pending legislation affecting community corrections and provides input on the development of legislation.*
- *OJACC's Adult Community Corrections Collaborative, comprised of associations providing state-funded community corrections services, works with the ODRC for the overall improvement of these services and highlights benefits and cost savings of community corrections.*
- *Hold an annual conference and/or virtual learning opportunities for personal development/networking to educate and inform service providers and stakeholders on issues of importance to community corrections and provide tools to enhance services. Individuals and agencies are also recognized through achievement awards.*
- *Provide newsletters throughout the year highlighting evidence-based practices, promising practices, and issues important to the field of community corrections.*

Please consider membership in OJACC to help support these efforts.

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OJACC 2022 Achievement Awards Presented at Annual Conference

OJACC is honored to recognize individuals each year at the annual conference who have shown dedication to the improvement of community corrections. The 2022 OJACC Achievement Award recipients are identified below, along with comments from their nominators.

Senator Nathan Manning received the *Representative C.J. McLin Award*, which is presented to an elected official in Ohio who has worked towards the improvement of community corrections.

Nomination information: Senator Nathan Manning has been instrumental in driving reform of criminal justice in the state of Ohio through his work on the Ohio Recodification Committee and in his role as both Chairman of the Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee and the Ohio Senate Finance Committee. In his past legislative work, Senator Manning sought to utilize his work on the Ohio Recodification Committee to enact many overdue changes needed to the Ohio Revised Code. Senator Manning's passion has had a profound impact on criminal justice in Ohio and his insight into needed changes remain a core focus of his leadership as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.



Senator Manning has also been a vital supporter of community corrections, whether it be to provide alternative services to people in lieu of jail or prison or to divert people from an already overburdened prison system. In 2021, Senator Manning participated in the Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections (OJACC) virtual legislative reception. During Senator Manning's remarks, he referred to OJACC's Platform Paper and impressed those in attendance with his knowledge, and acknowledged many of the areas needing additional legislative changes.

Senator Manning is a true leader in every sense of the word and looks for ways to back up his vision through action. OJACC is very appreciative of Senator Manning's commitment to a more just and effective criminal justice system in Ohio which emulates the CJ McLin Award's intent.

Senator Nathan Manning is serving his first term in the Ohio Senate, representing the people of the 13th Senate District, which includes Huron and Lorain counties. He joined the Senate after serving two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives. He also previously served as a prosecutor for the city of North Ridgeville and currently owns the law firm Manning & Manning in North Ridgeville with his sister, Allison.

After graduating from North Ridgeville High School, Senator Manning received his bachelor's degree in Political Science from Denison University and earned his Juris Doctor degree from Capital University Law School.

Christopher Galli, ODRC Bureau of Community Sanctions Assistant Chief, received the *Dr. Bennet J. Cooper Award*, which is presented to a correctional administrator or policymaker who has shown a lifetime commitment to the improvement of community corrections.

Nomination information: Throughout his career, Chris Galli has never wavered from his focus on providing the best services to those in need of our help and services.

As ODRC, Chief of the Bureau of Community Sanctions, Chris quickly learned the complexities of CCA Programs, Halfway Houses, and Community Based Correctional Facilities funded under his purview of responsibility. During his tenure, he has continually worked to improve program effectiveness. Through his immersion in evidenced-based practices and leading his department to become well-versed in research, he has challenged providers to focus on improving each year. Chris has also been instrumental throughout the pandemic in focusing on working with each provider in Ohio to keep their staff and clients safe and has been innovative in obtaining and sharing protective equipment with providers throughout the state. He provides strong fiscal leadership that benefits providers while also keeping the taxpayers in mind. Chris makes himself available to providers, probation staff, judges, and other stakeholders and is never afraid to roll up his sleeves to help solve a problem. Community Corrections is better as a result of his efforts. He is to be credited for his leadership and steadfast commitment to our field.



Christopher Galli earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from The Ohio State University in 1994. He earned a Master of Science Degree in Human Services Management from Franklin University Graduate School in 2000. Chris began his career as a resident advisor in the Franklin County Community-Based Correctional Facility. He then worked in the Franklin County Work Release program before joining the Ohio De-

partment of Rehabilitation and Correction as a parole officer. He has worked in a number of roles with the Division of Parole and Community Services in the Department, including sex offender specialist, unit supervisor, and administrative assistant to the APA Regional Administrator before joining the Bureau of Community Sanctions as Assistant Chief in January 2008. He was promoted to Chief of the Bureau of Community Sanctions in January 2013.

Scott Fulton, Licking County Administrator of Adult Court Services, received the Dr. Simon Dinitz Award, which is presented to a community corrections practitioner who has made contributions to the improvement of community corrections in Ohio.

Nomination information: For the past 22 years, Scott Fulton has dedicated his life to probation services, serving most recently as Chief Probation Officer for Licking County and currently as the Administrator of Adult Court Services. It is an honor to work with him. His level of commitment to the field and his willingness and ability to help advance all things probation has been impressive. Scott has served on multiple boards and organizations and continues to be an impactful leader in every sense of the word.

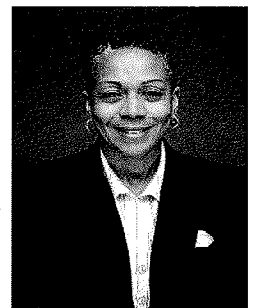


Scott has been the Chair of the Licking County Community Corrections Planning Board since being appointed in 2003, and he has been involved in the planning and development of numerous incentives in Licking County, including the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT), the Licking County Intervention for Treatment (L.I.F.T) Drug Court, the Bridges Out of Poverty Guiding Coalition, and many others. Scott has been appointed to the Supreme Court of Ohio's Advisory Committee on Specialized Dockets, the Commission on Specialized Dockets, and the Regional Judicial Opioid Initiative. He has also served on the Community Corrections Act (CCA) Standards Committee, Probation Officer Training Standards Committee, and the Bureau of Community Sanctions Grants Workgroup with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections. Scott serves as the CCA Trustee on the Ohio Chief Probation Officers Association Executive Board. As program director in 2007, Scott led the Licking County Municipal Court Intensive Supervision Program (ISP) to receive the Cliff Skeen Award and was a finalist for the Cliff Skeen Award in 2011. He also received the Art of Recovery Award from the Licking-Knox Mental Health and Recovery Board in 2018.

Scott truly deserves recognition for his work over the years. He has tackled projects big and small with a confident, compassionate determination. His knowledge of probation is well past comprehensive, and he is always willing to mentor newer colleagues. He clearly understands the collaborative nature of our work and is a team player in every sense of the definition.

Kysten Palmore, ODYS Deputy Director of Community Engagement and Reentry, received the James Wichtman Award, which is presented to an OJACC Board Member who has shown dedication to the mission of OJACC.

Nomination information: Kysten Palmore led OJACC as president through the uncertainty of the pandemic. Much of how we operated as an association had to change in order to continue with the mission of OJACC. Kysten steered OJACC in the move from in-person to online meetings, trainings, and even a legislative reception and strategic planning retreat—a feat some were not sure could be achieved. She did this with a can-do attitude. The work of OJACC continued without missing a step under her leadership. When OJACC was able to return to an in-person conference in 2021, it was done with concern for the safety of all in attendance and was responsive to the rapidly changing needs of community corrections. Kysten's commitment to pushing forward with the mission of OJACC during these difficult times exemplifies the meaning of the James Wichtman Award.



