

**Regular Meeting #9 - 2022  
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office  
March 08, 2022**

**Review Meeting**

The Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. at the Violet Township Wigwam Event Center to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Fix called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy. Also present: Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, Bart Hampson, Dennis Keller, Dan Neeley, Jon Kochis, Tom Lininger, Chris Wagner, Elizabeth Moe, Branden Myer, Rick Szabrak, Joe Ebel, Judy Stemen, Ray Stemen, Terry Dunlap, Lori Sanders, Lee Gray, Audrey Stoffel, Norm Hopkins, Jeremiah Upp, Sheriff Lape, Darrin Monhollen, Kathy Jensen, Vanessa Niekamp, Ryan Jenkins, Robert Myer, Jonett Haberfeld, Debra Sturm, Jill Boone, Reitano, Scott Greene, Camty Jerbic, Sherry Lape, Nick Derksen, and Crystal Hicks.

**Welcome**

Commissioner Fix opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and thanking everyone for their interest in county government. He spoke about his desire, when elected, to bring the Commissioners to the residents of the county, and how the purpose of the evening meetings was to enable those unable to attend a morning meeting the opportunity to participate. Commissioner Fix then explained the portions of the meeting and that during the Public Comment section members of the public would have the opportunity to address the Commission.

Commissioner Fix then spoke about the county's Strategic Plan that was created when the county decided to take a comprehensive look at the needs of the county after learning about the American Rescue Plan. he explained that the Strategic Plan has six main components that are the known as the pillars of the plan. Everyone was encouraged to look at the county's website and the Strategic Plan contained therein.

Commission President Fix continued by speaking about the new county facility located in the northwest corner of the county and how the Commissioners, Clerk of Courts, Branden Myer, and the County Administrator, Andrea Cordle, worked to bring the facility to fruition. The Sheriff's Department and Clerk of Court's staff will both occupy space in the facility. Commissioner Fix expressed his appreciation to Violet Township Trustees Terry Dunlap, Lori Sanders, and Darrin Monhollen, as well as Pickerington City Mayor, Lee Gray, for their part in helping to bring the county together through the new facility.

Commissioner Davis acknowledged Branden Myer for his work on the northwest building and the related funding. He stated that Myers declared a surplus, and that the surplus title money was able to transfer to the General Fund, assisting in the acquisition of the facility.

Commissioner Levacy shared some of the history about the Wigwam Event Center which was owned by the Wolfe family prior to being purchased by Violet Township. The Wolfe family sold the property to Violet Township to preserve its landscape, in lieu of selling to developers for a significant amount of additional money. Commissioner Levacy complimented Violet Township

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**Public Comments**

Ray Stemen of Lancaster spoke about his attendance at the Commissioners meetings over the last seven years and spoke about his lapel pins. One pin was a flag, and the other a flag with a cross. Mr. Stemen also spoke about his concerns surrounding pressures against Christians, and read excerpts from a letter written by a former coach and gave statistics surrounding Christianity in the U.S.

Judy Stemen of Lancaster spoke briefly about government grants, and that grant money comes from the taxpayers. She also spoke about churches, illegal drug use, and education all being affected by the Covid pandemic.

Norm Hopkins of Violet Township stated that he has been a long-time resident of Violet Township and has been attending their meetings for many years. He stated that he is involved because he feels it is important to know how his taxes are being spent. Mr. Hopkins also commended Sheriff Lape, the Clerk of Courts' Office, the Auditor's Office, and the County Engineer for the work being done by them and their staff.

Jill Boone of Pickerington took a minute to commend the Commissioners and Clerk of Courts, Branden Myer, for their efforts in bringing the County together.

**Legal Update**

No legal update.

**County Administration Update**

**Questions During the Meeting**

County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle stated that anyone can send her an email at [Aundrea.Cordle@fairfieldcountyohio.gov](mailto:Aundrea.Cordle@fairfieldcountyohio.gov)

County Administrator Cordle and her staff reviewed the following items, from the "Week in Review" through "Correspondence" received.

**Week in Review**

*COVID-19 Update*

Fairfield County's reported COVID-19 cases have decreased by 18% over the past week. From 2/25/2022 through 3/3/2022 there have been 110 new COVID-19 cases reported, down from over 2,000 cases per week in January, for a rate of 69.8 cases per week per 100,000 population (Low Community Levels).

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Seven new hospitalizations were reported in the past week and five COVID-19 related deaths were reported for Fairfield County. There were no additional deaths reported for January keeping the total at fifty-eight. Fairfield County resident deaths for the month of January. Five additional deaths were reported for February for a total of thirteen Fairfield County resident deaths so far for the month of February. December 2021 and January 2022 saw the highest number of COVID-19 deaths during the pandemic.

Commission Ebel shared the Health Department's Annual Report for 2021.

*Evening Meetings*

- June 14, Bremen Municipal Building, 990 Marietta Street, Bremen
- August 9, Baltimore Municipal Building, 103 West Market Street, Baltimore
- November 29, Millersport Village Office, 2245 Refugee Street, Millersport

Chris Wagner, Financial Systems/ACFR Manager with the Fairfield County Auditor's Office provided and spoke about the Hotel Motel Tax Amendment [Fact Sheet], the Conveyance of Property [Fact Sheet], and the Auditor's Office's Staff Directory that is also available on the county website

Commissioner Davis commended Mr. Wagner for his work in the Auditor's Office.

*Employee Appreciation Day*

Employee Appreciation Day was recognized last Friday. Each County employee received an umbrella that was purchased with Wellness funding that is made available to the County through participation in wellness initiatives. Many notes and emails of thanks have been received from employees.

*ARP Update*

There are multiple projects under review.

From the \$15,303,451.00 received as the first tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$9.3M has been appropriated, \$2.8M expended, \$4.2M encumbered or obligated.

**Highlights of Resolutions**

*Administrative Approvals*

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

*Resolution Review*

There are 12 resolutions for the voting meeting.

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Resolutions of note:

- There is a contract for landscaping and snow removal..

**Budget Review**

No items for review.

**Recognition**

- Bart Hampson thanked Dr. Brown for her assistance with financial questions.
- Rick Szabrak thanked Tammy Smith for her tremendous help with securing tools for pre-apprenticeship students.
- Dan Neeley shared a special thanks to Jimmie Gordon in IT for his willingness to step up and handle the setup of new copiers for departments during our staff transition.
- County Administrator Cordle thanked the County Administration Finance Team for their great teamwork during the extended absence of a team member.

**Calendar Review/Invitations Received**

- Phase II Energy Conservation Project Meeting, Historic Courthouse, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room (Levacy)
- One Ohio Regional Meeting, Delaware County Board of Elections, 2079 US Highway 23 N., Suite 4, Delaware (Fix)
- Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner & Trade Show, Thursday, May 12, 2022, Trade Show begins at 5 p.m., Fisher Catholic High School, 1803 Granville Pike, Lancaster
- Child Abuse Prevention Month Awareness Breakfast, Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 7:45 a.m., Life Church, 5550 Lancaster-Newark Rd. NE, Pleasantville

**Correspondence**

*Items Requiring Response*

*There were no items requiring a response.*

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*Informational Items*

- Thank-you card received from the County Auditor's Office for Employee Appreciation umbrellas
- Thank-you letter from the Fairfield Area Humane Society
- Thank-you letter from Deborah Wolfe, Village of Bremen Councilperson
- Meals on Wheels Community Champion's Week flyer
- Letter regarding Merchant Marines Memorial initiative
- Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities Community Connections News, March 2022

*Jail Population*

- March 1 was 261 with 23 of those being contracted placements
- March 8 was 253 with 23 of those being contracted placements

**Old Business**

Commissioner Davis stated he met with a representative from Google, and that Google has data centers in multiple counties across the state. The representative inquired as to Fairfield County's needs. Commissioner Davis informed the representative of the need for access to high-speed internet in certain areas of the county.

Commissioner Levacy asked Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County Economic Director to speak about the Workforce Center.

Rick Szabrak spoke about the Workforce Center, its tie to Economic Development, and how it is helping to provide employees for Fairfield County businesses. Mr. Szabrak also spoke about the opportunities it provides the students attending and how the Center has classes emphasizing healthcare, manufacturing, and skilled trades.

**New Business**

No new business.

**Regular (Voting) Meeting**

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Monhollen, Kathy Jensen, Vanessa Niekamp, Ryan Jenkins, Robert Myer, Jonett Haberfeld, Debra Sturm, Jill Boone, Reitano, Scott Greene, Camty Jerbic, Sherry Lape, Nick Derksen, and Crystal Hicks.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Announcements**

There were no announcements.

**Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, March 01, 2022**

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, March 1, 2022, Regular Meeting.

