Review

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Amy Brown-Thompson, Tom Lininger, Joshua Horacek, Jeff Porter, Todd McCullough, Lt. Marc Churchill, Corey Clark, Michael Kaper, Mick Schultz, Rick Szabrak. Hannah Heimberger, Ray Stemen, Chief Lape, Dennis Keller, Jon Kochis, James Mako, Jeff Barron, Branden Meyer, Tiffany Nash, Jon Slater, Mark Conrad, David Miller, Detective Kathryn Nunemaker, John Pekar, and Elisa Murdock.

- Welcome

Welcome – Kathryn Nunemaker, New Special Victims Detective

Congratulations to Kathryn Nunemaker on her promotion to special victims detective.

Chief Alex Lape introduced Detective Kathryn Nunemaker. She is experienced in law enforcement and has been with Fairfield County for nearly 10 years. The leadership is very excited to have her serving in her new role to benefit the residents of Fairfield County.

Chief Lape stated Detective Nunemaker went through an intense selection process. She has a well-rounded history serving as a jail deputy, patrol deputy, and hostage negotiator. He looks forward to her providing detective services to the county.

Detective Nunemaker is excited for the opportunity. The target of any crime is terrible, especially victims of sexual assault. This role requires a level of care and compassion she is able to provide. Her start date is April 13th.

On behalf of the County Commission, Commissioner Davis congratulated Detective Nunemaker and added that he is looking forward to her service.

Welcome - Hannah Heimberger, Workforce Investment Opportunity Act Financial Specialist

We also welcomed Hannah Heimberger as the new Workforce Investment Opportunity Act Financial Specialist. She will be reporting to Rick Szabrak, Economic and Workforce Development Director and will be managing reporting functions for WIOA and providing grants management support to the department. Congratulations to Hannah Heimberger with her new position in Fairfield County.

On behalf of the County Commission, Commissioner Davis congratulated Ms. Heimberger and welcomed her to the Fairfield County.

- Legal Update

There was no legal update.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri’s List

  a. Announcements

Thank you to Commissioner Dave Levacy for volunteering to serve on the Elder Abuse Commission. This commission will meet on Mondays (in the morning) in Columbus and will be addressing elder abuse issues that have impact on a statewide basis.

Mr. Fix attended the District Advisory Council meeting on Monday night. The meeting was well attended. They received an update on Coronavirus preparedness
and discussed the Health Department’s contract with the City of Lancaster and its relationship to the Health Department budget.

Dr. Brown plans on joining the local Rotary group, and the Commissioners were supportive of this action.

Dr. Brown reported on the United Way awards recently presented and thanked everyone who supports the United Way, whether with time, participation, or donations.

Date Reminders:

March 5 – Leadership Conference – Part 1

March 15-21 – Sunshine Week

April 1 – Career Readiness Expo

April 8 – Wear Blue for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness - Lt. Governor Husted to Speak

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

April 10 – Good Friday – Close at Noon

April 23 – Circus Night at JFS

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

Mr. Davis stated March 10th would be the public hearing to consider the rehire of Dr. Brown. Several letters of support have been received. Dr. Brown submitted her letter of retirement December 31st with an effective date of March 31. The public hearing will be to rehire her on April 1st. This is a codified process and while the Commission will not preordain the results, Dr. Brown has been essential to the success of Fairfield County.

b. Highlights of Resolutions

Dr. Brown highlighted 13 resolutions planned for the voting meeting.

We proposed a resolution to appoint Ms. Vicki Anderson to the ADAMH Board. We have sent a nice note of thanks to Ms. Marea Bigham and will keep her application on file for the next ADAMH Board opening. Both candidates were highly qualified and passionate.

We proposed a resolution to approve proclamations for March 2020. We will plan on proclamations within one resolution whenever possible.