Beyond Kysten's leadership in OJACC, she serves as the Deputy Director of Community Engagement and Reentry for the ODYS. For the preceding decade, she served as the Reentry Coordinator for the Franklin County Office of Justice Policy and Programs, where she was responsible for developing, planning, and coordinating innovative, evidence-based reentry initiatives. Prior to this role, Kysten spent a year volunteering with the ODRC as a researcher and teaching a graduate-level social welfare policy and programs course at The Ohio State University College of Social Work. Kysten has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice from Capital University and holds the following degrees from The Ohio State University: Master of Public Policy and Management, Master of Social Work Administration, and Juris Doctor. She is a graduate of the National Association of Counties High Performance Leadership Academy.

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's 2022 Clifford Skeen Awards

The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) held the 28th annual Clifford Skeen Awards Ceremony on October 13, 2022, during the annual Ohio Justice Alliance for Community Corrections (OJACC) conference at the Crowne Plaza North in Columbus.

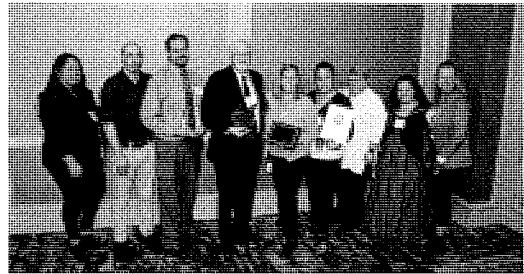
This award is given in honor of the late eight-term Ohio Representative Clifford Skeen, who sponsored the Community Correction Act passed by the Ohio Legislature in 1979. The purpose of this act was to reduce the number of non-dangerous offenders being sent to state prisons. Representative Skeen was instrumental in obtaining increased funding for many community corrections initiatives. The Clifford Skeen Award was initiated in 1993 to demonstrate commitment to community corrections as a viable alternative to incarceration.

Ohio is proud of its community corrections programs. The ODRC, in partnership with local corrections agencies, has assisted in developing professional and safe community sanctions. These sanctions allow the offender to be treated in the community while saving scarce prison and jail space for the violent offender.

The selection committee was comprised of former Cliff Skeen Award recipients and a representative from the Bureau of Community Sanctions. The committee recommended the award recipients after conducting individualized interviews of Ohio's top-scoring programs in each category. The panel selected the following programs as the 2022 Clifford Skeen Award recipients:



Halfway House:
Community Corrections Association, Inc.



Community-Based Correctional Facility:
MonDay Community Correctional Institution



Prison Diversion Program:
Medina County Adult Probation Department



Jail Diversion Program:
Clermont Municipal Probation

The Department's vision for community corrections is that of a collaborative and cooperative partnership between state and local agencies. The Clifford Skeen Awards highlight our successes in this vitally important area. The award ceremony is just one opportunity for the Department to recognize local programs for the outstanding work they do on a daily basis to provide alternatives to prison and jails & ensure safe communities.

If you would like additional information about the Clifford Skeen Awards or community correction programs, please contact Chris Galli, Chief of the Bureau of Community Sanctions, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction at 614-728-9990 or Christopher.Galli@odrc.state.oh.us

OneOhio Recovery Foundation Ensures Fair Distribution of More Than \$400 Million to Fight the Opioid Crisis Across Ohio

By Kathryn Whittington, Interim Executive Director of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board

After too many years and too many damaged lives, Ohio leaders have succeeded in holding pharmaceutical companies accountable for their role in the opioid-abuse epidemic by securing \$808 million in a settlement that gives Ohio new resources to help undo the damage and strengthen our state's fight against substance abuse. More than \$400 million from the settlement are set aside for community-based projects in every corner of the state.

With settlement dollars ensured to come to Ohio over 18 years, the responsibility now comes to us to make certain these funds are used wisely—with some set aside for the future and others distributed fairly and effectively into every corner of the state. That's important because the opioid epidemic has never been confined to one place or one group of people. Opioid abuse and other forms of addiction are an indiscriminating, statewide evil that strikes cities, villages, and rural communities of every size and level of income. By any standard of fairness, Ohio's settlement dollars must be available to every community that can use them, regardless of size or status.

After a portion of the settlement funds is set aside for state and local governments, the remaining 55 percent (more than \$440 million) is being administered by the OneOhio Recovery Foundation, a private, non-profit, non-government corporation established to ensure equal, transparent and locally driven distribution of settlement dollars for community recovery efforts. Using a private foundation in this way also ensures that the funds cannot be redirected for a different use at a later time.

The 29-member OneOhio Recovery Foundation board, appointed by various state officials as well as leaders from every region of the state, will oversee the process to fairly and efficiently make sure funds are both invested in helping future generations of Ohioans and also shared statewide to support organizations engaged in treatment, prevention and recovery efforts.

Almost every Ohioan has been impacted in their family, neighborhood, or workplace by abuse and addiction. The OneOhio Recovery Foundation is bringing together people from every part of Ohio to work on tackling addiction in communities where its damage is being felt the most. Properly managed, these funds can last as long as Ohio does. Hopefully, however, our work is completed much sooner. Ohio recovers as one. Let's come together as a state in the important work.

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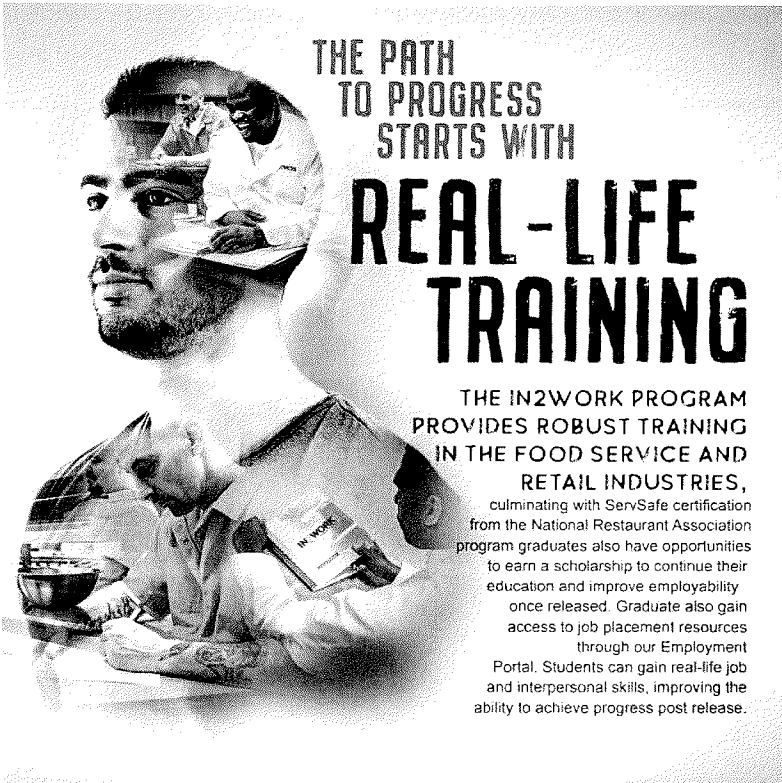
About the OneOhio Recovery Foundation

The OneOhio Recovery Foundation is a private, non-profit foundation created under the leadership of Governor Mike DeWine and Attorney General Dave Yost, and other state and local leaders, with the mission of advancing Ohio's addiction prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts now and into the future.