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

**Approval of a Resolution from the Board of Commissioners**

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

2022-03.08.a      A resolution to approve a memo expense for interest allocation reimbursements for Fairfield Department of Health, Fairfield County Parks, & Fairfield County Port Authority – Fund #7012, #7321, #7308, & #7865, [Commissioners]

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

**Approval of Resolutions from the Engineer**

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

2022-03.08.b      A resolution of increase appropriations, appropriate from unappropriated, account to account and fund to fund transfer for MAD-13 bridge replacement project [Engineer]

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- 2022-03.08.c      A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for the MAD-13  
FAI-TR303-1.969 Rich Hollow Road Over a Tributary to Clearcreek Bridge  
Replacement Project [Engineer]
- 2022-03.08.d      A Resolution to Approve the Contract with McConnell Contracting Inc. for the  
HOC-17 FAI-CR28-2.567 Meister Road Over a Tributary to Arney Run  
Bridge Replacement Project. [Engineer]
- 2022-03.08.e      A Resolution to Approve the Notice to Commence for the HOC-17  
FAI-CR28-2.567 Meister Road Over a Tributary to Arney Run Bridge  
Replacement Project [Engineer]
- 2022-03.08.f      A resolution to approve an Extended Liability Agreement with the  
SummitIG, LLC and Summit Infrastructure Group, LLC. [Engineer]

Jeremiah Upp, County Engineer, added that there are two different bridge projects, and that 70% of the projects are funded by grants.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Facilities**

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

- 2022-03.08.g      A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Contract with Kirkbride Land  
and Snow Management LLC, and the Fairfield County Commissioners  
[Facilities]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of a resolution from Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council**

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

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- 2022-03.08.h      A resolution authorizing an amendment to the SFY 2022 Help Me Grow Early Intervention service agreement between the Fairfield County Commissioners, as administrative agent of the Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council, and the Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency. [Family, Adult and Children First Council]

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

**Approval of resolutions from Fairfield County Job and Family Services**

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

- 2022-03.08.i      A resolution authorizing the disposal of asset by internet auction with Gov Deals, Inc. – Fairfield County Job and Family Services [JFS]
- 2022-03.08.j      A resolution authorizing the disposal of asset by internet auction with Gov Deals, Inc. – Fairfield County Job and Family Services [JFS]

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

**Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit**

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

- 2022-03.08.k      A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category 7858 SF 8290 Major Crimes Unit [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]

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

**Approval of the Payment of Bills**

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

- 2022-03.08.l      A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval [Commissioners]





**Quarters 2,3, & 4, 2021 & Quarter 1 2022 – American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds, as of 3.3.2022.**

From the \$15,303,451.00 received as the first tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$9,302,717.50 has been appropriated, \$2,851,803.88 expended, \$4,218,976.63 encumbered or obligated.

Project/Category		As of 3/3/22 Appropriations	As of 3/3/22 Expenditure	As of 3/3/22 Obligation
<b>Public Health</b>				
R15a	Public Health, PPE	199.90	199.90	0.00
R16a	Public Health, Medical Expenses	206,838.33	206,838.33	0.00
R17a	Public Health, Vaccination Clinic and Related Expenses	81,143.04	55,122.14	17,620.90
R17b	Public Health, Capital Investments and Public Facilities of the County	3,254,524.02	674,632.62	1,910,333.67
R17c	Public Health, Capital Investment for Air Quality Improvements	56,674.00	56,674.00	0.00
R17d	Public Health, Capital Investment for Health Equipment, Mobile Morgue	49,498.87	49,498.87	0.00
R17e	Public Health, Capital Investment for Sheriff Cruiser to Respond to Increased Violence	60,565.00	0.00	54,250.98
R18a	Professional Communications on Behalf of the Board of Health	34,577.94	34,577.94	0.00
R18b	Public Health, Creation of a Community Health Assessment (CHA)	49,825.00	0.00	49,825.00
R19a	Public Safety Payroll Support	1,148,827.28	962,465.88	0.00
R19b	Public Health Payroll Support	204,401.00	60,731.98	143,669.02
R19c	Other Public Sector Payroll Support	276,436.34	78,144.88	0.00
R110a	Mental and Behavioral Health	40,018.00	0.00	40,018.00
<b>Subtotal Public Health</b>		<b>5,463,528.72</b>	<b>2,178,886.54</b>	<b>2,215,717.57</b>
<b>Negative Economic Impacts</b>				
R210a	Emergency Assistance for Non-Profit Organizations, a Subgrant to the City of Lancaster	0.00	0.00	0.00
R210b	Emergency Assistance for Non-Profits, Subgrant The Lighthouse	120,000.00	0.00	120,000.00
R211a	Subgrant for Tourism, Support for the Fairfield County Fair	500,000.00	281,716.90	218,283.10
R211b	Aid to Tourism, Travel, Hospitality	25,000.00	17,638.79	2,008.61
R29a	Emergency Assistance Business Planning	160,178.00	0.00	160,178.00
R213a	Support for Agriculture and the Growing Community	45,000.00	18,400.00	26,600.00

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Project/Category		As of 3/3/22 Appropriations	As of 3/3/22 Expenditure	As of 3/3/22 Obligation
R213b	Technical Assistance for Townships & Others	100,000.00	22,354.84	76,923.16
R213c	Contracts for Services to Support Residents Suffering Effects of the Pandemic	102,000.00	6,664.00	90,036.00
Subtotal Negative Economic Impacts		1,052,178.00	346,774.53	694,028.87
R310a	Housing Support, Affordable Housing Strategic Plan	39,554.00	6,034.00	33,520.00
Subtotal Services Disproportionately Impacted Communities		39,554.00	6,034.00	33,520.00
Premium Pay				
R41a	Premium Pay, Premium Pay for Emergency Management Agency Workers	27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
Subtotal Premium Pay		27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
Infrastructure				
R52a	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Airport	278,000.00	12,605.49	12,238.51
R56a	Clean Water, Stormwater	475,000.00	0.00	400,000.00
R511a	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Grant Hampton	1,038,515.50	108,487.50	835,617.50
R511b	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Airport	102,000.00	0.00	0.00
R511c	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Greenfield	0.00	0.00	0.00
R516a	Broadband, "Last Mile" Projects	500,000.00	0.00	0.00
R517a	Broadband, Other Projects	49,900.00	17,798.00	27,854.18
Subtotal Infrastructure		2,443,415.50	138,890.09	1,275,710.19
Administration				
R71a	Administrative Expenses	276,133.56	153,310.10	0.00
Subtotal Administration		276,133.56	153,310.10	0.00
Grand Total		\$9,302,717.50	\$2,851,803.88	\$4,218,976.63

\*Overall total is slightly off with MUNIS by \$41.42 as the result of BWC Refund Revenue. Working to resolve this issue to match requirements of Treasury Reporting.



LANCASTER FAIRFIELD COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

## ANNUAL DINNER & TRADE SHOW

Thursday, May 12, 2022

*Award Nominations &  
Registration Are Now Open!*

**Join the Chamber of Commerce  
as we celebrate 125 years of serving  
local businesses and communities!**

Plans are underway for the Chamber's Annual Dinner, Trade Show & Awards Ceremony.  
Mark your calendar for ***Thursday, May 12 at Fisher Catholic High School.***

**Trade show begins at 5 p.m. | Dinner & program start at 6:30 p.m.**

3.4.2022

To the Commissioners & HR:

Thank you for the umbrellas. We were just talking about having a few umbrellas on hand to help when people are walking across Main Street between our buildings. Thank you for thinking of us on Employee Appreciation Day. Keep up the great work.

Kindest Regards,  
The County Auditor's Office  
Team



March 1, 2022

Fairfield County Commissioners  
 Attention: Stacy Knisley  
 210 E. Main Street, Room 301  
 Lancaster, Oh 43130

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of our Humane Officer stipend for 2022, and for the new support of our countywide Trap-Neuter-Return program for stray cats. The Fairfield Area Humane Society would like to thank you for your continued support of our organization as we continue to help the residents and animals of Fairfield County. Your willingness to continue our stipend of \$7,500 and \$10,000 for TNR is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me for anything you may think that we can assist with.