We had proclamations to honor Developmental Disabilities (John Pekar will provide an update at 9:45 am) and kidney health awareness (Todd McCullough and his deputy, Nick Schultz, will share personal stories). We will save the proclamation for Sunshine Week for that week (March 15-21). We also had a proclamation to honor Private John Julien, a revolutionary war soldier for whom there will be a dedication at a grave site in Tarlton. This proclamation can be provided to the family (and the Commissioners have been invited to attend the ceremony on Sunday, April 26).

Mr. McCullough spoke to the importance of Kidney Health Awareness providing an update on his niece’s condition. Mr. Schultz, a deputy at the Dog Shelter, also shared his 8-year-old brother’s recent kidney failure diagnosis. Commissioner
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Davis stated that he and all of the Commission were behind Mr. Schultz’s brother, and if there was anything needed of the Commission, we would be there.

RPC proposed approval of a contract for the CDBG related paving for Millersport, a change order for the Sugar Grove WWTP project, and an award of bid for the Pleasantville sidewalk project.

Common Pleas Court proposed approval of disposal of a vehicle for salvage.

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

- A resolution authorizing the County Auditor to assess and place on the tax duplicate delinquent sewer rentals for the Buckeye Lake Sewer System for the dates of November 15, 2019 through December 15, 2019;
- Allocations for Soil and Water Conservation (earlier to help with a grant match); and
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for Juvenile Court, JFS, and FCFACF (four resolutions).

We proposed a resolution approving signature on a memorandum of understanding for the One Ohio approach for the opioid litigation.

Forecasted Resolutions

For March 10, there is a resolution in queue to rehire Dr. Brown as County Administrator following her retirement under the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (and following the public meeting to be held on March 10).

There is also a resolution in queue to confer authority to the County Administrator, effective April 1. All aspects of the resolution are the same as existing authority, except the threshold for contracts and payments is $100,000 instead of $50,000, based on multiple requests for this change, based on efficiency.

As a test, of the last 15 items, 4 would have been approved administratively if this new threshold were in place. With the administrative process, the amount of time to process payments was reduced from 8 days to 4 days, which is a good thing for our vendor partners, and we have the process well documented.

In addition, there is a resolution in queue for additional appropriations to support hiring a Records Center and Human Resources Liaison to serve at the Records Center. In the review packet, there is an example of the new posting format, and there is a draft resolution, which comments on the opening of the Records Center in May of 2019 and the ongoing work of the work group consisting of the Clerk of Courts, County Administrator, IT Director, HR Director, and Facilities Director.

There were other financial and contracting resolutions in queue. If contracting resolutions are ready for March 5th, they will be proposed.

c. Administrative Approvals, Program, & Budget Update

**Administrative & Program Updates**

**Administrative Approvals**

The review packet contained a list of administrative approvals. Among these approvals is the contract for the Service Skills training, for which we have saved $20,000 by purchasing multi-year services.

Dr. Brown asked if there were any questions, and none were posed.
March 5th Leadership Conference

We are ready for the March 5th Leadership Conference for elected officials and departments heads.

There will be some “take-away” tools for elected officials and department heads. We have already received good feedback about those tools.

There will be a review session and regular meeting on March 5th following the leadership conference.

Sunshine Week!

Sunshine week is in March, and we are seeking additional participants for our county press releases. Please see Carri Brown with ideas. We have a full slate of newsworthy items, but we want to be as inclusive as possible with the approach.

State of the County Address

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

We envision a video from the County Parks District, too.

The theme is Counties Matter – and Fairfield County Matters!

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

Amstutz Mural Project – Update from the February 19th Meeting

The project to explore a patriotic mural at Amstutz progresses! We will meet with the BZA on March 3rd.

Complete Count – US Census 2020

The Complete Count Committee continues to conduct outreach. March 23rd marks the day self-responses begin. Employees will also see global emails as reminders. The alert notification system is also going to be used for notices. We have sent inserts with Utilities bills, updated others at multiple meetings, participated in planning sessions, created videos, updated our website, and secured billboards. Many community groups have participated. There is a committee meeting prior to the March RPC meeting.