The Foundation is governed by a 29-member board from across Ohio and is funded by 55 percent of settlement funds that Ohio is receiving from the pharmaceutical industry as a consequence of its role in the national opioid epidemic. Funds support local efforts to prevent and combat addiction and are also invested in supporting those efforts for the long term. Visit OneOhioFoundation.com for more information.



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2024 LEVY BUDGET EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT DESCRIPTION

- 1 Cover Letter
- 2 2024 Levy Budget (alongside our full operating budget for 2024 with columns for previous year budget to the right.)
- 3 Description of Line Items 9900 & 530000 (which is our capital equipment purchases and contracted services)
- 4 Salary by Position (details wages by department)
- 5 Year End Units of Service Report
- 6 Annual Specification Compliance Review COAAA
- 7 Meals on Wheels Fairfield County Annual Report



Exhibit #1

February 27, 2023

To: Aunie Cordle
County Administrator
Fairfield County Commissioner's Office

From: Anna Tobin
Executive Director
Meals on Wheels of Fairfield County, Inc.

Subject: 2024 Levy Budget Packet

Please find the enclosed 2024 levy budget and operations budget as approved by the Meals on Wheels Board of Trustees on February 23, 2023. Also included in the budget packet are the supporting documents, the annual report, 2022 units of service report, and the annual compliance review by COAAA. The financial audit will not be completed until later in the year. Once we have approval from the State, we will forward a copy of it to your office.

I look forward to meeting with you and the commissioners at a determined time to review the 2024 submission and answer any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Anna Tobin".

Anna Tobin
Executive Director

MEALS ON WHEELS-OLDER ADULT ALTERNATIVES OF FAIRFIELD COUNTY, INC.

Exhibit #2

2024 Budget

REVENUE		Proposed 2024 Levy	Proposed 2024 Full	Approved 2023 Levy	Approved 2023 Full
4000	Public Support including fundraising		26,000		26,000
4500	Levy Funds used in operating budget 2022	3,160,000	3,160,000	2,940,000	2,940,000
	Unappropriated funds on account needed in the 2022 budget	625,742	625,742	549,054	549,054
4600	Grants		10,240		10,240
5000	Contract Revenue		779,381		775,857
6000	Program Revenues		197,740		215,740
6300	Misc. Revenue		6,000		6,000
6600	Interest		2,400		950
TOTAL REVENUE- levy funds represent 74% of our budget		3,785,742	4,807,503	\$3,489,054	\$4,523,841
EXPENSES		77% levy			
7000	Salaries; incl. vacation, sick, holidays*	1,364,264	1,771,772	1,181,298	1,596,348
7100	Employee Taxes, BWC	132,440	172,000	119,880	162,000
8000	Professional Fees	100,393	130,380	113,298	153,105
8100	Supplies and Raw Food	815,801	1,131,800	797,194	1,068,800
8200	Telephone	9,148	11,880	5,950	8,040
8300	Office Expenses	28,490	37,000	23,384	31,600
8400	Occupancy	74,867	97,230	62,848	84,930
	property taxes	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
8500	Rental/Maintenance	32,340	42,000	28,860	39,000
8600	Printing/Promotion	30,569	39,700	20,202	27,300
8700	Fleet Expense	120,621	156,650	105,968	143,200
8800	Training/Recognition	7,367	9,567	7,080	9,567
8900	Specific Assistance	298,031	366,989	322,619	416,716
9000	Dues/License/Subscriptions	3,088	4,010	3,855	5,210
9100	Travel Expense	1,848	2,400	1,776	2,400
9200	Fundraising Expense	4,620	6,000	0	6,000
9400	Miscellaneous	3,080	4,000	962	1,300
9500	Insurance	218,776	284,125	211,881	286,325
530000	Service Provider Contracts/ personal care/homemaking	170,000	170,000	120,000	120,000
53111	Levy Fees	50,000	50,000	49,000	49,000
550305	Grants to community	170,000	170,000	170,000	170,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		3,639,742	4,661,503	\$3,350,054	\$4,384,841
CASH FLOW OPERATIONS			146,000		\$139,000
9900	Less 2024 Capital Expenditures				
	Hot Shot	55,000	55,000	55,000	55,000
	Delivery Vehicle Replacement	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
	Delivery Vehicle additional	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
	Computers	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
	Walkin freezer	16,000	16,000	9,000	9,000
	Total	146,000	146,000	139,000	139,000
CASH FLOW				0	0
			0		
Levy Account Projected Balance Year End 2024					
	Projected carryover levy funds coming into 2024 fiscal year		1,180,135		
	Unappropriated funds used in 2024 budget		625,742		
	Balance of Levy funds on account going into 2024		554,393		

levy represents 77% of our operating budget

3% increases PT Driver, PT Homemaker, care coordinator

balance of food supplies supplemented with levy funds

77% of the service costs plus 15% cash match for specific assistance

PayPal fees

fully covered by levy funds

fully covered by levy funds

fully covered by levy funds

HR 18000

Transport 15000

Caregiver 70000

103000

x15%

15,450

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15450

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Line item: 530000		Exhibit #3
Contract Services		
Contracts Agreements:	Proposed Contract Amount	Services Provided
Honor Home Healthcare	\$5,000	Homemaking, Personal Care, IH Respite
Canal Winchester Human Services	\$10,000	Transportation
Center for DisAbilities	\$30,000	Transportation
Interim Healthcare of Lancaster	\$45,000	Homemaking, Personal Care, IH Respite
Home Helpers	\$30,000	Homemaking, Personal Care, IH Respite
Right at Home	\$35,000	Homemaking, Personal Care, IH Respite
Home Instead	\$15,000	Homemaking, Personal Care, IH Respite
Total Provider Services	\$170,000	
Line Item 9900		
Hot Shot	55,000	
Delivery Vehicle Replacement	30,000	
Delivery Vehicle additional	30,000	
Computers	15,000	
Walk in Freezer	16,000	
Total	146,000	

Meals on Wheels Older Adult Alternatives of Fairfield County, Inc			Exhibit # 4		
COMPENSATION REPORT-2024					
POSITIONS	Levy	Percentage of Levy to Full	Intergovernment al and Other	Percentage of Intgovernmental and Other	Total
Executive Director	66,997	0.74	23,540	0.26	90,537
Director of Nutrtrition Services	38,160	0.74	13,407	0.26	51,567
Director of Administrative Services	43,493	0.74	15,281	0.26	58,774
Director of Aging Services	39,031	0.74	13,714	0.26	52,745
Nutrition Services- 14 FT 28 PT	741,680	0.74	260,590	0.26	1,002,270
Aging Services- 8FT 5 PT	271,541	0.74	95,406	0.26	366,947
Administrative Services 2FT 2 PT	110,210	0.74	38,722	0.26	148,932
Totals	1,311,111	0.74	460,661	0.26	1,771,772
63 staff members					