Sincerely,

Corey Schoonover  
 Executive Director

*P.O. Box 1109 • Lancaster, Ohio 43130 • (740) 687-0627  
[www.fairhumane.org](http://www.fairhumane.org)*

**Councilperson Deborah Wolfe**

**Village of Bremen**

**9090 Marietta Street**

**Bremen, Ohio 43107**

**Dear Fairfield County Commissioners:**

**Last year, my husband David, and I had the opportunity to apply for a CDBG Grant to replace a forty year old piece of playground equipment in Howell Park. Since there is no Park Department, there is very little monies allocated for the park. We were so appreciative for this \$49,500 grant. It's a government entity, such as the Fairfield County Commissioners, that helps a community to survive.**

**So again, thank you so much for having this money available. And a special thank-you to James Mako, who helped in guiding us through this grant. I will send you a picture of the playground, once the playground area has been leveled and mulched.**

**With sincere thanks,**

**Councilperson Deborah Wolfe**

**Village of Bremen**



February 18, 2022

Dear Community Leader,

I am writing on behalf of Meals on Wheels Fairfield County and the 2,500 seniors we serve each year to invite you to participate in a special March for Meals celebration honoring the **50th anniversary of the Older Americans Act Nutrition Program**, the federal legislation that helps to fund community-based programs like Meals on Wheels. Throughout the month of March, Meals on Wheels Fairfield County will join the national Meals on Wheels network to rally support for this vital public-private partnership that provides millions of seniors with essential services that help them remain healthier and independent at home.

As an influential member of our community, you are in an important position to help raise awareness for the growing number of older adults in our community facing hunger and isolation, both serious problems that have been exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic and thrust senior nutrition programs like ours to the frontlines. One way you can get to know our organization and the service we provide is to volunteer a couple hours of your time in service to our seniors.

**We would be honored if you could join in this year's event by participating in our Community Champion's Week, March 21-25. As a Community Champion's Volunteer, you will choose a day and time during Community Champion's Week to immerse yourself in the Meals on Wheels experience by volunteering your time to deliver meals, prepare or package food, or serve meals in the dining room. In doing so, you can support our vulnerable senior neighbors, and help Meals on Wheels gain much-needed visibility for this cause by continuing the conversation within the community after your experience.**

The annual March for Meals celebration commemorates the historic day in March of 1972 when President Nixon signed into law a measure that amended the Older Americans Act of 1965 to include a national nutrition program for seniors 60 years and older. This year, Meals on Wheels programs from across the country are joining forces for the awareness campaign to celebrate 50 years of success and garner the support needed to ensure these critical programs can continue to address food insecurity and malnutrition, combat social isolation, enable independence, and improve health for years to come. For more information, please visit [www.marchformeals.com](http://www.marchformeals.com).

If you are interested in joining us for Community Champion's Week during March for Meals and witnessing the daily impact of this program on seniors in our community, please contact us at your earliest convenience. I would be delighted to answer any questions that you may have and can be reached at 740-681-5050 x 110 or [lgallimore@mowfc.org](mailto:lgallimore@mowfc.org). Thank you for your consideration of our request. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Lisa Gallimore  
Volunteer Manager  
Meals on Wheels Fairfield County



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Fairfield County  
Commissioners

February 22, 2022

The Fairfield County Commissioners  
210 E. Main St.  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Dear Commissioners Davis, Levacy and Fix,

Some of the most neglected in our Military are Merchant Marines. There is no monument in Fairfield County to honor their service during wartime, yet they carried troops, medical supplies, food supplies, equipment, ammunition and so much more.

All other branches of service are recognized with Memorials in Veteran's Park. Many say that that Merchant Marines were not a part of the organized Military hierarchy, but I beg to differ. They are recognized by the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the U. S. Government for their participation in times of war. They were inducted and paid differently but they did serve all of us.

In World War II, 5,562 Merchant Mariners died for our country. During war time, they were a valued members of the Military. Many were on ships which guarded our coasts from invasion. Many took troops to foreign destinations. Many were on ships to take supplies to the troops in the European and Pacific theatres. At times these ships were under seige, bombed or torpedoed by the enemy powers. Merchant Mariners were a large part of the supply lines that provided all that the U.S. and our other Allies needed to survive and fight on foreign soil. The work was dangerous, they were a prime target for Axis U Boats and submarines.

We are asking the citizens of Fairfield County to assist us in our fundraising efforts to place a Memorial Monument in Veterans Park, Lancaster, Ohio to recognize the service of all Merchant Marines who served and sacrificed.

Some of our own citizens were Merchant Marines - Ray Grein, a lifetime citizen of Fairfield County was one who served during World War II. I met Mr. Grein in the early 1990's and came to be acquainted with him in the years following. He is only one of many. These men deserve to be recognized and I would very much appreciate any help you can give financially or in publicizing our fundraising efforts. If you have questions, please contact me at sbloomoh03@yahoo.com or at 740-808-3321.

Donations may be mailed to the FAIRFIELD COUNTY FOUNDATION, 162 E. Main St., Lancaster, Ohio 43130. Please be certain to use the notation area on your check to indicate that your donation is for the MERCHANT MARINE MEMORIAL PROJECT FUND. Your gifts are important to this cause and no donation is too small. Fairfield County Foundation is a 501(c)3 entity.

Thank you for your generosity and helping us all remember the sacrifices of Merchant Marines.



Susan Bloom  
1703 Graylock St.  
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

# HELLO March

## COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS NEWS

March 2022

*Bringing about a VIBRANT community where people lead FULFILLING lives and make MEANINGFUL contributions*

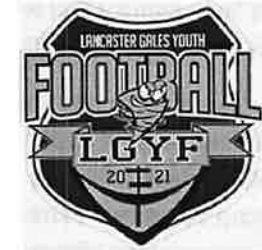
**We are Working together** to connect people with common interests, while keeping you up to date on upcoming community activities available to everyone. To join in our efforts, please contact Rachel McCoy, Community Connections Coordinator, at 740-652-7220 or [rmccoy@fairfielddd.com](mailto:rmccoy@fairfielddd.com).

### FAIRFIELD COUNTY VIRTUAL COMMUNITY

Starting January 2022 Virtual Community episodes will be held once a month on the third Thursday at 10 am. For more information on upcoming episodes please go to [www.FairfieldDD.com](http://www.FairfieldDD.com) and take a look at the Community Connections calendar. **If you are part of a business or organization and you would like to share what you do on Virtual Community, please let us know!** Past Virtual Community episodes can be viewed on our YouTube channel at Fairfield County Virtual Community. We look forward to seeing you there!

March 17th Join us to learn about 4H opportunities

March Virtual Community Zoom  
<https://fairfielddd.zoom.us/j/89176205017>



**The Golden Gales Football Program**, including Lancaster Gales Youth Football, is proud to announce a partnership with Fairfield County Department of Disabilities! LGYF supports every child, at all skill levels, beginner to experienced are welcome. Sign ups are open for Spring flag football ! To register click [here](#).

Join us for an afternoon of education and fun celebrating Earth Day 2022 with our community partners.

### Seeds of Change

Earth Day / Arbor Day  
PLANTING FOR OUR FUTURE

**APRIL 23rd 2022**  
**11 am-3 pm**  
**Rising Park Lancaster**

### Robert K. Fox Family YMCA

the Y

### SUMMER DAY CAMP OPEN HOUSE

**March 14th, 2022**  
**6 pm to 8 pm**  
**465 W. Sixth Avenue**  
**Lancaster, OH**

Limited spots available. Come for info and to reserve your child's spot. For more information:

Kaylah Boone, Childcare Director  
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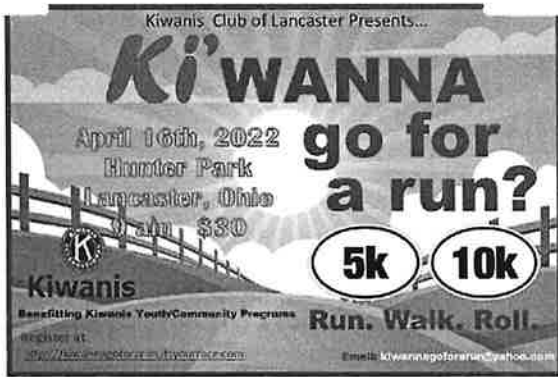
**April 7th 2022 at 11:00am**

"Bring your child to AHA and join our partners at Fairfield DD as we focus our mind, breath, and body to move a colorful parachute with rhythmic music."

## Library ♦ Community Passes

Use your Library Card to check out a pass for free admission.