Special Abilities Court – Fairfield County Municipal Court

During the Board of Developmental Disabilities meeting in February, Dr. Brown learned about the special abilities court docket with Judge Fields of the Fairfield County Municipal Court. She visited this court and observed how the special docket was managed. The team from DD was exceptionally engaged and helpful to the clients. The clients were respectful and demonstrated how there were learning and improving their life skills. Judge Fields showed a heart for the mission to improve the quality of life for all citizens while reducing recidivism. His staff showed care and concern. Dr. Brown stated the perspective gained was the best part of her day; and she encouraged others to visit this court on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. It is a strong, successful collaboration.
Electronic Idea Box Update

There was an additional idea for February (and one on March 1, too), and Dr. Brown provided a summary:

**Idea 29:** An employee suggested a digital communication board in an external location, perhaps in the downtown Lancaster area. There might also be options to have digital communications in lobbies of county buildings, perhaps connecting these presentations.

**Response:** Thanks for the idea! The County Administrator called the employee for more information. Educational and awareness activities were the types of communication suggested. The County Administrator also reached out the Destination Downtown Director to see if there was interest in this idea from a partnership perspective. If such a communication board could be produced and kept within permitting requirements and aesthetics of the area, that would be great. We will also check with other communities if a pilot in the downtown Lancaster area works. (In a follow up phone call, the employee volunteered to serve on a work group to help plan for connection with Destination Downtown if that was a possibility. Thanks for that!)

Regarding county building lobbies, many buildings have power point type presentations within lobbies. The idea of connecting these presentations does have appeal, but there are other information technology priorities at this time. Again, thanks for the idea.

**Idea 30:** An employee had an idea to combine RFPs, RFQs, and ITBs into one, segregated location on the county website. Could we have a link to all of our requests for services in a link, rather than mixed in with the recent news? This would help vendors go to a single link, like Employment Opportunities.

**Response:** Thank you for your idea box suggestion. Right now, for clarity, RFPs, RFQs, and ITBs are on the county home page except for Engineer and Utilities projects, which are on their home pages - where vendors in the market are accustomed to seeing them. We will add this thought about aggregating them in one place to the list of things to think about when refurbishing the website all together in the future. We can add this to the Data Board review list (as IT is working on other projects related to this).

Administrative Meeting with Mr. Mike Waits

Dr. Brown met with Mr. Waits who is an advocate of the Constitution, especially the Second Amendment. Mr. Waits provided his personal story and gave heartfelt reasons for support of a resolution.

Dr. Brown provided copies of the Strong Ohio summary and the sample CCAO resolution, as he requested that. She also provided copies of the Constitution Week proclamation, which Mr. Waits appreciated and recalled Commissioner Davis mentioning in public meeting.

The second amendment matter continues to be under review.

During the administrative meeting, Mr. Waits provided a press release from Diane Grendell, State Representative for most of Geauga and northern Portage Counties. Rep. Grendell indicated she would file legislation to declare “Ohio a Second Amendment Protective State.”

Dr. Brown let Mr. Waits know that she would reach out to him at the end of March, and he stated he appreciated the meeting.
Mr. Davis has done a fair amount of reading on these issues and cannot support the idea of passing a resolution like the one requested (with sanctuary language). However, he would support the CCAO proposed example and reiterated that the Commission passes a resolution every year in support of the US Constitution.

Budget Update

Baldwin (Records/Assets) Project

We continue to finalize the remaining payments for the Records/Assets project fund. We have about $40,000 remaining, under budget, to use on the paving project at Baldwin.

Sales Tax Revenues – Planning Tool Review – Building and Other Factors

Sales tax revenues for the county were $22.3 M in 2019, a 3.2% increase over the prior year. For sales tax revenues, we have projected a 2.5% increase in 2020 for the planning tool. That is $22.8 M. Sales tax revenues for January 2020 (paid into the Treasury in January) were $1,854,358, an 11% increase over 2019, which was likely an anomaly. Sales tax revenues for February 2020 were $1,909,896, a 3.4% increase over the prior year. We do not recommend any changes to the planning tool right now. We are using a 2.5% increase in sales taxes (annually) within the planning tool. We can continue to monitor the trends and adjust as needed, of course.