Year to Date Statistics December 2022 Exhibit 5

	Clients	YTD Units	Unit	STLY	STLY Units
<u>NUTRITION DIVISION</u>	Served	12/31/2022	Defined	Served	12/31/2021
Commodities Supplemental Food Program	394	3,169	One Food Box	416	3,210
Congregate Meals	442	24,839	One Meal	509	27,829
Ensure Nutritional Supplement	61	205	One Case	32	115
Home Delivered Meals	1,443	258,401	One Meal	1,399	268,556

AGING SERVICES DIVISION

Activities	220	2,984	One Instance	171	2,863
Application Assistance	0	0	One Hour	1	2
Assessments	1,501	1,222.00	One Hour	1,420	1,201.50
Case Management	493	371	One Hour	525	371.50
Chore Assistance	2	3	One Task		
Durable Medical Equipment	270	3,326	One Client	225	2,763
H.E.A.P.	0	0	One Hour	0	0
Home Repair	28	\$19,865.28	Dollars Spent	27	\$18,824
Homemaking	106	1,855.75	One Hour	98	1,970
Emergency Response Systems	532	4,964	Per Month	685	5,395
Medication Dispensers	8	38	Per Month		
Personal Care	20	1,328.50	One Hour	24	2,789.00
Pet Program	43	304	One Service	33	147
Phone Incoming Referrals/Assistance		22,431	One Phone Call		23,189
Representative Payee	28	825	One Hour	29	1070.25
Shopping Assistance	31	188	One Delivery	75	214
Tele-Friend	33	77.25	One Hour	61	233.75
Transportation (one-way trips)	94	1,074	One-Way Trip	60	1,390
Utilities Assistance (Shut-Off)	0	\$0	Dollars Paid	1	\$330
<u>CAREGIVER SUPPORT:</u>					
CSP Daycare	0	0	One Day	0	0
CSP ER Home Delivered Meals	3	114	One Meal	2	88
CSP Emergency Utility	1	\$892.08	Dollars Paid	0	\$0
CSP Home Repair	1	\$2,200	Dollars Spent	0	\$0
CSP In-Home Respite	24	1,715.00	One Hour	32	2,722.25
CSP Institutional Respite	0	0	One Day	0	0
CSP Lifeline ERS	9	58	One Month	7	23

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PASSPORT Unit of Service Verification Review (Rev. 1/2020)

Date: October 19 & 20, 2022

Provider: Meals on Wheels-Older Adult Alternatives of Fairfield Co.

Sample of Paid Service Units Review (PASSPORT OAC Rule 173-39-04):

Provider structural compliance reviews must include verification that a sample of paid service units were delivered according to the requirements set forth in rules 173-39-02 and 173-39-2.1-173-39-2.20 of the Administrative Code.

Services Reviewed:

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Day Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Day Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Integration | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Home Delivered Meal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Maintenance and Chores | <input type="checkbox"/> Homemaker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Home Medical Equipment and Supplies | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Modification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nutritional Consultation | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Emergency Response Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Work Counseling |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | <input type="checkbox"/> Waiver Nursing Service |

Summary Based on Attached Worksheets:

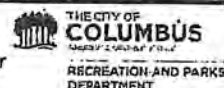
Months/Year Reviewed: July, August, September 2022
Total Number of Units Billed: 903
Total Number of Units Documented: 903
Total Number of Units Paid: 903
Total Number of Units Overpaid: 0
Total Dollar Amount Overpaid: \$0.00
% Error (# of units over billed / # of units billed): 0%

Plan of Correction:

- ☒ None. No Errors were found for the consumer records reviewed.
- ☐ Please submit a plan of correction indicating how you will correct billing documentation errors.
- ☐ You will be notified if further action is required.
- ☐ The potential to re-bill for some units was reviewed with you during the exit conference. If you plan to re-bill, you must discuss the specific situation with the appropriate case manager(s) prior to re-submitting claims.

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Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 173-39-04 Provider Structural Compliance Review Exit Conference Summary

Provider: Meals on Wheels, Older Adult Alternatives of Fairfield Co.

Review Dates: October 19 & 20, 2022

Service(s) Reviewed: HDMS and Transportation

Reviewer(s): Cheryl Wilson, LSW

Provider Staff Present: Anna Tobin, Executive Director; Sara Arledge, Director of Administrative Services and Amber Goines, Director of Nutrition Services

Individuals Reviewed: S.B. #8685281, M.R. #597985, G.C. #1435261, S.E. #1291082, P.H. #809002, M.L. #795875, W.M. #1514769, D.M. #2016207, G.W. #2011033, V.R. #1973788 and D.G. #1602176

OAC 173-39-02 ODA Provider Certification Requirements for Every Provider:

No deficiencies noted

OAC 173-39-02.1-173-39-02.17 ODA Certified Provider Service Specifications

Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (B)(4)(a) "Trip Verification: For each trip provided, the driver shall record the individual's name; date of trip; pick-up point and time of pick-up; destination point and time of drop-off; driver's name; a unique identifier of the driver; and a unique identifier of the individual which by offering, the individual attests to completion of the trip."

- Trip log currently used by applicant does not include all required information for each trip. *Revised trip log that includes all information required to be documented for each trip was received 10/20/22. No additional documentation requested.*

Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging – Katie White, Director

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No evidence of compliance requested

☒ Final Summary

☐ Letter to follow

☐ Revised Summary

Please sign and return a copy of this letter upon receipt.

If you have any questions regarding your review, please contact me at cwilson@coaaa.org or (614) 645-8424.

Cheryl Wilson
Signature of Reviewer

11/02/22
Date

Anna Toben
Signature of Provider Staff

11/7/2022
Date

4/06

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October 25, 2022

Anna Tobin, Executive Director
Meals on Wheels-Older Adult Alternatives of Fairfield County
1515 Cedar Hill Road
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Dear Ms. Tobin,

The Title III Older Americans Act and Unit of Service Verification review for Meals on Wheels/Older Adult Alternatives of Fairfield County was conducted on October 19 and 20, 2022. Various policies, procedures, participant service documentation, personnel documentation, insurance as well as SAMS/Wellsky data were reviewed for compliance.

Title 3 Contract requirements

Criminal Background Checks: Database searches and fingerprint results letters were reviewed. The five-year database searches and fingerprint check for J. Rogers was conducted late. This was discussed during the exit; no plan of correction needed.

Policy/Procedures: All required policies and procedures were present, including current insurance coverage.

SAMS/Wellsky: NAPIS information was reviewed and all demographic information was present for participants reviewed with the exception of transportation. Disaster rank was missing for three of the four participants reviewed. Please ensure this information gets entered prior to the end of the fiscal year.

Consumer Contributions: Documentation of cost share and contributions were present. A copy of the most recently update rule was provided. Please ensure your policy contains all required language.

Unit of Service Verification: there were no billing errors noted.

Home Maintenance and Chores

Participants reviewed: B. Nye, P. Schooley

Personnel reviewed: Pipe Works, John Sower

No deficiencies identified.

Home Modification

No participants receiving this service; service was provided and billed under Home Maintenance.