<p><b>OHIO GLASS</b> American Glass Museum</p> <p>Community pass admits up to four to the Ohio Glass Museum. Pass is good for up to 14 days after checkout. Please check <a href="http://ohioglassmuseum.org">ohioglassmuseum.org</a> for details and hours.</p>	<p><b>AHA!</b> A HANDS-ON ADVENTURE</p> <p>Community pass admits up to four family members to AHA! Children's Museum. It may be checked out for one week. Passes can be put on hold online by going to <a href="http://fcdlibrary.org">fcdlibrary.org</a> and search AHA! Pass.</p>	<p><b>The Dawes Arboretum</b> The Dawes Arboretum</p> <p>Community pass admits up to six family members to The Dawes Arboretum. It may be checked out for two weeks and used an unlimited number of times. Open hours vary seasonally, please call or check the website for current hours.</p>	<p><b>HERITAGE</b> The Sherman House Museum</p> <p>Community pass admits up to six family members to either the Georgian or the Sherman House Museum. It may be checked out for one week.</p> <p>Both museums are open mid-April to mid-December.</p>	<p><b>CMOA</b> Columbus Museum of Art</p> <p>Community pass admits up to eight people to the Columbus Museum of Art. It may be checked out for one week and used one time.</p>
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Ki'Wanna go for a run will start and end at the largest all-abilities, multigeneration playground in the state of Ohio, Hunter Park. We will offer a 5K Walk, run, roll or a 10K run. Proceeds benefit the Kiwanis youth/community service programs benefiting children in Fairfield County. Race will start at 9:00 am. Cost for registration is \$30.

<https://kiwannagoforarun.itsyourrace.com/>



## PICTURE PERFECT RANCH OFFERS PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

This club is for photography lovers of ALL skill levels and experiences. It doesn't matter what camera or lens you use, this is a place where everyone is welcomed. Our club will meet once a month at either Picture Perfect Ranch or my downtown studio both located in Lancaster, Ohio.

Come make some new friends, network and learn something new! We have exciting things planned for 2022 and we hope you will join us!

Where: Picture Perfect Ranch 1214 Rockmill RD NW Lancaster, Ohio 43130 or Amanda Lee Photography 117 S Columbus St Lancaster Ohio 43130.

Cost: \$75 a month

Please see [www.pictureperfectranchohio.com/photographyclub](http://www.pictureperfectranchohio.com/photographyclub) for more info.



## Worlds Largest Diaper Drive:

Bottoms Up Diaper Bank is working on the World's Largest Diaper Drive happening on May 2nd through May 7th, 2022.

Their goal is 500,000 for Central Ohio and they have a statewide goal of 2,000,000!!

Anyone can sign up: a church, school, business, or civic organization to be a part of this big event.

[www.worldslargestdiaperdrive.org](http://www.worldslargestdiaperdrive.org) to sign up.

FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
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## FRIENDS, FOOD, FUN

**Teen Night**  
**ROBERT K FOX FAMILY Y**

- Pizza, Drinks, Wally Ball, Swimming and Mario Kart
- Members -\$5, Non-member-\$10
- REGISTER NOW!—in person or online
- Limited to 18 participants
- 6th to 9th graders

WHEN: Friday March 11, 2022  
TIME: 6 pm – 9 pm  
LOCATION: ROBERT K FOX FAMILY Y  
465 W 6th Ave  
Lancaster, OH 43130

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Fairfield County Board of DD

## 2022 CELEBRATION OF POSSIBILITIES

September 15, 8:00PM  
Wigwam Event Center  
Pickerington, OH  
With Special Guest Josh Blue

**BACK TO THE FUTURE**

Where we're going, we don't need roads!

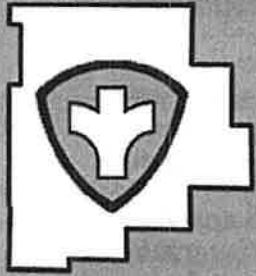
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# Health Commissioner Report

R. Joseph Ebel R.S., M.S., MBA

Hello, I'm Joe Ebel, Fairfield County Health Commissioner. I joined the Fairfield County Health Department (FCHD) in April of 2021, after the retirement of our former Administrator, Larry Hanna. Larry came to the department in October 2006 as the environmental health director. He became the department's administrator about five years later.

I have over 30 years of public health experience, having worked in Licking, Morrow, Marion and Crawford counties during that time. I am excited to work with our talented staff at FCHD as we move out of our pandemic response and move to advance public health services and programs in Fairfield County.

The Fairfield County Health Department's activities in 2021 were primarily focused on our response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 vaccines became available in December of 2020 and eligibility expanded to all adults by the spring of 2021. Early COVID-19 vaccine efforts were focused at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds where 10,337 vaccines were given. The Fairfield County Health Department opened a mass vaccination clinic at the River Valley Mall where 19,738 vaccinations were given. We also worked with the Violet Township Fire Department to set up a drive-through vaccination site in Violet Township where 1,008 vaccinations were administered. FCHD staff, partners, and volunteers gave a total of over 33,183 COVID-19 vaccinations and booster doses during 2021.

To reduce the community spread of the virus we performed contact tracing, the quarantine of exposed individuals, and isolation of positive cases. This required a huge effort by FCHD staff and contract employees.

When in-person school resumed in the fall, we worked closely with the school staff to implement risk reduction and to perform quarantine and isolation notifications for exposed students and staff and to exclude positive cases from school. Eventually, the schools were able to adopt the "Mask to Stay" and "Test to Play" policies developed by the Ohio Department of Health, which helped to keep more students in the classroom.

During the pandemic, our normal public health activities continued. Environmental Health was busy with an increase in new home construction, which means increased well and sewage permits and plumbing inspections. Food safety was still important, and our staff inspected restaurants (Food Service Establishments) and grocery and convenience stores (Retail Food Establishments), with most facilities receiving two inspections per year.

Our nurses focused on COVID-19, but worked on other communicable disease investigations, childhood immunizations, flu clinics, and home visits.

We hired a health educator to begin expanding our health promotion and disease prevention activities. Investing in prevention activities is at the heart of public health and is much more cost effective than treating preventable illnesses later in life.

In 2022, we will continue to work to make Fairfield County a place where everyone is empowered to reach their full health potential by preventing disease, protecting the environment, and promoting healthy lifestyles.

# Administration

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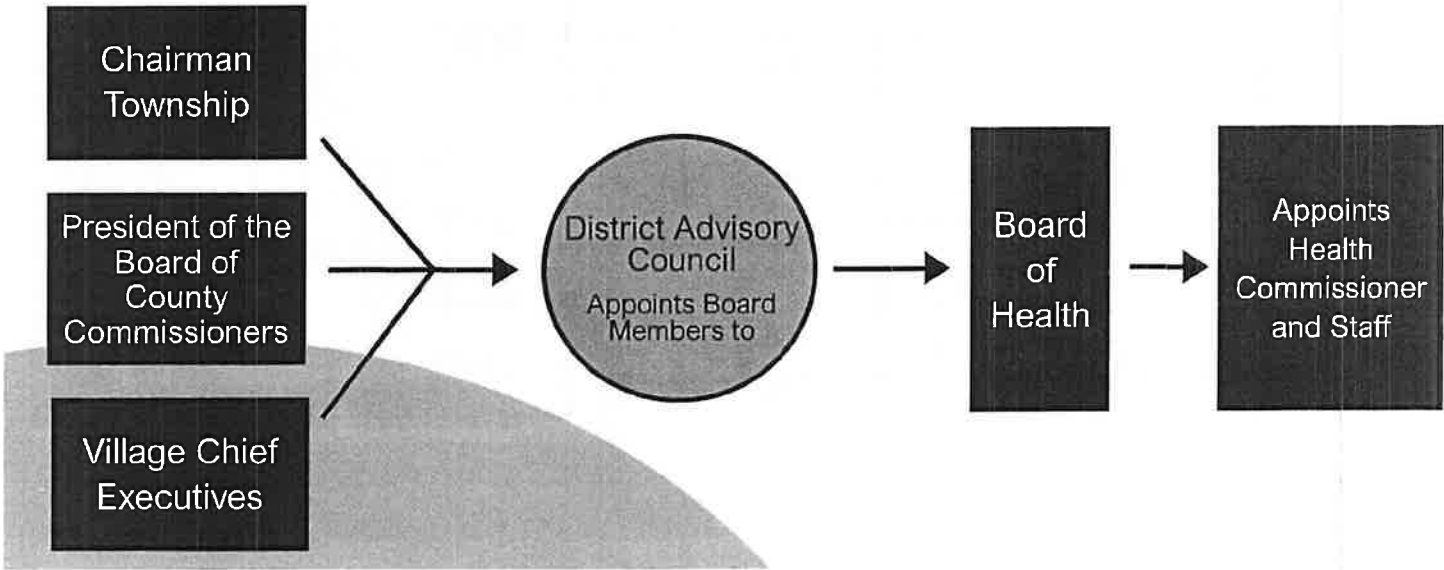
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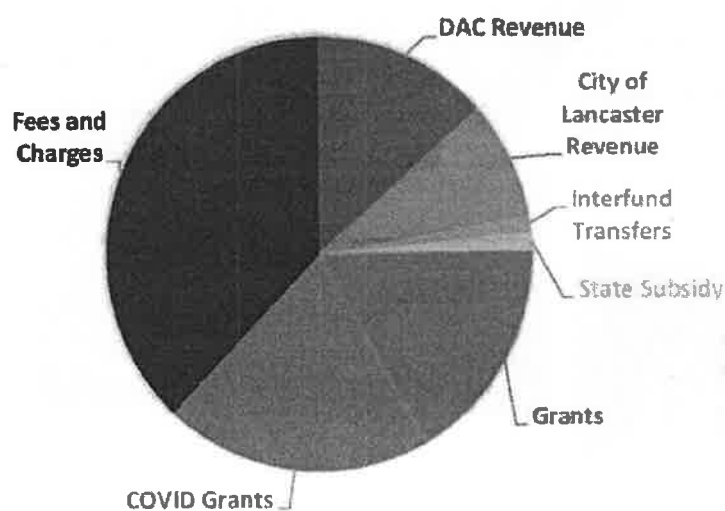


