### Review

The Commissioners met at 9:02 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, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin, Dennis Keller, Ron Osgood, Michael Kaper, Jeff Porter, Jim Bahnsen, Branden Meyer, Todd McCullough, Jeff Barron, Wanda Carter, Catherine Cunningham, Chief Jerry Perrigo, Bob Clark, Jeff Camechis, Dani Vandegiff, and Jon Kochis.

## Legal Update

Mr. Dolin reported that on the agenda today is the agreement connected with the upcoming annexation of property in Violet Township into the City of Pickerington. The changes suggested by the Prosecutor's Office have been made. The agreement has been approved as to form. Ms. Brown added that in email communication County Engineer Jeremiah Upp stated that he approved of the content of the agreement.

Catherine Cunningham, Special Counsel for the City of Pickerington reported that the annexation agreement involves the City of Pickerington, Violet Township, Fairfield County, and Ricketts Family Fairfield Holdings, Ltd.

Ms. Cunningham reported that approximately a year ago an annexation filed with the County involved the City of Pickerington, Violet Township, and Pickerington City Schools. This was withdrawn due to the controversy that ensued and because of an interest in future collaboration.

Ms. Cunningham stated that the agreement presented today defines the property to be annexed and defines future expectations and development. The county is involved due to road maintenance issues. This agreement is modeled for future collaboration.

Wanda Carter, Special Counsel for Violet Township also stated that the county is involved due to road maintenance issues.

Commissioner Davis stated that the future annexation request will not have the school property included. Ms. Cunningham agreed.

Commissioner Kiger asked if the road that housed storage buildings was included in the future annexation request.

Ms. Carter stated that it will not be included in the request.

Commissioner Davis stated that he has observed the relationship between the City of Pickerington and Violet Township for the past 20 years. The proposed agreement is an encouraging sign for both residents of the City of Pickerington and Violet Township. He appreciates the good work from both attorneys.

Ms. Carter reported that she will pass this information along to both parties at the meeting that will be later held today regarding future collaboration.

Commissioner Davis stated that the agreement will be voted on at the 10:00 a.m. meeting. Ms. Brown reported that it is expected that an expedited Type I annexation will be filed with the county.

### Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

### A. Highlights of Resolutions

Ms. Brown reported that within existing appropriations, Branden Meyer, Clerk of Courts, proposes the purchase of a vehicle for use of staff, ultimately reducing overall costs according to his analysis. The vehicle will be used for staff to transport title documents.

Further, there is the release of a mortgage lien in connection with the Community Housing Improvement Program. There is an agreement for the Decorative Arts Center, in connection with a state grant. There are several financial resolutions associated with special revenue funds. There is the traditional bill list and then and now items to approve.

### B. Administrative Approvals and Budget Update

Ms. Brown reported that the review packet does not contain a list of administrative approvals because the bill list and other approvals for the week were approved earlier, and there were no approvals to report for the week.

#### C. Public Safety Facility and Financing Update

Commissioner Davis reported that administrative staff continues to meet with subject matter experts and Ms. Brown has a meeting today at 1:00 p.m. Commissioner Davis encouraged the Board and Staff to have patience while details are being worked through. The project is still in play for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2017.

Commissioner Davis stated that he supports the idea of having a contract manager at risk and will look forward to the process as the options unfold. Further, it is interesting to him that the jail will now face Lincoln Avenue. The current site is now blighted. Building on this site will be a huge motivating factor. It will be a tremendous disappointment and failure to continue to stare at the blighted property. He hopes that people are encouraged by the jail being built there.

Commissioner Kiger stated that there are pictures and cards of the future jail site available to the public or anyone that would like them.

Ms. Brown reported that an update from the architect regarding the meeting with the Bureau of Adult Detention is expected soon.

## D. March 24 - State of the County Address

Ms. Brown reported that Administrative staff met with the Lancaster-Fairfield Chamber of Commerce last week. A reminder about registration should be sent by the Chamber this week. Cheers Chalet catering will prepare the lunch. The agenda is set. Ms. Brown set individual meetings with the Commissioners, and she has met with Bob Competti to ensure that lighting and taping are organized properly.

