

**Regular Meeting #12 - 2017**  
**Fairfield County Commissioners' Office**  
**March 14, 2017**

**Review**

The Commissioners met at 9:03 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, Rachel Elsea, Joshua Horacek, Mary Beth Lane, Jeff Porter, Dennis Keller, Holly Mattei, Michael Kaper, Jonathan Ferbrache, Rick Szabrak, Tony Vogel, Jon Kochis, Todd McCullough, Chief Perrigo, Spencer Remoquillo, Ray Stemen, and Jon Slater.

- Legal Update

Mr. Horacek stated he did not have a legal update.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Announcements

- The rear first floor entrance to the Administrative Courthouse (near St. Mary's Church) is now accessible by employees only. The public access on the first floor at Main Street remains open from 7:15 am – 4:00 pm.
    - Reminder: April 12<sup>th</sup> is Wear Blue Day for Child Abuse Prevention Month. April 20<sup>th</sup> is Circus Night and the Candlelight Walk.
    - The State of the County Address will be April 25. We will have the address at Crossroads on Fair Avenue. The theme for the address is Brilliant Ideas @ Work, which mirrors the National Association of Counties Theme for Awareness Month (also April).

- b. Highlights of Resolutions

Ms. Brown provided highlights of resolutions proposed for a vote.

March 12-18 is Sunshine Week. We honored the week given the importance of transparency in government. Please visit our website at <http://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/sunshine-review-ten-point-checklist.html> for frequently asked questions. Each day this week, there will be a press release. There was a proclamation for approval to highlight Sunshine Week. (The actual proclamation will be placed in the Commissioners' Office.)

We also had a proclamation to honor Susie Bloom, Board of Elections Director, for her many years of service leading up to her retirement. Her retirement celebration is Friday, March 17. The proclamation was approved on Tuesday so that it could be presented to her on Friday.

We have a resolution to (re)appoint Sheri Perry to the ADAMH Board; Ms. Perry is the president elect for the ADAMH Board and a former state appointee.

The Engineer proposed approval of the Pleasantville Road Bridge replacement contract.

We proposed approval of nominations of properties for purchase of agricultural easements. We were allocated \$455,055 for acquisition of easements by the State through the Clean Ohio Bonds administered by the Ohio Department of Agriculture. We received applications totaling more than 1,700 acres. Our preliminary ranking using the state methodology, subject to audit by the State, indicates we can fund around 15% of those acres which would be about two farms. Two of the applicant farms this year

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were recognized by the state as Bicentennial Farms, meaning the same families owned them for over 200 years. These are the Bope Farm and the Bader Farm in Greenfield Township. The proposed resolution was to support the full list of nominations to the state.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Ferbrache a few questions regarding the LAEPP. Mr. Ferbrache responded that this resolution is an application of support using Clean Ohio funding. They will not be using USDA funding as in years past. These easements are compliant with the 2002 Land Use Plan, and many are repeat applications. There is a new option for small farm exemptions.

The Sheriff proposed the approval of a renewal of the Commissary Contract and a new contract for inmate calling services. Each contract relates to services at the new jail.

There were financial resolutions to approve, such as:

- Authorization for the County Auditor to assess and place on the tax duplicate delinquent sewer rentals for the Buckeye Lake Sewer System for the dates of November 15, 2016 through December 15, 2016;
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for \$40,000 to account for printer and audio equipment for training areas at the Sheriff's Office, for the new jail and public safety facility;
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds and an account to account transfer of appropriations for the FCFACF Council;
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for the EMA and County Prosecutor (non-general fund appropriations for sirens and DTAC expenditures, respectively);
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds and a fund to fund transfer of appropriations for the County Engineer (two resolutions - relating to a project and to travel reimbursements);
- Account to account transfers of appropriations for the Commissioners, Clerk of Courts, and County Prosecutor, all to properly classify expenditures;
- Account to Account transfers, budget adjustments, and repayment of an advance for CDBG;
- Budget adjustments and a return of grant funds for the special revenue fund relating to CFLP for the Sheriff;
- JFS related reimbursements among funds (transfers as an operation of law); and
- The payment of bills (including the UHC payment for the health benefit plan & approval and payment of then and now certifications or substitute then and now certifications, if needed).

**c. Administrative Approvals & Budget Update**

The review packet contained a list of administrative approvals for the week. Ms. Brown asked if there were questions, and none were posed.

The newsletter folder contains a slide show from the federal legislative webinar held last week. The webinar was sponsored by CCAO and led by NACO. Common association priorities were discussed.