We have not factored into the planning tool a transfer from the Certification of Title for 2021 forward. We have not factored in the net increase relating to indigent attorney fees yet. We have not factored into the tool any settlement from Franklin, but we have estimated the insurance increase at 2% (which is relatively low but has been our experience).

We have not factored into the tool any major new buildings, and while we have not factored in new debt, such as for the energy conservation phase 2, but we would be able to do this and adjust capital expenditures and maintain good carry over balances. That project continues to be refined for a recommendation.

There is an administrative meeting on March 4th to review refinancing of bonded debt.

There was an administrative meeting held on February 26th with Jeremiah Upp, Jason Grubb, Dennis Keller, and Staci Knisley to review plans for siding the existing salt barn, building a new salt barn, and acquiring brining equipment. The first step is to review the siding for the old salt barn, and once that research is done, we will update the Board of Commissioners. The bulk of these combined projects will be paid from the Motor Vehicle Fund, and we are preparing for ways to make that work as best that it can.

Mr. Davis stated he would like to monitor the sales tax revenues and adjust projections as necessary, potentially as a result of the panic related to Coronavirus. He also stated that it is the Commissions’ goal to get to a point where the General Fund is fiscally sound for as long as possible in the foreseeable future. There are a few more issues to work through before he believes this can be asserted.

Request for Proposals – to be Prepared

We recommend preparing a request for proposal for the “single building” solar solution at the One-Stop, given our current market research. We have been providing information to the Perfection Group, and others who work with the Perfection Group, and the process of research is becoming more cumbersome yet interesting. However, we have enough information to issue a request for proposals. This will help formulate a recommendation. Such a project would
serve as a complement to the CCAO related solar project within the energy aggregation program.

All three Commissioners were in favor of issuing an RFP.

New Grant Awarded

Good news: Fairfield County has earned a $7,500 Tech Cred grant to support continuing education efforts. JFS and DD IT professionals will be obtaining continuing education with the grant dollars. The match will be managed centrally. Including meeting two times in person with IT staff and drafting the application, the process took about two hours, making this grant one of the most productive although it is a relatively small grant.

d. BRAVOs

Bravo to Judge Fields, along with multiple court and DD partners, who have put in place a specialized docket at the Fairfield County Municipal Court. This collaboration addresses community needs and helps to reduce recidivism.

Thanks to Rick Szabrak, Economic and Workforce Development Director, for his outreach with the 33 Alliance to promote career readiness and the Workforce Center. Thanks to Tony Vogel, Utilities Director, for participating in the mock interviews at Lancaster High School (in connection with Career Readiness). Utilities and Economic/Workforce Development are working well together.

Thank you to Mark Conrad, IT Director, for his communications and patience in helping to address a question with the Board of Elections as it relates to a request from our building partner, the Education Services Center. Each of these partners have state requirements to address. Mark is being helpful by providing good information.

Bravo to Shar Bails for her responses to Treasurer emails regarding ACHs. Shar immediately evaluates the ACHs for proper deposit. Thanks to the Treasurer’s Office staff for their emails.

Congratulations to Lou Varga for earning the Ed Lentz prize from the Columbus Landmarks Foundation. Lou Varga created a documentary about the Fairfield County Parks District restoration of Rock Mill. This labor of love (over the past 12 years) took top honors! WOSU will be airing the documentary later this year.

Thanks to HR and to all Commission Departments for adding customer service training with Service Skills to the list of annual required training. The Service Skills training is completed online, at your own pace, and in short intervals of time.

Check out the new graphics for employment postings online. The approach helps with the Fairfield County branding. (The sample posting is for the Records Center related position for which the department and appropriations will be created by resolution in a forthcoming meeting.)