Supportive Service

Participants reviewed: S. Alibrando, M. Austin, R. Janiak, D. Kern

Personnel reviewed: A. Locke(Dieble), Charles J. Rogers, L. McDonald

No deficiencies identified.

Transportation

Participants reviewed: J. Beaulieu, V. Clayton, E. Hanes, E. Howard

Personnel reviewed: V. Fasone, A. Locke(Dieble)

(B)(4)(a) requires for each trip the driver record the consumer's name, type of trip, pick up point and time, destination point and time of drop off, driver's name, and a unique identifier of the consumer or consumer's caregiver (consumer signature not required during federal public health emergency). The form currently in use does not contain all required information. A revised trip form has since been submitted and approved.

Nutrition Services

Participants reviewed: S. Beatty, J. Carroll, M. Conrad, S. Gibson, R. Kalish, A. Laughlin, M. Mirvica, H. Rutter, D. Sellers, K. Wince, J. Delille, S. Cepeda, A. Destefanis, L. Fuller, J. Householder, T. Mosley, W. Montross, D. Ormandy, M. Streich, B. Vanbuskirk

Personnel reviewed: J. Paul, D. Anderson

No deficiencies identified.

Once again many of the Older Americans Act rules are currently up for review; as a provider, you are encouraged to make comments on any proposed changes or currently in place requirements. Thank you for the service you continue to provide to older adults in Fairfield County. I have enclosed a signature page for you to sign, date and return ensuring receipt of this letter. Call with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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Older Americans Act/Alzheimer Respite Unit of Service Verification Review

Policy: The Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging shall verify all units of service provided to a minimum of 10% of participants, with a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 30 participants for a 1-month period. The review of additional months shall be conducted if errors or exceptions totaling 7% or more are found during the unit of service verification review.

Provider: Meals on Wheels-Older Adult Alternatives of Fairfield County

Review date: October 19 and 20, 2022

Services reviewed: Supportive Service, Transportation, Home Maintenance, Nutrition Services

Month(s) and year reviewed: July 2022

Total number of units billed: 1715.80

Total number of units documented: 1715.80

Total number of units over-billed: 0

Error rate (# of units over billed/# of units billed): 0

Next steps:

✓ *None needed; there were no errors found.*

Plan of Correction needed.

Evidence of Compliance needed.

COAAA fiscal department will make necessary adjustments and contact you if further action is needed.



2022 annual report
to the community

making a difference



MEALS on WHEELS
FAIRFIELD COUNTY

TOGETHER, WE CAN DELIVER.



Making a difference is what we do here at Meals on Wheels. Not only do we make a significant difference in the lives of those we serve, but we also make a difference for countless family members, spouses, and caregivers who rely on us to provide care and support to their loved ones.

As 2022 unfolded, the world became “unmasked” after two years of uncertainty amidst a world -wide pandemic, our agency emerged stronger and continued moving forward in our commitment to making a difference in the lives of those we serve. As a catalyst for developing and expanding a county-wide system of services, Meals on Wheels pivoted, planned, and produced new partnerships and opportunities to ensure the growing needs of Fairfield County's older adults were met. Through collaboration with our community, we make a greater difference.

Programs receiving enhanced focus in 2022 included, non-emergency medical transportation, volunteer driven chore assistance programming, in-home mental health counseling, additional community meal programs in rural areas of the county, educational workshops, implementation of Silver Sneakers, and development of an agency -driven homemaker service. Our local school children created cards and decorated lunch sacks for our home delivered clients to brighten their days. We look forward to continued growth in our services and continuing collaborations to make an even bigger difference for our county's older adult neighbors in the year to come.

Although the year brought relief from the COVID virus, the agency was challenged with supply chain issues, material shortages, and sharp increases in the cost of goods and services as we faced record high inflation that followed. Through diligent planning, we were able to stay within our operating budget, retain a strong workforce to maintain services, attend to our aging fleet to extend the life of our vehicles, and develop community partnerships to enhance our ability to meet the needs of older adults living in Fairfield County.

In presenting the 2022 Annual Report, it is imperative to thank our community, volunteers, donors, Board, partners in service, and staff for their dedication to serving older adults. We couldn't do all that we do with out this support. Together, we continue to make a real and important difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Anna Tobin

Anna Tobin
Executive Director



we make a difference

for older adults throughout Fairfield County



2542 older adults received 300,859
units of service in 2022

61% were over the age of 75

14% disabled

25% low income

45% live alone

66% female

49 Caregivers

217 Veterans

283,655 meals

3,169 supplemental food boxes

205 cases liquid supplements

1,593 hours of case management

77 hours of Tele-friend service

22,431 incoming phone calls for referral and assistance

551 Personal Emergency Response Systems

29 home repairs

3,334 pieces of adaptive medical equipment were distributed

1,418 hours of respite services

2,625 hours of in-home healthcare services

2,008 transportation trips

77 seniors received assistance with shopping, chores, or pet assistance.

28 seniors were provided with Representative Payee Services

220 seniors participated in agency sponsored activities

partnerships make a difference

community outreach grants

*help extend our reach to make a bigger difference
in the lives of older adults in our county*

Grant Recipients

Guardianship Service Board-provides case management for indigent older adults
United Way-VITA tax preparation for older adults
Community Action -emergency food and hygiene products for older adults
Salvation Army supporting Adult Day Service Program for older adults
Lancaster Public Transportation-Mobility Program for older adults
Olivedale Senior Center-operating funds for the center
Volunteer Guardian Program-provides volunteer guardians within the nursing home setting
Fairfield 211-information and referral for older adults
Center for DisAbilities-transportation to non-emergency medical appointments
Senior Club grants to provide food and activity for meetings

contracted service providers

provide services on behalf of the agency

Interim Home Health, Honor Home Health, Home Helpers, Right at Home
Fairfield Heating and Cooling-minor home repairs
Pipeworks- minor home repairs
Canal Winchester Human Services-transportation

community partnerships for service

ADAMH-in home behavioral health services
Fox Family YMCA- Silver Sneakers Programming
Lutheran Social Services & Fairfield Homes congregate dining site
Baltimore United Methodist Church-congregate dining site
Lancaster City Schools-cards and letters to homebound



donors make a difference

Go Further Giving (\$1,000 or more)

Buckeye Automotive Family
Don & Joann Bainter Foundation
Fairfield County Foundation
Fairfield Federal Savings & Loan
Natalie Herdman
Love's Travel Station

Kristen Powell
Edward and Beverly Rowles
Philip and Jennifer Settecasse
State Farm Insurance-Jim and Lois Fox
Cindy Vela
Ronald Walls

Big Wheel Giving (\$200 or more)

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The Columbus Foundation
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Knights of Columbus
Lancaster
Knights of Columbus
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Katherine Bontrager
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Fairfield Medical Center
Dawn Legg
Park National Bank
Fairfield Heating & Cooling
Sitterley Law
Friendly Bremen Bank

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Shirley Destefanis
Edith Stafford
Helen Huber
Judith Smith
Gary Vance
Viva Turner
Darrell Sanner

Janet Potts
Terry McAnespie
Bonnie Kyser
Jacquiline Sipe
Patricia Joos
Paul Waugh