Ms. Brown reported that the following will be the order in which the Commissioners will present:

Commissioner Kiger – to welcome everyone and discuss public infrastructure, introducing the video of the Courthouse

Commissioner Levacy – to discuss goals and objectives based on strategies and stakeholder involvement

Administrator Brown – to discuss financial aspects and major projects, including the new motto for the county

Commissioner Davis - to discuss the jail and other projects, closing the presentation

#### E. Training

Ms. Brown reported that the Customer Service Seminar is scheduled for March 12<sup>th</sup>. The seminar begins at 8 am and will be held at the Utilities Office. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, the Ethics Training and Benefits Training is scheduled at Liberty Center. In summer, the county plans training for response options for violent intruders. This training will be introduced at the May roundtable for elected officials and department heads.

#### F. Sunshine Week

Ms. Brown reported that Sunshine Week for the county begins March 16<sup>th</sup>. We will have press releases for the week, and we will prepare a proclamation honoring Sunshine Week. The first Press Release will be from Regional Planning Commission Director Holly Mattei regarding the Community Development Implementation Strategy (CDIS) Meeting. In advance of Sunshine Week, many county and local officials attended an open government presentation prepared by the State Auditor and conducted in the Board of Commissioner Hearing Room on March 6<sup>th</sup>. There are extra booklets from the seminar if anyone would like one. Also, the county website contains a link to the resource manual.

### Old Business

Commissioner Davis stated that there was no old business to discuss.

#### New Business

#### Buckeye Lake Dam

Commissioner Davis reported that there is a potential problem with the Buckeye Lake Dam. Every year the dam gates are usually closed to allow the lake to fill. It is anticipated that the United States Army Corp of Engineers will announce tomorrow in a report that they recommend that the gates will not be closed. This is a potential devastating thing for the community. It makes it difficult for businesses.

Commissioner Levacy stated that it is very difficult for him to discuss this issue without emotion. He has operated a business at Buckeye Lake for the past 46 years. He employs 20 people and provides resources for the community. This affects other businesses and impacts dock fees, gas taxes, and boat licenses. He stated that the home values will plummet if this devastation comes to pass.

Commissioner Levacy's viewpoint is that there have been too many conversations over the years where decisions have not been made due to a little opposition. The real problem is the timing of the decision. The planning at the state level did not occur as it could have.

Commissioner Levacy stated that he is looking at the issue as a Commissioner, looking at the economic factors, and he is also looking at it personally.

Bob Clark, Fairfield County Economic Development Director stated that if what he is been hearing is true, the State could take 3-5 years to finish the study and project. This would be catastrophic. He is hopeful that the County and State Officials can work together for a quicker finish.

Commissioner Davis stated that he does not own property at Buckeye Lake. He has talked with another marina business owners regarding the issue. The business leaders have uncertainty of how to operate their businesses. The customers also have an uncertainty about whether or not to invest in getting their boat out for the summer. Commissioner Davis reported that already this morning received phone calls regarding Buckeye Lake property owners filing Board of Revision appeals due to their property value plummeting.

Commissioner Levacy reported that there are two dams located at Buckeye Lake. The original dam was built in 1830. This dam supports North Bank from

Seller's Point and beyond. In 1960 another dam was built directly in front of the original dam. Further, dams can be improved while the water level is higher.

Commissioner Davis stated that he would like to be helpful by having an effective strategy for a positive outcome.

Commissioner Levacy reported that he has been talking with State Officials for the last nine days. He feels that they have not thought about the impact. There are other options that they have not considered.

Commissioner Davis recommended that communication be sent to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR) Director James Zehringer asking for a meeting with the Board of Commissioners. The meeting would give the Board an opportunity to express concerns about the economic impact and to understand the approach the State is taking.

Commissioner Levacy reported that he has reached out to the Licking and Perry County Commissioners. They are equally concerned.

Commissioner Levacy reported that ecology is also a factor that is impacted. Small quantities of water easily can spread Blue Algae. Also, the unique cranberry marsh may not survive with small quantities of water.