Thank you to Joshua Harper, Jon Slater, Michael Kaper, and Joshua Horacek for holding a face-to-face meeting yesterday to advise a resident and that resident’s representative on the Tax Ease process, tax amounts owed, and the valuation process.

Congratulations to Jennifer Beckley-Watson for earning the Mary Good Award. Congratulations to the City Law Director’s Office for winning the United Way Silver Cup Award and to the Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office for their United Way participation honor.
Mr. Davis thanked the Engineer’s Office for their attendance at last week’s Time with the Commission. The Engineer’s Office attendance the last two years has been unparalleled. The Commissioners addressed several issues during the session and also followed up as necessary. He appreciates the participation.

- Old Business

  a. Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center

  Commissioner Davis indicated the funding issue with the MCJDC was resolved.

  Recent articles in the media (copied in the review packet) described the funding deal with the Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center and also included information about new approaches for youth, such as yoga classes and educational activities. These approaches are designed to make the MCJDC attractive to other counties.

  In response to the information in the media about the new approaches, Dr. Brown reported that she received email from an experienced community leader who desired to explore volunteering at the MCJDC. Dr. Brown made a referral about this to Dana Moore, Superintendent of the MCJDC.

  Dr. Brown also indicated she would be interested in exploring volunteer opportunities within county departments if opportunity at the MCJDC did not work out for the potential volunteer.

  There was a copy of the email string in the review packet for reference.

  b. CFLP Meeting on February 28th

  At the February 28, 2020, CFLP meeting, the CFLP Board of Directors approved an additional meeting in April to review applications for projects for the special grant previously discussed.

  Community Action had a draft proposal of approximately $800,000 (or likely more once fully evaluated); Perry County had a draft proposal of about $900,000, and Coshocton County envisioned using no more than $250,000.

  The sum of the draft proposals did not reach the $3M planned for the improvements, so a special meeting (as opposed to the approval of a set aside) sufficed.

  During the February 28, 2020 meeting, Fairfield County proposed various asset disposals, which were approved.

**DD Update**

The Commissioners met at 9:45 a.m. for an update from DD. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Amy Brown-Thompson, Tom Lininger, Joshua Horacek, Jeff Porter, Todd McCullough, Lt. Marc Churchill, Corey Clark, Michael Kaper, Mick Schultz, Rick Szabrack. Hannah Heimberger, Ray Stemen, Chief Lape, Dennis Keller, Jon Kochis, James Mako, Jeff Barron, Branden Meyer, Tiffany Nash, Jon Slater, Mark Conrad, David Miller, Detective Kathryn Nunemaker, John Pekar, and Elisa Murdock.

Mr. Pekar introduced Elisa Murdock, from OODA, who is a DD partner with offices at DD. Mr. Pekar spoke about DD’s partnerships and collaborations which are a big part of their success. He highlighted Judge Field’s mental health court and the work with Judge Vandervoort on the Guardianship Services Board. Mr. Pekar provided an update on Art & Clay/Square 7 which has been a part of the downtown area for ten years. He finished by mentioning that March is DD
Awareness month with the Celebration of Possibilities dinner taking place on the last Thursday of the month.

**Review (continued)**

The Commissioners met at 10:01 a.m. to continue review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Amy Brown-Thompson, Tom Lininger, Joshua Horacek, Jeff Porter, Todd McCullough, I.t. Marc Churchill, Corey Clark, Michael Kaper, Mick Schultz, Rick Szabak. Hannah Heimberger, Ray Stemen, Chief Lape, Dennis Keller, Jon Kochis, James Mako, Jeff Barron, Branden Meyer, Tiffany Nash, Jon Slater, Mark Conrad, David Miller, Detective Kathryn Nunemaker, John Pekar, and Elisa Murdock.