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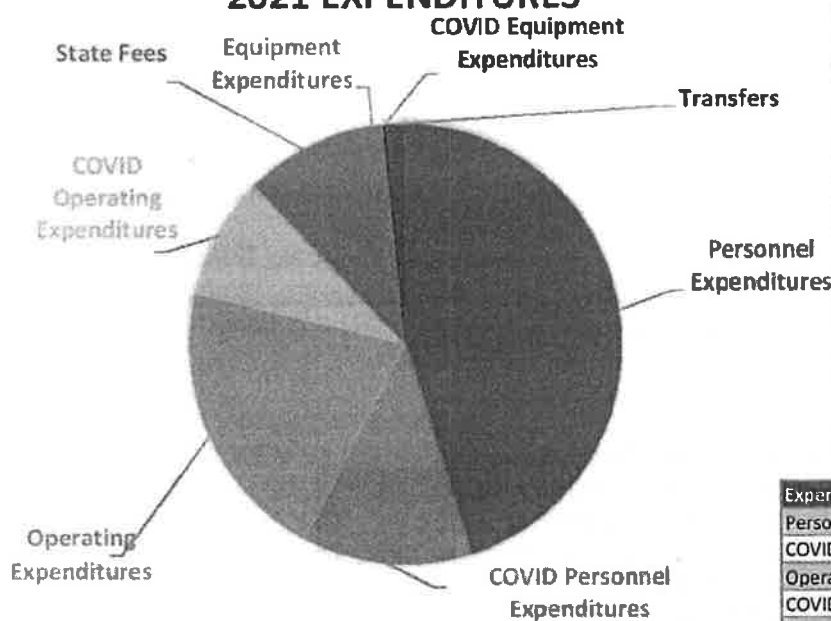
# 2021 Financial Report

## 2021 FUNDING SOURCES



Funding Sources	2021
DAC Revenue	\$ 514,375.92
City of Lancaster Revenue	\$ 333,296.11
Interfund Transfers	\$ 48,800.00
State Subsidy	\$ 54,198.47
Grants	\$ 649,347.58
COVID Grants	\$ 784,094.29
Fees and Charges	\$ 1,454,151.65
Total	\$ 3,838,264.02

## 2021 EXPENDITURES



Expenditures	2021
Personnel Expenditures	\$ 1,637,692.14
COVID Personnel Expenditures	\$ 458,814.73
Operating Expenditures	\$ 755,890.81
COVID Operating Expenditures	\$ 328,289.67
State Fees	\$ 328,899.48
Equipment Expenditures	\$ 60,904.92
COVID Equipment Expenditures	\$ 7,191.15
Transfers	\$ 48,800.00
Total	\$ 3,626,482.90

## Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

Public health preparedness for emergencies, business continuity, mass care events, pandemics and many other events involves all departments of FCHD. Emergency management and response functions are integrated into each program and into each plan created by FCHD. The PHEP program oversees the Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers and serves as co-chair for the Fairfield County Healthcare Coalition. The PHEP program also oversees all training and exercising, as well as quality improvement, for the Fairfield County Health Department.

- Received the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Operational Readiness Award for expanding and training the MRC volunteers.
- Expanded the Fairfield County Healthcare Coalition members to assist in future planning
- Was awarded the NACCHO MRC Leadership and Preparedness Summit award to allow our MRC to enhance capabilities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and emergencies.
- The PHEP Coordinator was nominated to serve on the Central Region Coalition Operations Advisory Board, housed by the Central Ohio Trauma System, to ensure Fairfield County has a voice in regional planning and assist with plan development for FCHD for future emergencies.





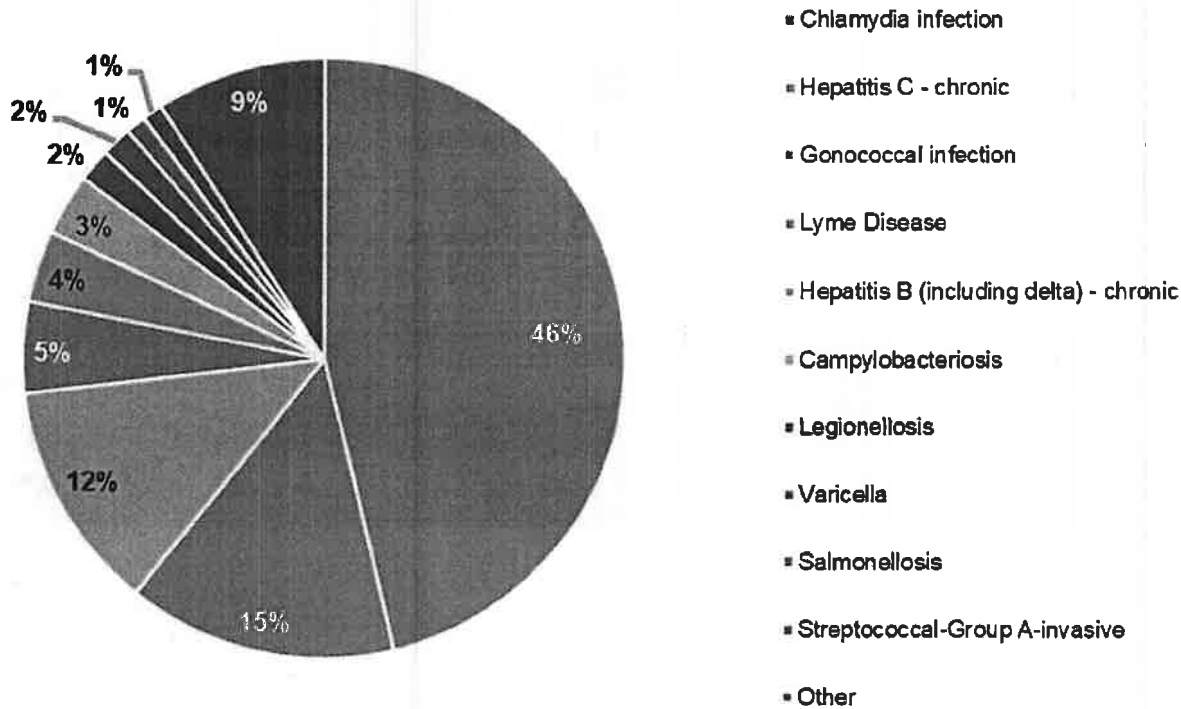
Vital Statistics

2021 Vitals Report		
Births for Fairfield County Residents	2020	2021
Total Births	1642	1727
Mother's age under 18	9 (0.5%)	13 (0.8%)
Mother's age 18 to 19	40 (2.4%)	40 (2.3%)
Deaths of Fairfield County Residents	2020	2021
Total Deaths	1684	1817
Deaths by Suicide	18	29
Deaths by Cancer	325	315
Deaths by Accident	118	126
Deaths by Homicide	4	11
Deaths by Heart Disease	330	331
Deaths by COVID-19 (01/01/2021-12/31/2021)	135	220
Top Baby Names	2021	
Boys	Elijah (9), Asher (7), Cooper (6), Lincoln (6) Sawyer (6), Oliver (5), Colson (5)	
Girls	Eleanor (12), Amelia (9), Emma (8), Sophia (7), Avery (7), Kennedy (6), Elizabeth (6)	

# Epidemiology Report

Fairfield County Health Department investigated 731 reported disease cases in 2021, excluding COVID-19 investigations. Chlamydia remained the most frequently reported disease accounting for 46% of all cases. Hepatitis C and gonorrhea cases were the next most frequently reported diseases. (Note: Not all diseases are required to be reported to local health departments. In Ohio, there are about 90 diseases that are considered reportable infectious diseases.)