Commissioner Davis asked Ms. Brown to prepare a letter asking ODNR Director Zehringer to meet with the Board to discuss their concerns.

Mr. Clark recommended that Congressman Stivers and the state representatives also be invited to the meeting.

Commissioner Davis appreciates Mr. Clark's suggestion. He encourages that all interested parties attend. The Board will ask the ODNR Director to meet and make the information about the meeting available to all.

### Update on Conversation with Rachel Elsea, Clerk

Ms. Brown reported that Rachel Elsea will return to her Clerk duties on March 30<sup>th</sup>. She indicated that reasonable flexibility will be afforded to Ms. Elsea in arranging her hours of work. Commissioner Davis stated that he appreciated Ms. Brown, Ms. Knisley, and the team for the excellent job they have done while Ms. Elsea has been on leave. He looks forward to Ms. Elsea's return.

## • General Correspondence Received

Commissioner Davis reported that there was no general correspondence received.

### Calendar Review/Invitations Received

a. Regional Director's Veterans Advisory Meeting – Tuesday, March 24 @ 9:00 a.m., AMVETS in Logan

Ms. Brown reported that the Board is invited to attend. Let Ms. Knisley know if anyone will attend.

 b. MOW/OAA 5K Run/Walk – Saturday, March 21 @ Olivedale City Park-Heritage Trail

Ms. Brown reported that the Board is invited to attend. Let Ms. Knisley know if anyone will attend.

c. Fairfield Federal 4-H Awards Banquet – Tuesday, April 7, at the Shalom United Methodist Church, Carroll

Ms. Brown reported that the Board is invited to attend. Reservations are necessary; let Ms. Knisley know if anyone will attend. Certificates will be completed for the banquet. Commissioner Levacy stated he would like to attend.

d. 2015 Business Excellence Awards – Friday, April 10, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., Wagnalls Memorial, Lithopolis

Ms. Brown reported that the Board is invited to attend. Mr. Clark will be attending. Reservations are necessary; let Ms. Knisley know if anyone will attend. Certificates will be completed for the dinner.

Commissioner Davis will check his boys' baseball schedule before making a commitment to attend any of the events.

#### FYI

- a. 2015 Fairfield County Stand Down Friday, May 22 @ Fairfield County Fairgrounds
- b. Fairfield County ADAMH 2013 Annual Report
- c. Ohio State University Extension Feb/Mar 2015 Newsletter (in newsletter folder)
- d. Additional casino information received from the Auditor's office.
  Ms. Brown reported that there are no recommendations for changes to the estimates at this time.

### **Issues Bin**

Sensory Trail

Ms. Brown reported that Historical Parks are eager for the Board of Commissioners to donate the land for a park. They are not as enthusiastic about the donation of the building. Historical Parks has an advantage to seek grants if they own the property for the park. The options for the building can be reviewed at a later point in time.

Commissioner Davis asked Mr. Keller for an update on future land utilization for county purposes. Mr. Keller reported that the bulk of the area is not easily usable by the County. Mr. Keller reported that the drawings presented by Historical Parks are not exactly accurate. They are working to correct the drawings. The Sensory Trail proposed extension is on the East Side of Route 37.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Board of Commissioners endorses the donation of the East Side of 37 county property. The endorsement is not an approval. This is to help the planners move forward. The Clarence E. Miller property is not endorsed, but the discussion is not over. There are other options to review.

Mr. Keller stated that he will report back to those who are involved in the Sensory Trail project.

Buckeye Lake Dam

Commissioner Davis stated that the Buckeye Lake Dam subject will go in the issue bin for further discussions and updates.

Commissioner Davis thanked Dani Vandegriff with Congressman Stiver's Office for attending the meeting today and encouraged discussions with the Director of ODNR.

Ms. Vandegriff reported that Congressman Stiver's Office has been in conversations with ODNR and would like to be useful.

#### Recess

Commissioner Davis stated at 9:53 a.m. that the Commission would take a short recess until the 10:00 regular meeting.