- **New Business**
  
a. **EMA Update re: State Actions Concerning Coronavirus**

  Jon Kochis, EMA Director, provided an update about efforts to address the flu virus. Mr. Kochis participates regularly in teleconferences with state agencies and multiple stakeholders regarding the planning surrounding the Coronavirus and its potential effects. The purpose of the teleconferences is to further the planning efforts. Mr. Kochis has led county departments and stakeholders to be prepared for emergencies surrounding a virus.

  At the county, we have contracts for services for deep cleaning of buildings, and we can step that up as an extra measure. This would require some additional appropriations for our Service Master contract and potentially some overtime.

  If the Board of Commissioners were to give us guidance that they support the action of the additional cleaning, we could do that and then as appropriations would be needed later in the year, we will propose a resolution. The Commissioners indicated they were supportive.

  EMA has posted for program evaluators who will be hired soon. These are part-time positions. People filling the positions will lead exercises and educational activities. We have posted for them in advance of receiving grant funds, as we believe it will be helpful to have these positions on board as soon as possible.

  If EMA should happen to need an additional match for equipment or other purposes based on this, we know the Board of Commissioners will be available to help with general fund support in this scenario.

  The Commissioners looked favorably upon the additional cleaning and hiring of staff.

  Mr. Kochis reminded everyone to wash their hands often and to limit travel if possible. If you are traveling overseas, follow the Center for Disease Control and Prevention Traveler’s Health guidance on their website – [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). The review packet contained articles of interest.

  Mr. Davis stressed the Commissions’ support in any way necessary.

  Tiffany Nash provided perspectives from the Board of Health, and the review packet contained fact sheets.

**Commissioners’ Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 beginning at 10:14 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jeff Porter, John Pekar,
Elisa Murdock, Tiffany Nash, Dennis Keller, Jon Kochis, Todd McCullough, Nick Schultz, Ray Stemen, Corey Clark, Branden Meyer, Michael Kaper, Amy Brown-Thompson, Joshua Horacek, Tom Lininger, Mark Conrad, Jon Slater, James Mako, Hannah Heimberger, and Jeff Barron.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Announcements**

Commissioner Davis asked if there were any announcements.

There were no announcements.

**Public Comment**

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

Mr. Ray Stemen of 2444 West Point Road in Lancaster urged everyone to call the President and praise him for how he has addressed Coronavirus preparedness for our nation.

**Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, February 25, 2020**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, February 25, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

**Approval of the Commissioners’ Resolutions**

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

- **2020-03.03.a** A resolution authorizing the approval of proclamations. [Commissioners]
- **2020-03.03.b** A resolution accepting the One Ohio Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). [Commissioners]
- **2020-03.03.c** A resolution to approve the appointment of Ms. Vicki Anderson to the ADAMH Board [Commissioners]
- **2020-03.03.d** A resolution authorizing the County Auditor to assess and place on the tax duplicate delinquent sewer rentals for the Buckeye Lake Sewer System for the dates of November 15, 2019 through December 15, 2019 [Commissioners]
- **2020-03.03.e** A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer for the 2nd half 2020 Allocation for Soil & Water -Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]

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

**Approval of the Common Pleas Court Resolution**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Common Pleas Court resolution to approve the disposal of a vehicle – Fairfield Common Pleas Court Probation – Transfer to Troy Snyder; see resolution 2020-03.03.f.
Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Dave Levacy, and Steve Davis

Approval of the Family, Adult, and Children First Council Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Family, Adult, and Children First Council resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major category expense for the Fund #7521, subfund #8232; see resolution 2020-0303.g.

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

Approval of the JFS Resolutions

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

2020-03.03.h A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 2072 – Children Services Fund - Fairfield County JFS [JFS]

2020-03.03.i A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 2015 – Child Support Enforcement Agency - Fairfield County JFS [JFS]

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

Approval of the Juvenile/Probate Court Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Juvenile/Probate Court resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category – Fund #2076 Probate Court Indigent Guardianship; see resolution 2020-03.03.j.