2021 Communicable Diseases Report (Excludes COVID-19)			
Flu	2020 Cases	2021 Cases	2021 Incidence Rate
Hospitalized Flu Cases	61	8	5.0
STDs	2020 Cases	2021 Cases	2021 Incidence Rate
Chlamydia	354	338	212.7
Gonorrhea	112	91	57.3
Hepatitis (A-C)	2020 Cases	2021 Cases	2021 Incidence Rate
Hepatitis A	3	4	2.5
Hepatitis B - chronic	19	28	17.6
Hepatitis C - chronic	85	106	66.7
Top 5 Diseases 2021	2020 Cases	2021 Cases	2021 Incidence Rate
Chlamydia infection	354	338	212.7
Hepatitis C - chronic	85	106	66.7
Gonococcal infection	112	91	57.3
Lyme Disease	15	36	22.7
Hepatitis B (including delta) chronic	19	28	17.6



# Public Health Nursing Division

## **Nursing Programs**

### Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)

Judy Scali is our CMH nurse. She works part-time in this program to assist families in finding providers and services for children with special medical needs. She also assists with finding financial assistance for these services.

### Help Me Grow (HMG)

Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Early Childhood Program contracts with FCHD for a part-time nurse to conduct home visits. In addition to CMH, Judy Scali also works in the HMG program. Judy goes out with a team to do evaluations for children who may need special referrals or other services. When COVID-19 hit Fairfield County, this program was limited.

### Perinatal Leadership

Perinatal Leadership is a coalition of many community partners that focuses on pregnant women and their new babies, ensuring they are healthy. This group identifies barriers in care for women who are facing challenges and collaborates to reduce these gaps. The goal is to have healthy women birth healthy babies and surround them with resources.

FCHD continues to focus on Plans of Safe Care from the Comprehensive Addiction and Recover Act (CARA) legislation. Any infant exposed in utero to illicit drugs or other compounds requires a Plan of Safe Care. The goal of this legislation is to surround the family unit with resources to lead happy and healthy lives.

Fairfield County was one of the first three counties in Ohio to turn this legislation into a community plan with the support of the Ohio Injury Prevention Program (OIPP), Child Injury Action Group (CIAG), and the Quality Improvement Center for Collaborative Community Court Teams (QIC-CCCT) Grants.

### Get Vaccinated (GV) Ohio Grant

FCHD continued to implement the Get Vaccinated Ohio grant from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). The foundations of this grant focus on improving immunization rates in Fairfield County while removing barriers that prevent children from getting vaccinated. Due to COVID-19 this program was delayed for half the year.

### Tuberculosis (TB) Unit

FCHD is the appointed TB Unit for the county. FCHD provides skin testing which screens for TB. These screenings are required for select school programs, employment, and medications. FCHD works to provide physicals to immigrants moving to Fairfield County as well. Lastly, FCHD provides case management for people who have active TB disease including Daily Observation Therapy (DOT), side effects of prescriptions, investigations, and screenings of close contacts.

### Infections Disease Investigation and Control Program

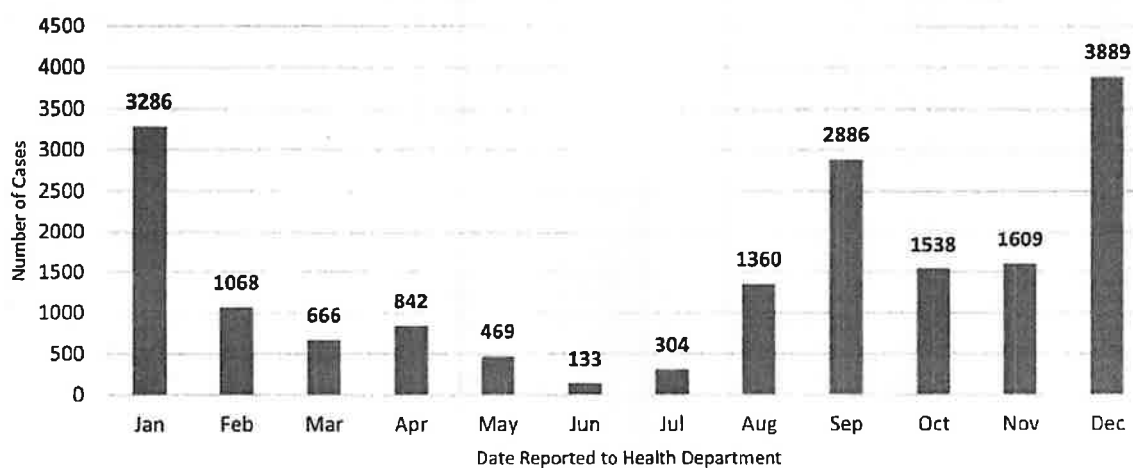
Health departments are required to monitor and investigate reportable diseases. The Ohio reportable diseases are usually reported by laboratories, physicians or their offices, hospitals daycares, and schools.

The Infectious Disease Program is also responsible for COVID-19 contact tracing and case investigation. In addition to these services the program provides surveillance and guidance to community entities including long-term care facilities , schools, and daycares.

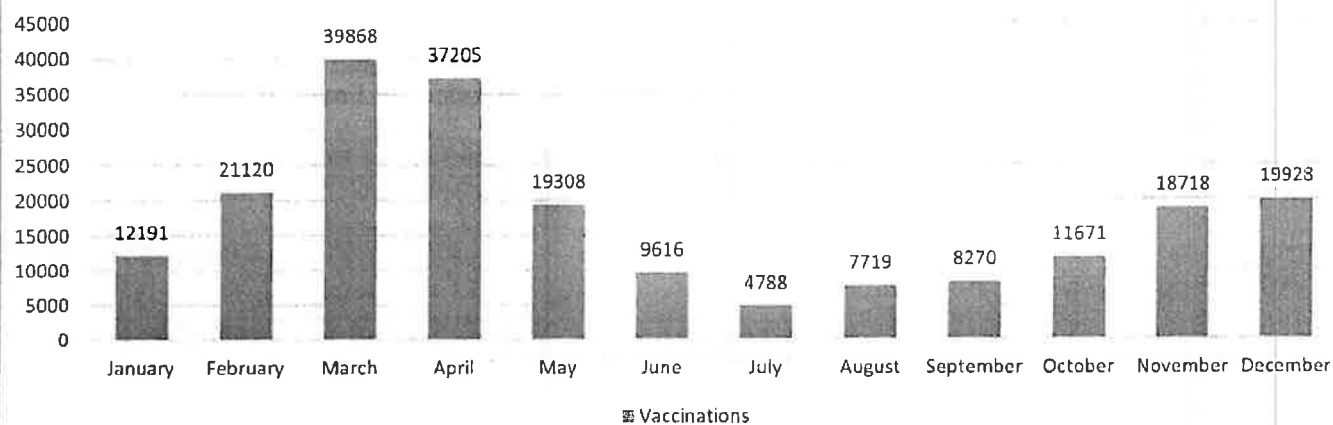


## COVID-19 Pandemic 2021

### 2021 COVID-19 Cases by Month in Fairfield County



### Total Vaccine Doses Administered by Month



# **Environmental Division**

## **Environmental Health Programs**

### **Food Safety Program**

Food Safety Program staff work to protect the community against food-borne illnesses by educating and inspecting all food service and retail food establishments including, restaurants, grocery stores, mobile food services, food vending machines, and temporary food establishments.

### **MS4 Program**

FCHD conducts Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) inspections on discharging aeration systems in Violet Township, Liberty Township sections 6 and 30R, and the Lithopolis area. This program is part of the U.S. EPA's effort to preserve, protect, and improve the nation's water resources from polluted storm water runoff.

### **Rabies**

When an animal bite is reported to our office as a result of a person being bitten by an animal such as a dog, cat, or bat, the Environmental Health Division conducts an animal bite investigation to determine if the animal has or is experiencing signs of rabies. Animals are quarantined and further action is taken as necessary. Staff encourages vaccination for all animals to help prevent the spread of the rabies virus.

### **Vector Grant (Mosquito Control)**

We received grant funding again in 2021 from the Ohio EPA Mosquito Control Grant Program. With this funding we were able to hire a summer employee to trap and collect mosquitoes. Sites were chosen throughout Fairfield County, and trapping took place from June through August. All mosquitoes were identified, and all Culex mosquitoes were tested for West Nile Virus. A mosquito spraying program will be implemented moving forward.

### **Recreation Programs**

The public swimming pool and campgrounds programs protect the public from injury, the potential for disease transmission, and provide a safe and healthy recreational environment. Recreational programs include: Campgrounds, resident camps, pools, and spas.

### **Schools**

FCHD staff perform two school environment inspections a year to help school districts improve the environmental health of the school facility. State guidelines are used by staff for those inspections.