### **Commissioners' Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 beginning at 10:07 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Christina Foster, Branden Meyer, Michael Kaper, Dennis Keller, Ed

Laramee, Jim Bahnsen, Kathleen Uhl, Todd McCullough, Wanda Carter, Catherine Cunningham, Jeff Porter, Jon Slater, Jon Kochis, Jeff Camechis, Jeff Barron, and Dani Vandegriff.

Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order.

## Pledge of Allegiance

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

### **Announcements**

Commissioner Davis asked Ms. Knisley if there were any announcements.

Ms. Knisley stated that there were no announcements.

### **Public Comment**

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

No comments were made.

### Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, March 3, 2015, Regular Meeting

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, March 3, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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

### Approval of ADAMH resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following ADAMH resolution:

2015-03.10.a A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category ADAMH 2066 [ADAMH Board]

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

## Approval of Clerk of Courts/Title office resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Clerk of Courts resolution:

2015-03.10.b A Resolution to Authorize Purchase of 2015 Honda CRV

from Buckeye Honda [Clerk of Courts- Title]

Discussion: Clerk Branden Meyer stated that his office went through the traditional procurement process to purchase the vehicle. The vehicle purchase will reduce expenses. Commissioner Kiger stated that he likes to see the county use local vendors if they are able to do so.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

## **Approval of Commissioners' Office resolutions**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners' Office resolutions:

2015-03.10.c	A resolution authorizing the release of liens for assistance
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provided through the Fiscal Year 2002 Community Housing

Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program for

Homeownership [Commissioners]

2015-03.10.d A resolution to approve an annexation agreement by and

between Violet Township, the City of Pickerington, and Fairfield County, in connection with the annexation of 38.363+/- Acres, more or less, of Violet Township into the City of Pickerington, Pursuant to ORC 709.022, Expedited

Type 1 Petition, Annexation [Commissioners]

2015-03.10.e A resolution to authorize approval of the non-disturbance

and estoppel agreement relating to the Decorative Arts

Center [Commissioners]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

#### Approval of Engineer's Office resolutions

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

2015-03.10.f	A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for training [Engineer]
2015-03.10.g	A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for property damage [Engineer]
2015-03.10.h	A resolution of amended certificate, update receipt, increase appropriations, appropriate from unappropriate, account to account and fund to fund transfer for AMA-04 bridge replacement [Engineer]

Discussion: Commissioner Davis asked Jeff Camechis to update the Board on when they will remove the weight limit signs on county bridges.

Mr. Camechis reported that they will review the weather forecasts at the first of April. It is likely that the signs will come down the middle of April. The Townships like their signs to stay up until the end of April.

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

## Approval of Payment of Bills resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Payment of Bills resolutions:

2015-03.10.i	A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval [Commissioners]
2015-03.10.j	A resolution to approve the payment of vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders for all Departments that are approved by the Commissioners [Auditor- Finance]

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

Ms. Knisley announced that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Board will reconvene in Commissioner Kiger's office for a continuation of review. There is an executive session regarding impending

litigation following a meeting with Zane Daniels, representative with Columbia Pipeline group. The ODNR draft letter will also be discussed today.

#### Recess

Commissioner Davis stated at 10:14 a.m. that the Commission would take a short recess.

## **Review Session continued**

Commissioner Davis stated that the Board of Commissioners were back in session at 10:20 a.m.

## **Executive Session to discuss Impending Litigation**

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss Impending Litigation at 10:21 a.m.

Discussion: Commissioner Kiger stated that the following people be present: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Levacy, Commissioner Kiger, County Administrator Carri Brown, Acting Clerk Staci Knisley, Human Resources/Risk Management Director Jeff Porter, and Prosecutor Jason Dolin.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Dave Levacy, and Steve Davis

On the motion of Dave Levacy and second of Mike Kiger, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 10:35 a.m.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

## Meeting with Zane Daniels with Columbia Pipeline Group

The Commissioners met with Zane Daniels with the Columbia Pipeline Group (CPG)at 10:37 a.m. for an update on the Leach Xpress Pipeline. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Ed Laramee, Dennis Keller, Jon Kochis, Jason Dolin, and Branden Meyer.