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

Approval of the Regional Planning Commission Resolutions

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

2020-03.03.k A resolution authorizing the contract to Law General Contracting Notice to Proceed and Notice of Commencement for the Village of Millersport FY2018 CDBG Paving Projects [Regional Planning Commission]

2020-03.03.l A resolution to approve an award of bid to Cooper Concrete Services LLC the Pleasantville Sidewalk Improvement FY2018 CDBG [Regional Planning] [Regional Planning Commission]

2020-03.03.m A resolution authorizing approval of Change Order #4 for the Fairfield County CDBG – the Village of Sugar Grove FY2018 CDBG Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project [Regional Planning] [Regional Planning Commission]

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

The Commissioners met at 10:19 a.m. to continue review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jeff Porter, John Pekar, Elisa Murdock, Tiffany Nash, Dennis Keller, Jon Kochis, Todd McCullough, Nick Schultz, Ray Stemen, Corey Clark, Branden Meyer, Michael Kaper, Amy Brown-Thompson, Joshua Horacek, Tom Linside, Mark Conrad, Jon Slater, James Mako, Hannah Heimberger, and Jeff Barron.

- New Business (continued)
  a. Annexation Petition Received – City of Pickerington

  We received an annexation application for the City of Pickerington to annex city-owned property. We await some additional information about this, and our mention of the matter now is informational.

  b. Meals on Wheels Packet

  By contract, Meals on Wheels is required to provide information about their services and budget. They provided on February 28, 2020, a proposed 2021 levy budget, additional budget information, services report, documentation of a compliance review, and an annual report. We will set a time to meet in person with Ms. Anna Tobin, Executive Director.

- General Correspondence Received
  a. Letters of Support for the rehire of Dr. Carri Brown

    1. Judge Kathy Mowry
    2. Pastor Tony and Elaine Salvatori
    4. Beth Seifert
    5. David O. Jones

  Five letters of support to rehire Dr. Brown as County Administrator were received.

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received
  a. ODOT Open House for US Route 22/State Route 159 Intersection Proposal – Wednesday, March 11th from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the Engineer’s Office

  b. Grave Marker Dedication for Pvt. John Julian – Sunday, April 26th at 2:30 p.m. at the Tarlton Cemetery (207 East Main Street, Amanda)

- FYI
  a. Jail Population – 308
  b. Career Readiness Information
  c. MORPC flyer – business incubators
  d. 2018 Drug Overdose Data
  e. RPC Packet for March
  f. Notice from FERC re: Leach Xpress
  g. Pickerington Senior Center Newsletter

- Open Items (none)

Commissioner Davis stated at 10:22 a.m. at the Commission would take a short recess prior to the 10:30 a.m. meeting with the Educational Service Center.
Educational Service Center

The Commissioners met at 10:30 a.m. for an update from the Educational Service Center. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Dr. Marie Ward, Dennis Keller, Jon Kochis, Ray Stemen, Joshua Horacek. Amy Brown-Thompson, Lt. Marc Churchill, Jon Slater, and Ed Laramee.

Dr. Ward presented the attached slideshow highlighting the ESC’s services provided as well as their revenues and expenditures.

There was discussion about the revenues and expenditures and fund balance. Dr. Ward stated the ESC was getting to the point where they can address the fund balance which currently shows a balance high enough for grant matches and three months of payroll ($2.7m). Her goal when coming to the ESC was to stabilize the ESC.

Mr. Davis thanked Dr. Ward for the detailed update.

Mr. Fix stated that he thought the ESC needed to be recognized from being one of the worst in the state to now being an ESC that is looked at as one of the best in the state while also being looked at from other states as well. The financial impact on the schools in the district has been fantastic.

Mr. Szubrak discussed the connections between the ESC and Career Readiness Program.

Commissioner Levacy asked Dr. Ward to discuss their ideas for General Sherman Junior High.