### **Household and Small Flow Sewage Treatment Systems**

Sewage Program staff permit and inspect all new residential and commercial small flow septic systems to ensure that they are designed and installed correctly. They permit and inspect existing septic systems that require an alteration permit for repairs and respond to sewage nuisance complaints.

### **Plumbing Program**

Our plumbing inspector permits and inspects the plumbing in all new homes and commercial buildings, existing home additions, and existing commercial building remodels.

### **Private Water Systems**

Much of Fairfield County does not have a public water supply. Many homes are served by a private water system which could be a well, cistern, hauled water storage tank, spring, or pond. The private water staff permits, inspects, and samples all new private water systems in the county and samples existing wells to ensure safe drinking water.

### **Water Pollution Control Loan Fund**

FCHD continues to take part in the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) program to help low to moderate income families repair or replace their failing septic systems.

### **Solid Waste Program**

FCHD includes an Ohio EPA approved enforcement program charged with regulating solid waste activities in Fairfield County. The Solid Waste Program includes the oversight of the collection, storage, and final disposal of all solid waste.

### **Body Art Program**

Body Art Facilities are also monitored and licensed to ensure safe and sanitary conditions are being maintained. Body art establishments include businesses that offer tattoos, piercings, permanent makeup/cosmetics, and microblading.





## Environmental Division

### 2021 Campgrounds, Pools, MHP, Animal Bites by Political Subdivision

Political Subdivision	Campgrounds & day camps	Public Pools	Mobile Home Parks	Animal Bites	Site Visits Total
Amanda Twp	0	0	0	9	9
Berne Twp	0	6	0	7	13
Bloom Twp	2	4	0	8	14
Clearcreek Twp	0	0	0	0	0
Greenfield Twp	0	2	0	0	2
Hocking Twp	0	2	0	0	2
Liberty Twp	0	1	0	0	1
Madison Twp	0	0	0	1	1
Pleasant Twp	0	4	0	0	4
Richland Twp	0	0	0	0	0
Rushcreek Twp	0	0	0	0	0
Violet Twp	0	10	0	8	18
Walnut Twp	0	0	0	0	0
Lancaster City	7	44	8	134	193
Pickerington City	0	0	0	0	0
Amanda Village	0	0	0	0	0
Baltimore Village	2	3	0	11	16
Bremen Village	0	2	0	5	7
Carroll Village	0	0	0	7	7
Lithopolis Village	0	0	1	1	2
Millersport Village	0	0	0	7	7
Pleasantville Village	0	2	0	3	5
Rushville Village	0	0	1	2	3
Stoutsville Village	1	0	2	7	10
Thurston Village	0	0	1	0	1
West Rushville Village	0	0	0	0	0
Buckeye Lake Village	2	0	1	0	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>318</b>

# Environmental Division

## 2021 Sewage and Water Permits/ Complaints by Political Subdivision

Political Subdivision	Sewage Permits	Well Permits	Lot Splits/ Lot Inspect.	Nuisance complaints	Complaints abated	Site Visits Total
Amanda Twp	11	13	2	3	2	20
Berne Twp	18	21	4	7	7	36
Bloom Twp	39	49	6	2	1	72
Clearcreek Twp	15	10	3	1	1	19
Greenfield Twp	17	21	8	4	3	30
Hocking Twp	11	10	5	1	1	17
Liberty Twp	25	32	7	2	2	42
Madison Twp	13	15	3			18
Pleasant Twp	25	30	5	1	1	37
Richland Twp	2	2	2			10
Rushcreek Twp	21	16	5	2	2	30
Violet Twp	13	15	4	15	9	41
Walnut Twp	11	31	3	3	3	39
Lancaster City	1		1	2	1	4
Pickerington City						
Amanda Village						
Baltimore Village						
Bremen Village				1	1	2
Carroll Village						
Lithopolis Village						
Millersport Village				1	1	1
Pleasantville Village						
Rushville Village						
Stoutsville Village						
Thurston Village						
West Rushville Village						
Buckeye Lake Village						
<b>Totals</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>265</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>418</b>

## Environmental Division

### Environmental Health Food Safety Total Inspections 2021

Political Subdivision	Retail Food Establishment	Food Service Operation	Mobile	Vending	Total Inspections
Lancaster City	85	162	38	30	562
Violet	4	28	5		68
Pickerington	3	19	5		39
Lithopolis Village	2	7	3		22
Liberty	1	2	1	1	10
Baltimore Village	3	12	9	1	41
Walnut	1	2	1		7
Millersport Village	3	11	13	2	50
Thurston Village		1			2
Bloom			2		2
Greenfield	3	25	2		58
Carroll Village	3	7	4		24
Pleasant	3	7	3		23
Pleasantville Village	1	2	2		8
Richland	2	5	3		20
West Rushville Village	2				4
Amanda Village	2	9	5		27
Amanda	1	2	1		7
Hocking	2	1	2	3	11
Bremen Village	2	4	4		18
Berne	1	3	9		18
Sugar Grove Village	2	2			8
Rushcreek	2	2		1	9
Rushville Village	2	1			6
Clearcreek	1	1	1		5
Stoutsville Village	2	3			10
Madison			2		2
Total	133	318	115	38	1061



# Women, Infants, and Children

(WIC)

WIC is a nutrition education program. WIC provides nutritious foods that promote good health for pregnant women, women who recently gave birth, breastfeeding moms, infants and children up to age 5. Some of the nutritious foods provided include cereal, eggs, milk, whole grains, peanut butter, beans, fruits, and vegetables. WIC provides nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion and support, and referrals for obtaining specialty health care. In 2021, the Fairfield County WIC Program served an average of 1,060 participants per month.

In 2014, WIC added another site located in Pickerington, Ohio at the Government Services Building (11050 Tussing Road). WIC served an average of 243 participants at this location per month during 2021.

The USDA provided the Ohio WIC program a waiver to perform WIC appointments over the telephone during the COVID 19 Pandemic. In January 2021, the Fairfield County WIC program staff returned to the office to perform WIC Certifications, Recertifications, and Follow-up appointments over the telephone during the COVID 19 Pandemic. The parent or participant continued to come into the health department to load their benefits on their WIC Nutrition Card.

The local WIC program issued 236 Farmer Market Coupons and 96 were redeemed at Farmer Markets, total percentage redeemed was 40.68%

WIC Vendor Redemption: \$351,504.53 was spent by WIC participants on the purchase of WIC Authorized Foods in Fairfield County.



2021	Initiated BF	Goal
January	54%	50%
February	53%	50%
March	49%	50%
April	48%	50%
May	47%	50%
June	47%	50%
July	47%	50%
August	47%	50%
September	49%	50%
October	58%	50%
November	58%	50%
December	57%	50%
Average	51%	50%

## Program Highlights

### Average Monthly Caseload

Fairfield County Health Department Location  
1060 participants per month

Pickerington Site 243 participants per month

### Farmers Market Coupons

Issued 236 coupons

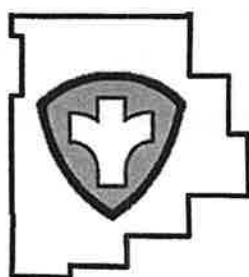
## Health Education

2021 was an exciting year at the Fairfield County Health Department! The addition of a Health Educator allowed some new programs to go out into the community and help bring awareness to several topics. Physical materials and digital messaging through social media was utilized to increase health related messaging throughout the county.

### Program Highlights:

- **Stomp Out Germs**: This program provided curriculum, books, hands-on activities, and more to participating Kindergarten through Third grade classrooms in Fairfield county to learn about hand washing, germ prevention, and hygiene.
  - ◊ Over 1,600 students received materials
  - ◊ 70 teachers received classroom supplies
- **WIC Reading Readiness**: Fairfield County Community Foundation awarded FCHD a grant from the Terry A. McGhee/Sally J. Grimm Community Fund to provide books to our WIC participants.
  - ◊ 300 families will receive books for the Prekindergarten aged children
- **Whole Health Bags**: Goody bags featuring a healthy recipe, safe cooking information, information on general wellness, and more went out to those participating in our COVID-19 Thanksgiving test kit give away.





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Payroll Systems Management

As a centralized point for responsive information about payroll and related Auditor’s Office systems, the purpose of Payroll Systems Management is to deliver exceptional customer service by ensuring employees are paid according to approved payroll schedules in compliance with regulations and policy while sustaining effective systems, data, records, reports, and relationships.



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## Financial Systems

### Financial Report Management

The purpose of the Financial Systems/Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) Management team is to provide superior customer service to the county and vendors by preparing award-winning financial reports and disbursing funds in an accurate, timely, reliable, and technologically-proficient manner while complying with regulations and policy.