Commissioner Davis stated that he is pleased to introduce Mr .Daniels. The Columbia Pipeline Group has a number of projects that they are working on including the Leach Xpress Pipeline.

Commissioner Davis stated that he has been involved for 15 years in the pipeline projects. He has been hired by many landowners. He will abstain in any future Board decisions regarding pipelines.

Mr. Daniels stated that he last met with the Board of Commissioners in the fall. The Columbia Pipeline Group is a NiSource Company. A sister company that evaluates the natural gas need for Eastern and Southeastern Ohio. There is a significant need for distribution to the Regional Markets across the United States. The proposed pipeline starts from Majorsville, West Virginia; runs through Lancaster and Sugar Grove here in Fairfield County and then goes through Vinton County. The capacity of the pipeline is projected at 1.5 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas. It regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

Mr. Daniels reported that they have held 11 public meetings. six of the meetings were sponsored by the CPG; five of them were sponsored by FERC. By the end of January 2015, the FERC held their meetings simultaneously. Out of the 11 meetings there were approximately 10 people that expressed concerns. Mr. Daniels stated the CPG's goal was to be transparent to the public.

Mr. Daniels reported that the formal application to FERC will be in July. After the project is accepted (or rejected) they will move on with the project. They expect an economic impact of \$3.27 million, \$1.7 billion in sales tax and an increase of \$3.7 million annually in property taxes. They are encouraged to use the local labor unions.

Mr. Daniels asked the Board to consider signing a letter of support to send with their application to FERC.

Commissioner Levacy stated that he supports signing a letter.

Commissioner Kiger stated that he would like time to consider the request. He will review the packet.

Mr. Daniels stated he appreciated the Board's time and that if landowners have concerns, please send them his way.

Commissioner Levacy stated that there was an article in the Lancaster Eagle Gazette regarding Sugar Grove landowner concerns.

Mr. Daniels stated he will follow up.

Commissioner Davis advised the staff to draft a letter for next week's consideration.

Commissioner Davis reported that Mr. Daniels is also involved in the G-Line abandonment in Sugar Grove. If there are questions regarding the G-Line, have them contact Mr. Daniels.

### **Review Session continued**

The Board of Commissioners met at 10:56 a.m. to continue discussions regarding pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin, Ed Laramee, Jon Kochis, and Dennis Keller.

Ms. Brown presented the DRAFT letter to ODNR Director Zehringer.

Commissioner Davis asked the Board to comment on the content as it relates to the Buckeye Lake Dam. Additional information is forthcoming tomorrow. He recommends that a Special Board Meeting be held on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss the new information.

Ms. Knisley will publish the notice for the Special Meeting on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

The location will be at the Utilities Administration Building, 6670 Lockville Rd, Carroll.

Mr. Kochis reported that there will be a conference call tomorrow at 2:30 that business owners are invited to.

Mr. Kochis went on to report that the Airport Board voted to pay back the \$200,000 loan that was intended for the construction of Hangar K. The Board decided not to proceed with the project. The Board appreciates the support of the Board of Commissioners for future projects.

#### Recess

Commissioner Davis stated at 10:59 a.m. that the Board will take a short recess.

### **Review Session Continued**

The Board of Commissioners met at 11:05 a.m. to continue discussions regarding pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Ed Laramee, Jon Kochis, and Dennis Keller.

Approval of letter signed by the Board of Commissioners asking Ohio Department of Natural Resource Director James Zehringer for a meeting regarding the Buckeye Lake Dam

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the letter signed by the Board of Commissioners

asking Ohio Department of Natural Resource Director James Zehringer for a meeting regarding the Buckeye Lake Dam.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

The communication is to be emailed and is attached to the minutes.

### Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Dave Levacy and a second of Mike Kiger the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 11:07 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by: Dave livacy Seconded by: Mike Kiger

that the March 10, 2015, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Levacy, Kiger, Davis

ABSTENTIONS: None

\*Approved on March 17, 2015

Steven A. Davis

Commissioner

Staci A. Knisley, Acting Clerk

Dave Levacy

Commissioner

Mike Kiger Commissioner