Legacy Giving

Maribel L. Poulos

agency financials



OPERATING INCOME

Public support	66,266
Fundraising	29,345
Levy	2,653,674
Contract Revenue	897,991
Grants	70,500
Program Revenue	239,157
Miscellaneous	24,282
Interest	<u>14,015</u>
Total Income	\$3,995,230



OPERATING EXPENSES

Aging Services	987,047
Nutrition Services	2,627,705
Fundraising	7,041
Managerial	<u>117,574</u>
Total Expenses	\$3,739,367

Meals on Wheels is a 501c3 non-profit supported in part by a senior services levy, Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging, donations, grants and fundraising. The financial information presented in this report was prepared by management of Meals on Wheels and has not been audited by an external auditor. Audited financial will be available later in the year.

volunteers make a difference



179 Volunteers
donating 5,740 hours
equating to \$171,942 in in-kind services

2022 Board of Trustees

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Secretary Helen Harding, Retired Healthcare Administrator
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Donna Fox-Moore, Retired Social Services Administrator
Doug Smith, Principal—IMEG Corporation
Howard Sniderman, Retired; Healthcare Administrator
Jennifer Sitterley, Attorney, Sitterley Law Offices
Vicki Tauer, Retired Healthcare Manager
Lara Wright, LSW Case Manager, Fairfield Medical Center

Leadership Team

Anna Tobin, Executive Director
Sarah Arledge, Director Administrative Services
Linda McDonald, Director of Aging Services
Amber Goines, Director of Nutrition Services

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Rick Szabrak

February 28, 2023

For Immediate Release

Contact: Anthony Iachini, 740-424-8837 / Anthony.iachini@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

Fairfield County to hold Public Meetings for Active Transportation Plan

Lancaster, Ohio – As Fairfield County prepares for future growth, the Knowlton School of Architecture within the College of Engineering at The Ohio State University, has partnered with Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) and Fairfield County to update and revise the Fairfield County Active Transportation Plan.

Public meetings to discuss the planning process and active transportation findings will be held on March 8th from 6:30pm until 8:00pm at three separate locations across the County. During the meeting, attendees will evaluate draft actions and priorities for each location and review the draft plan.

Active transportation is any form of transportation through human-powered means. Active transportation includes walking, running, hiking, cycling, rowing, horseback riding, skateboarding, or using walkers, wheelchairs, motorized wheelchairs, kick scooters, or roller skates. Active transportation does NOT include driving, riding the bus or train, or motorized boating. The current plan, and its June 2013 accompanying update, can be found on the county website at www.co.fairfield.oh.us/rpc under the development strategy and land use plan tab.

The locations for the public meetings will be:

- The Fairfield County Records Center: 138 West Chestnut Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130
- The Pickerington Public Library: 201 Opportunity Way, Pickerington, Ohio 43147
- The Walnut Township Fire Department: 2435 Blacklick-Eastern Road NE, Millersport, Ohio 43046

Registration for the meetings is free. Please register for the meeting you plan to attend at one of the following links:

- Lancaster - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/active-transportation-plan-lancaster-tickets-554696691737>
- Pickerington - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/active-transportation-plan-pickerington-tickets-554699510167>
- Millersport - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/active-transportation-plan-buckeye-lake-tickets-554701546257>

Following the public meetings, the final plan will be presented by OSU students at the Fairfield County Commissioners Meeting in the Commissioner Meeting Room at 210 E. Main Street Lancaster, on April 11th at 9:30 AM. The public is encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Anthony Iachini, Economic Development Coordinator with Fairfield County, at anthony.iachini@fairfieldcountyohio.gov.



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Fairfield County to hold Public Meeting for Economic Development Plan and Update to the 2018 Comprehensive Land Use Plan

Lancaster, Ohio – As Fairfield County prepares for future growth, the Fairfield County Planning Steering Committee in conjunction with *planning NEXT*, a Columbus based consultant group, will be holding a public meeting on March 13th from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Fairfield County Workforce Center located at 4465 Coonpath Road NW, Carroll, Ohio 43112. The plan focuses on smart growth to ensure the county maintains a balance between its agricultural base and expansion of residential and commercial land.

The comprehensive plan will identify growth areas throughout the County and improvements needed to make those areas ready for development. It involves input from villages and townships to create a roadmap for future development. The plan will also identify industries the economic development department should target based on strengths and weaknesses of the County. While the cities of Canal Winchester, Lancaster, and Pickerington will be consulted in the plan, the focus will be on areas outside of those municipalities since they already have planning mechanisms in place.

During the public meeting, the current planning process will be introduced to the public, with participants having the opportunity to talk with members of the *planning NEXT* team and Fairfield County staff. Participants will be able to provide feedback, ask questions, and share their perspective on these important issues which will help determine future growth in Fairfield County.

“We want to make sure we are ready for the growth that will continue in our County for the decades ahead,” said Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development Director. “We’re excited about this process. Fairfield County is already the fifth fastest growing county in Ohio and has a great story to tell companies that are looking to expand.”

To learn more about the planning process and to register for the event, please visit co.fairfield.oh.us/rpc/CPU or contact Anthony Iachini, Economic Development Coordinator, Fairfield County at 740-424-8837 or anthony.iachini@fairfieldcountyohio.gov.

Economic and Workforce Development Update



February 28, 2023

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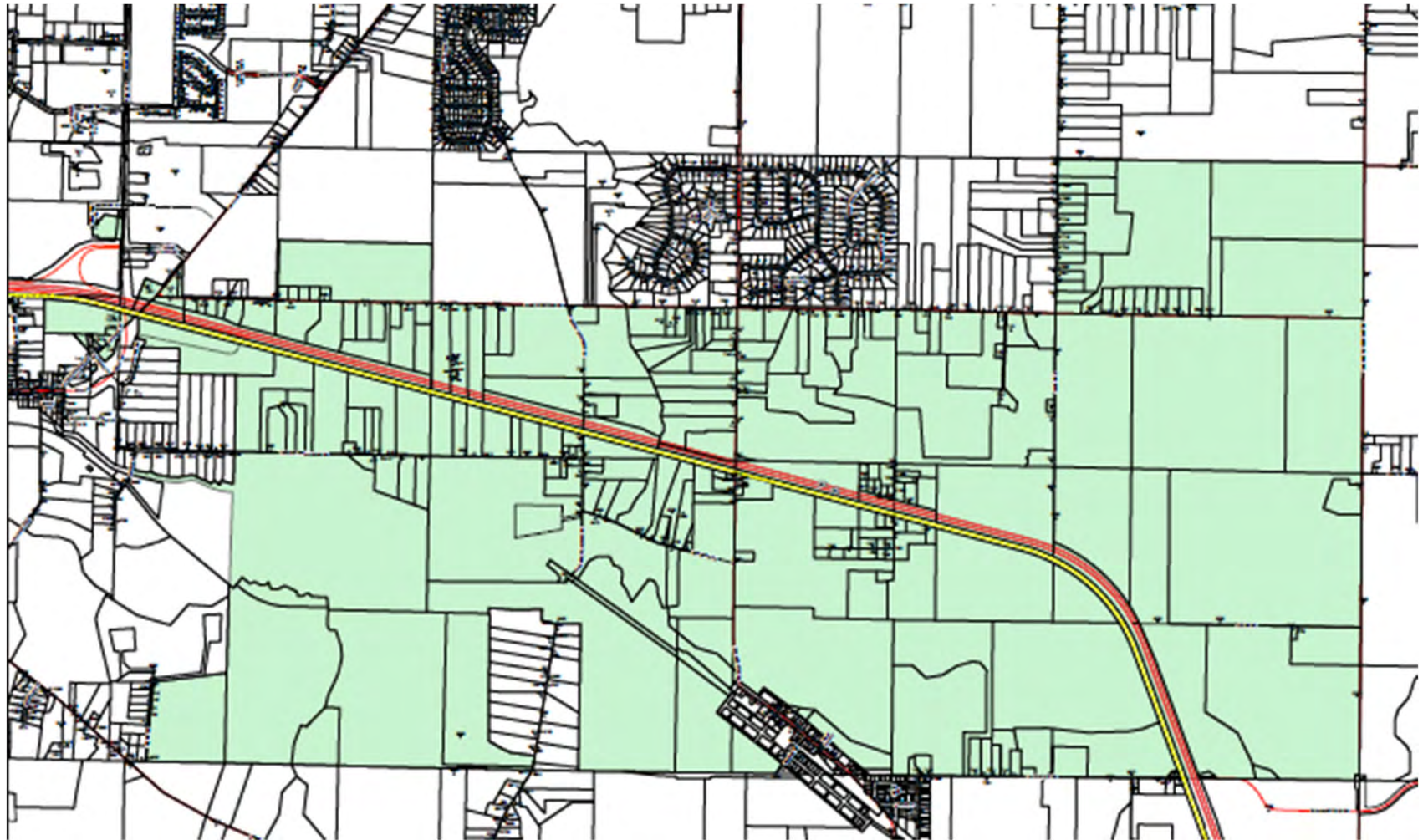
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Central Ohio's Road to Opportunity