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## Financial Systems

### Settlements & Administration

The Settlements & Administration team calculates settlements for public entities; organizes data for tax exemptions, special assessments, levies, and Budget Commission processes; issues multiple licenses and homestead exemptions; and provides courteous administrative support with purpose, integrity, gratitude, and efficiency.



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### Weights & Measures

Connecting with multiple departments and businesses, Weights & Measures provides equity in the marketplace by testing and inspecting weighing and measuring devices and ensuring appropriate commercial practices are in place.



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## Real Estate

### Map Room

Coordinating with the County Engineer and other leaders, the Map Room team reviews and researches surveys, deeds, and legal descriptions of property for compliance with established conveyance standards while maintaining more than 1,200 tax maps and 71,600 parcel records.



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### Geographical Information System (GIS)

With efficiency and accuracy, GIS manages and organizes spatial and tabular datasets while developing accessible applications for the distribution, utilization, and integration of GIS technology for public entities and citizens of Fairfield County.



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Real Estate

Real Estate Management

With fairness and equity, the Real Estate team transfers and appraises real property and also administers state programs for owners of agricultural properties to receive tax savings.



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## Real Estate

### Real Estate Management (continued)

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### Board of Revision Administration

With expertise in codified processes, the Board of Revision (BOR) hears complaints on the market value of property and adjusts values as of the tax lien date when justified by evidence presented during the hearings.

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## **Hotel and Motel Lodging Tax Amendment – Effective April 1, 2022**

### **What is the Hotel/Motel lodging tax and what activities does it support?**

In July 1981, the Board of Fairfield County Commissioners passed a resolution to establish a 3% collection of lodging excise tax. This tax supports the Fairfield County Visitors and Convention Bureau. In September 1993, another resolution was passed to establish an additional 1.5% lodging excise tax for the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio. Each of these organizations supports tourism and travel to Fairfield County, focusing on what makes our county unique. The following websites show the activities of the Fairfield County Visitors and Convention Bureau and the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio: <https://visitfairfieldcounty.org/> and <http://www.decartsOhio.org/>

### **What is new about the Hotel/Motel lodging tax?**

In December 2021, the Commissioners amended the definition of a hotel to include lodging establishments with fewer than five rooms or if an establishment has rooms which are used for guests regardless of whether each room is accessible through its own key. This would include establishments using Airbnb and other types of short-term lodging reservation platforms.

### **What does the amended Hotel/Motel definition mean?**

The following media article describes the change: <https://bit.ly/EGHotelMotelArticle>

This is not a new tax, but an equitable way to ensure all overnight guests are contributing to the lodging tax to support and promote tourism. If your lodging establishment has five rooms or more and you were collecting the tax before April 1, 2022, people staying at your establishment will not see any changes.

If your lodging establishment has fewer than five rooms used for the accommodation of guests or if your establishment has rooms which are used for guests regardless of whether each room is accessible through its own key, people staying at your establishment should begin paying the lodging tax on April 1, 2022. In the mail, identified establishment owners will receive information about the process for collection and forms to use.

**Do you have additional questions right now?** Contact the Auditor's Office at (740) 652-7020.



## **Conveyance of Property – County Auditor Procedures**

*Please note, this document is not legal advice. This document is an informational tool to help citizens navigate processes connected with the County Auditor's Office. Deeds and other instruments of conveyance are not reviewed by the Auditor's Office for legal compliance. We encourage you to consult an attorney for questions you have about real property conveyance. The Auditor's Office does not provide legal guidance on the preparation of deeds or conveyance of real property. If you need an attorney, the County Auditor's Office will not be able to make a referral. You can obtain a list of attorneys from the Fairfield County Bar Association: [Fairfield.County.Bar@gmail.com](mailto:Fairfield.County.Bar@gmail.com)*

The County Auditor's Office often receives questions about what needs to be done to navigate the process to convey or transfer property. One of the most common questions the County Auditor's Office receives is: "Where can I find a conveyance fee statement form?"

Conveyance fee statement forms can be found at: <https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/auditor/fc-auditors-online-forms.html>. Representatives from your title company or real estate attorneys may help you prepare and file conveyance fee statement forms. In general, for conveying property, the required documents are typically a deed (or an instrument of conveyance) and the conveyance fee statement (known as a DTE 100 or 100EX).

Another question that arises is: "As I am working with my attorney to prepare a deed or conveyance instrument, how do I make sure that the legal description of the property complies with County Conveyance Standards?"

You can submit your prepared deed to the County Auditor's Map Room for approval of the legal description to ensure it complies with the Conveyance Standards. This approval is a pre-requisite for the transfer. For review of the legal description and its compliance with Conveyance Standards, prepared deeds can be emailed to [maproom@fairfieldcountyohio.gov](mailto:maproom@fairfieldcountyohio.gov).

### **Dropping Off Documents**

Conveyance instruments and conveyance fee statements can be dropped off to the County Auditor's transfer desk once the legal description has been approved for compliance with Conveyance Standards. The Auditor's Office standard office hours are Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and the office is located at 108 N. High St., Lancaster OH, 43130. Documents can also be submitted by mail to the Fairfield County Auditor: Attn: Conveyance 108 N. High St., Lancaster, Oh, 43130.

### **Electronic Filing**

Electronic filing options do exist through Simplifile; however, we understand if you are a one-time filer this may not be the most practical for your situation. If you would like more information on the Simplifile process, visit this link: <https://simplifile.com/e-recording/e-recording-network/e-recording-in-ohio/e-recording-in-fairfield-county-ohio>.

### **Fees**

The transfer fee is \$.50 per parcel - this applies to both exempt and non-exempt transfers. The conveyance fee is \$4.00 per thousand of consideration (if money is changing hands).

### **Recorder's Office Contact Information**

For more information on the recording process once the transfer process is complete, please visit [www.ohiorecorders.com](http://www.ohiorecorders.com) or contact the Fairfield County Recorder's Office at (740) 652-7100.

HANDOUTS PROVIDED  
BY THE PUBLIC  
DURING THE  
PUBLIC COMMENT  
SECTION OF THE  
MEETING ARE  
CONTAINED  
HEREAFTER



Commissioners' Meeting 03-08-22 (con't)

Seems as though we're just supposed to 'FORGET' ALL the last 3 months which has brought us : **COLLAPSE of COVID NARATIVE/CONFUSION ALL that has been UTTERLY FALSE:**

**>>>>ONLY GOD KNOWS HOW MANY**

1. Churches---(the strength of our nation) Closed/Collapsed
2. Alcohol & Drug additions
3. Marital Problems
4. Marriages Ruined
5. Jobs Lost...**BUT NONE OF YOURS**
6. Children's **REAL & TRUE** Education Has Been Ruined
7. Health Problems Came and/or **WILL RESULT**
8. Deaths
9. Food Shortage Problems
10. **HOW GREAT THE DEBT**

You don't get to just say to us:

--"Just forget"

--"Don't want to hear anymore"

--"Just walk away from this"

--"Don't be concerned...Move on"

CDC Director Walensky blames "OVER-OPTIMISM" for her false claims (LIES) that the VACCINE IS 95% EFFECTIVE.

She states "Nobody Predicted Jabs"

NOT TRUE

" "

"We were just too optimistic"

AND THEN SHE LAUGHS

\*\*\*The only thing promoted was that which would get MORE people to "GET THE SHOT" ! ! ! !

---All Else was DELETED from internet

**TOO LITTLE CAUTION.....TOO MUCH OPTOMISM**

**You could've looked a bit deeper to realize what a 'HOAX' the pandemic was  
Truth would've acted AND cut off our tax-paying funds to this HOAX.**

**Evidentce has---and had--- been brought to Your attention...BUT you chose  
to ignore**

**It has been stated to us "that this is all past...just get on with other things"  
---REALLY SAYS TO US: "JUST LET THIS REMAIN SWEEP  
UNDER THE RUG"**

**TRUTH DOES NOT 'SWEEP AWAY' OR TRY TO IGNORE  
ITSELF**



### Commissioners' Meeting 03-08-22-B

That which controls man's mind and body (hearts) controls man's decision and destiny.

Several of us have been coming on a regular basis to express concerns and also many facts about covid and the shot.'It has been expressed to us that we should speak about 'something else'..and that you all don't want to hear things on those subjects.

Here is a different subject....MONEY ! ! ! !

Week after week we citizens hear of different 'projects' that different 'departments' are to take on...AND the 'funding' for these 'projects' come from 'grants'.

You (and we) know that the 'grants' come from federal or state sources AND they come with 'controls'.

Also they are funded by that federal OR state level...so they really come from "WE THE PEOPLE" who pay through higher taxes and/or higher debt.

Our questions here is "Just how much concern to you have in the burden you are placing on our children, grand children , and every generation here after from God? ? ?

"How much guidance from God is sought in spending peoples' money and taxing them???"