Dr. Ward replied that the ESC needs space and Sherman is the last building Lancaster City Schools plans on selling. They are interested in the property and met with the Salvation Army last week to brainstorm shared use for the property. This would allow both organizations to be in the neighborhoods they serve the most. Another benefit would be the Salvation Army can fundraise while the ESC can apply for grant - both things the other cannot do. They are excited to continue discussions. Dr. Ward previously served on a Salvation Army Board of Directors and understands how the organization operates.

Mr. Davis thanked Dr. Ward for continuing those conversations with the Salvation Army. He was moved by the update. He thanked her for her time and service.

Review (continued)

The Commissioners met at 11:06 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Commissioner Fix and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Dr. Marie Ward, Dennis Keller, Jon Kochis, Ray Stemen, Joshua Horacek. Amy Brown-Thompson, Lt. Marc Churchill, Jon Slater, and Ed Laramee.

Mr. Slater stated this is National Weights and Measures Week. He spent the day yesterday with Dorothy Pelanda discussing weights and measures.

Executive Session – Pending Litigation

On the motion of Steve Davis and second of Jeff Fix, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss the employment of a public employee at 11:06 a.m.

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

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

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On the motion of Jeff Fix and second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 11:51 a.m.

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

**Review (continued)**

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**Adjournment**

With no further business, on the motion of Jeff Fix and a second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 11:51 a.m.

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

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

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

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

[Signatures]

[Handwritten signatures of the Commissioners]

Rachel A. Elsea, Clerk
STATE OF THE ESC

What is an Educational Service Center?

- ESCs are local political subdivisions.
- ESCs are school districts under state law, 3311.055 Ohio Revised Code.
- ESCs are local education agencies or LEAs under federal law, 34 USC §11701(b) (ESEA, IDEA, NCLAY, Perkins).
- ESCs are governed by publicly-elected boards of education.

What is an ESC’s relationship to Ohio school districts?

- ESCs are large-scale service providers, offering administrative, academic, fiscal and leadership support services to Ohio’s school districts.
- Charter and nonpublic schools, community schools, and STEAM schools.
- Every district with enrollment of 1,000 students (ADAM) or fewer is required to be assigned to an ESC.
- Districts are able to realign to a different ESC (anywhere in the state) every 2 years consistent with the state budget process if they are not satisfied with the services they are receiving.
- Districts with enrollment over 16,000 students may align to an ESC.
- Districts may purchase services from any ESC at any time - even ESCs to which they are not aligned.
- ESCs are committed by law and policy to serve all districts in their service area (3313.15, ESC.O.11, ESC.O.12).
- ESCs, in addition to financial support, are required to provide districts support for instruction, professional development, technology, and other services.
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• Grant writing
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• Substitute teachers
• Homeschool Application Processing

• Consortium Classrooms
• Related Service
• Adapted Physical Education
• Gifted Services
• Professional Development
• Licensure
• Teacher Mentors
• Paraprofessional Testing
• Specialized assistance per request

WHAT WE DO...

PBL MATTERS
Fairfield County Educational Service Center

Project Based Learning (PBL) is an instructional strategy in which students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time to investigate and respond to a complex question, problem, or challenge. The Fairfield County Educational Service Center’s PBL Matters program works in conjunction with schools to provide comprehensive, high-quality PBL learning opportunities. PBL Matters was established in 2019 to provide fully-tiered support for teachers and organizations as they progress through the PBL process.

HTTPS://WWW.PBLMATTERS.ORG/
CLASSROOM STAFF PER DISTRICT

CLASSROOM UNITS BY DISTRICT
FAST Forward (2016) - 8.4 Million
Math Matters (2013) - 7.7 Million
Growing Cole (2015) - 1.7 Million
ARKA Grant (2015-17) - $239K
Juvenile Court Grant (2015) - 30K
Competency Based Education Pool (2016) - 20K
QUA (2016) - 125K
ArmatCote (2016) - 50K
Stitching Frederick Grant (2018) - 40K
MilaH (2016 & 2020-20)

More than 20 Million since 2015

GRANTS ACQUIRED SINCE 2015