The Team

- ▶ Rick Szabrak, Director
- ▶ Deshawn Toney, Deputy Director
- ▶ Vince Carpico, Economic Dev. Specialist
- ▶ Anthony Iachini, Economic Dev. Coordinator
- ▶ Jenni Sturgeon, Workforce Dev. Clerk
- ▶ Angel Conrad, Assistant/Fiscal Specialist
- ▶ Bayley Fields, Employer Services Specialist
- ▶ Adam Sedlacko, Workforce Dev. Specialist
- ▶ Career Navigators:
 - Karie Stone, Beth Mingyar, Crista Blower

Route 33 CRA



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Economic Development

- ▶ Basil Western Developments – 380 Acres



Economic Development

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IN OUR
FUTURE
AND YOUR
FUTURE

fairfield  **corridor**
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Join Us!

The Fairfield County Commissioners are creating a plan to prepare for future development in our county and would like feedback from the community.

March 13

5:30 - 7 pm

Fairfield County Workforce Center

4465 Coonpath Rd NW, Carroll, OH 43112



- Get familiar with the planning process
- Speak to members of the planning team
- Share your opinions on the future of development

Register for the event at
tinyurl.com/3wy3mdsj
and follow us at
co.fairfield.oh.us/rpc/CPU/



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ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN PUBLIC MEETINGS

March 8, 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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Workforce Development

- ▶ Driver's Education
- ▶ Pre-Apprenticeship Programs
 - Electric
 - Water and Wastewater Management
 - Carpentry
 - HVAC
- ▶ CDL
- ▶ Summer Camps

Workforce Development

- ▶ Save the Dates:
 - Career Expo – March 30
 - Graduation – May 12

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Promotional Videos

Mid West Fabricating

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhK5daFWbgk>

Blue Label Packaging

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W_AeqYnIdHA

Local Partners Participating



Thank You



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1998-2026 Sales Tax

Actual Sales Mth	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep		
Paid Out Sales Mth	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	YOY % Change
1998	625,428	625,428	719,073	547,322	561,371	666,416	593,404	724,648	751,083	703,219	681,607	618,403	7,817,400	
1999	657,897	717,170	876,039	577,369	671,203	688,353	731,728	777,431	781,161	769,846	1,012,161	684,083	8,944,440	14.4%
2000	755,159	718,864	974,212	512,750	834,597	654,420	894,968	778,463	793,014	878,159	761,757	790,563	9,346,926	4.5%
2001	664,322	804,344	978,984	607,672	732,002	817,502	823,409	825,936	768,031	771,395	690,052	851,334	9,334,984	-0.1%
2001 sales tax revenue impacted by 9/11 tragedy														
2002	730,658	731,624	981,860	670,382	777,203	914,764	827,811	740,520	833,021	906,163	885,007	856,718	9,855,731	5.6%
2003	772,068	823,287	990,687	692,883	593,339	937,425	754,394	878,765	954,111	774,672	888,092	816,480	9,876,203	0.2%
2004	799,633	898,085	1,052,974	675,196	738,185	960,111	811,136	895,680	872,111	903,939	860,357	782,645	10,250,052	3.8%
2005	926,106	861,098	1,149,122	725,719	817,400	888,205	899,788	920,243	1,015,090	935,066	915,824	829,075	10,882,735	6.2%
2006	800,452	967,645	1,178,266	892,316	863,719	884,728	913,317	867,449	988,573	923,246	878,268	911,932	11,069,910	1.7%
2007	838,721	871,197	1,354,528	826,456	849,253	975,686	977,960	871,975	1,043,345	841,742	861,899	945,081	11,257,843	1.7%
2008	814,929	964,143	1,308,987	742,435	827,638	1,000,446	940,768	978,406	1,120,611	962,304	940,066	969,431	11,570,163	2.8%
2009	879,734	893,651	1,347,421	774,025	829,419	946,986	894,012	1,019,233	1,049,559	951,848	889,490	916,394	11,391,771	-1.5%
2009 sales tax revenue impacted by the great recession.														
2010	887,254	1,162,923	1,339,323	1,102,139	1,185,143	1,390,629	1,208,103	1,470,249	1,468,452	1,277,519	1,328,907	1,364,823	15,185,464	33.3%
YOY increase includes 1/4 point increase in sales tax.														
2011	1,236,349	1,397,846	1,839,288	1,156,127	1,286,106	1,402,975	1,306,597	1,456,941	1,301,891	1,443,660	1,306,381	1,342,798	16,476,960	8.5%
2012	1,322,775	1,491,042	1,888,126	1,224,544	1,381,868	1,505,374	1,349,342	1,579,835	1,517,628	1,425,024	1,480,711	1,357,146	17,523,415	6.4%
2013	1,343,072	1,524,817	1,890,000	1,323,030	1,415,445	1,523,003	1,517,670	1,679,889	1,597,198	1,513,717	1,493,619	1,493,904	18,315,364	4.5%
2014	1,366,110	1,542,382	1,973,853	1,310,143	1,425,847	1,642,808	1,507,871	1,736,452	1,788,567	1,525,246	1,536,823	1,637,463	18,993,565	3.7%
2015	1,544,599	1,697,286	2,068,410	1,411,499	1,602,856	1,733,690	1,569,737	1,815,498	1,874,355	1,683,700	1,757,591	1,641,079	20,400,299	7.4%
2016	1,638,636	1,727,807	2,320,990	1,465,832	1,609,982	1,784,482	1,668,224	1,833,805	1,822,791	1,738,392	1,721,738	1,665,119	20,997,798	2.9%
2017	1,685,613	1,774,968	2,213,391	1,602,015	1,731,030	1,831,718	1,732,304	1,912,204	1,950,642	1,778,012	1,605,224	1,787,997	21,605,116	2.9%
2018	1,615,273	1,789,901	2,368,984	1,547,767	1,544,431	1,847,292	1,730,387	1,827,911	1,855,921	1,716,332	1,751,273	1,816,057	21,411,529	-0.9%
The S&P 500 in December 2018 fell more than 9% as investors feared a central bank ready to tighten monetary policy, a slowing economy, and an intensifying trade war between the U.S. and China. It marked the worst December since 1931.														
2019	1,666,146	1,847,208	2,307,301	1,536,075	1,583,302	1,840,694	1,844,059	1,867,495	2,065,761	1,757,111	1,861,851	1,917,097	22,094,100	3.2%
2020	1,854,358	1,909,897	2,444,278	1,660,892	1,626,057	1,600,463	1,557,434	2,069,932	2,171,563	1,973,472	2,037,750	1,982,538	22,888,634	3.6%
2021	1,993,692	2,002,315	2,425,745	1,886,350	1,980,821	2,578,358	2,383,697	2,354,940	2,528,056	2,201,394	2,225,312	2,196,807	26,757,487	16.9%
2022	2,252,866	2,360,846	2,778,453	1,953,870	2,132,796	2,490,400	2,377,662	2,559,950	2,464,658	2,377,762	2,498,078	2,420,503	28,667,845	7.1%
2023 (fcst)	2,364,568	2,530,832	2,826,024	1,758,511	1,823,706	2,124,033	2,041,758	2,206,559	2,321,600	2,078,306	2,157,678	2,134,550	26,368,125	-8.0%
2024 (BDG)	1,972,016	2,089,151	2,609,653	1,808,431	1,860,845	2,165,549	2,071,318	2,241,851	2,333,382	2,106,024	2,179,132	2,175,765	25,613,117	-2.9%
2025 (BDG)	2,031,176	2,151,825	2,687,942	1,862,684	1,916,670	2,230,515	2,133,457	2,309,107	2,403,384	2,169,205	2,244,506	2,241,038	26,381,511	3.0%
2026 (BDG)	2,092,112	2,216,380	2,768,580	1,918,565	1,974,170	2,297,431	2,197,461	2,378,380	2,475,485	2,234,281	2,311,841	2,308,269	27,172,956	3.0%
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2023 (Org Fcst)	1,943,670	2,036,045	2,491,870	1,758,511	1,823,706	2,124,033	2,041,758	2,206,559	2,321,600	2,078,306	2,157,678	2,134,550	25,118,286	
(Act/Proj/Bud)	2,364,568	2,530,832	2,826,024	1,758,511	1,823,706	2,124,033	2,041,758	2,206,559	2,321,600	2,078,306	2,157,678	2,134,550	26,368,125	5.0%
Variance to Plan	420,898	494,787	334,154	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,249,839	

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Good Morning. My name is Steve Feeney, my address is on the sign-in sheet. I am here today to once again voice my opposition to Utility Solar Plants in Fairfield County, and Ohio.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, FERC, is currently taking comments, right now, on ways to limit the negative impact renewables have on grid reliability. PJM is a regional transmission organization RTO, that coordinates the movement of electricity in 13 states. Fairfield County is in the PJM region.

Very recently, PJM asked FERC for permission to implement a two-year moratorium on grid scale solar hookups. Let me say that again, because I think it is very important - PJM has asked FERC permission for them, PJM, to implement a two-year moratorium on grid scale solar hook-ups.

To put it very simply: Houston - we have a problem. And that problem lies squarely at the feet of another organization with the acronym NERC or the North American Electric Reliability Council whose sole mission is electric grid reliability and security. That reliability and security is faltering. Hence the PJM request to FERC. Noteworthy, I think, the request came from PJM and not NERC.

The 3 operating solar facilities in Ohio - Hardin, Hillcrest and New Market, according to the Ohio Power Siting Board website, total 450MW. As I've discussed here before, solar facilities in Ohio generate nowhere near nameplate capacity and these three facilities will find it difficult to generate the equivalent of 50MW in one year.

A coal plant could generate this additional electrical power in minutes. What could be simpler than that?

Are solar plants required in Fairfield County? No. The plants aren't needed, convenient, or in the public interest. Apparently, PJM is also beginning to wonder about the wisdom of this solar implementation.

You, Mr. Davis, Mr. Levacy and Mr. Fix, are our County Commissioners. Via Ohio House and Senate Bill 52, you can help PJM with their moratorium right here in Fairfield County.

Lastly, instead of my standing here for 3 minutes every so often, I'd be willing to assist you in your efforts to support PJM's requested moratorium.

Thank you.

Good Morning, my name is Emily Hayek and I am the 8th generation on our family farm outside of Pleasantville that was founded in 1811. It's one of the oldest farms in Fairfield County and we will be surrounded by solar panels. I am speaking to you today on behalf of my son who wants to be the 9th generation farmer. I am also here today on behalf of all our future farmers of the next generation. I am going to be referencing your 2018 Land Use plan that can be found in the Fairfield County Regional Planning. The plan was specifically made for the next generation to continue farming in Fairfield County for a better future.

The Land Use Plan was developed with three things in mind, 1st managing growth that talks about protecting Prime Agricultural land and the beauty of Fairfield County. 2nd Fostering Stewardship by promoting grassroots efforts and public and private partnerships that enhance neighborhood quality of life. 3rd Investing Wisely which means to continue to refine and implement an aggressive program to preserve Prime Farmland. This means that Fairfield County will continue grow thereby reaping the benefits of economic prosperity while retaining the Charm and inherent attractiveness that's so important to the citizens of the county and the state of Ohio.

When looking at the Farmland Survey Results over the next 20 years the number one greatest concern on that survey was population growth and related development affecting the significant reduction in farmland in Fairfield County. 55% were concerned about the encroachment of non-agricultural development pressures. One of the most popular statements was; 'The only way for the next generation to continue farming in Fairfield County is to have a land use plan also the Farming industry is being taken for granted and there is a lack of respect.'

In your current farmland preservation plan on page 62, part of the 140,000 acres deemed to remain protected agriculture, are signed up for industrial solar production. This land is some of the richest land

in the county. The Land use Planning and Zoning should be reviewed and weighed against the future land use planning area.

The goal of your land use plan is that Fairfield County will be built on sustainable development that maintains the rural appeal that residents have grown to love with the suburban growth tied to the expanding Columbus region.

Agriculture has strong roots in Fairfield County its WHO WE ARE! It benefits our citizens and businesses. I would not be standing in front of you today if I didn't care about this land, the community it surrounds, and the next generation. Land is something that you can't make more of and once is gone is gone forever. Once the solar panels go up there is no restoring the land back to original state to be farmed again. It is forever destroyed!

2/28/2023
C. Hayek

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