**d. Jail and Public Safety Facility Update**

The most recent report on the jail population showed the population as 263.

The project is on time and under budget.

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In the review packet, there was a flier highlighting special dates relating to the jail opening.

Mr. Davis asked if the local Sheriffs were able to tour the facility.

Chief Perrigo replied that Perry County did but Pickaway and Athens Counties had scheduling conflicts.

Mr. Davis added that he spoke to a group last week that had very good questions regarding the leasing of bed space, mental health treatments, and the benefits of operating one facility opposed to three. He expects the tours on June 17<sup>th</sup> will be well attended and suggested a security arrangement be made for that day.

Mr. Keller replied that Granger has participated in a number of jail tours after construction and would be helping out that day as well. They will create a detailed event plan.

Dennis Keller highlighted some pictures of the project. These pictures included the visitation waiting room, exterior site work, and carpet being laid in the Sheriff's Office.

e. **Bravos**

Thank you to Martha Pool and Patti Waits for the Mental Health First Aid Training conducted at the Courthouse on March 9<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to IT and the Security Committee for implementation of building access policy for the Courthouse. Bravo to IT and HR for the implementation of electronic acknowledgement of the personnel manual.

- **Old Business**

- a. **Recognizing LHS STEM Program Participants**

Ms. Szabrak stated STEM stood from Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The program focuses on skills needed for jobs instead of a basic liberal arts high school education.

- b. **Buckeye Lake State Park Dam**

Mr. Levacy stated that ODOT and the engineering firm held two public meetings on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> after land owners received letters stating private drains would no longer be allowed on the Buckeye Lake State Park dam. This is a problem as most of the area is a floodplain, and this will increase flood risks. The deadline has been extended from July to October/November, but this is still a big issue for land owners.

Mr. Ferbrache added that they are gathering as much information as possible from area partners. They are looking at the ORC in regards to drainage maintenance districts and are also looking at costs as this issue is not included in the state budget for the dam project. The "Lateral A" ditch/tile system that collects water in the area could collect more, but the homes on the dam are not currently in the plan. If it is used, there are two culverts that are concerns in terms of capacity. There are four areas in the Buckeye Lake area that will need outlet points. They are still accessing the infrastructure in place to help find solutions. They have also discussed carrying water to the feeder canal, but it would have to travel  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile, and  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the dam does not have gravity in its favor.

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- New Business

- a. Annexation Petition – 2.835 acres from Liberty Township to the Village of Baltimore (sent for review)
- b. Road Brine

Mr. Davis asked if anyone knew why the road brine worked better last night than it had in the past.

Mr. Keller replied that it was the normal solution, but he thought the pavement temperature was a little higher, allowing it to work as it should.

- General Correspondence Received

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- a. Bremen Chamber Lunch – Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 a.m.
- b. State of the Schools Address – Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

- FYI

- a. Retirement Celebration for Susie Bloom – March 17<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Liberty Center
- b. FERC Notice re: Schedule for Environmental Review of the Idle Line 1 Abandonment Project
- c. MORPC TIP Open House, Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> in Columbus
- d. Through the Vine Spring 2017 Newsletter (in newsletter folder)
- e. CCAO/NaCO Slideshow (in newsletter folder)
- f. TID Board Meeting – Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Issues Bin (none)

- Open Items

*MCO Sales Tax Update*

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Levacy if he had an update from the CCAO meeting he attended last week.

Mr. Levacy replied that the meeting was attended by state legislators and local elected officials. The state legislators stated that while the MCO Sales Tax issue would be addressed they were not sure how, especially from the Senate perspective. The House will spend a fair amount of time on it. The second biggest concern discussed was the opiate issue.

Mr. Davis asked if the state legislators still seemed likely to focus on a solution that was friendlier to the areas that had higher sales tax rates.

Mr. Levacy replied that the Governor's approach is not a popular solution. There were more non-comments than comments - with no direct answers.

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Another issue brought forth was trying to get the federal government to address the sales tax issue on Internet sales.

Mr. Davis asked that a joint meeting be set up in late April with Senator Balderson and Representative Schaffer to discuss the progress made in coming up with a MCO Sales Tax solution.

**Executive Session to discuss the Potential Purchase of Property**

On the motion of Steve Davis and second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss the potential purchase of property at 9:39 a.m.

Discussion: Commissioner Davis stated that the following people be present: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Levacy, Commissioner Kiger, Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Joshua Horacek, Branden Meyer, and Dennis Keller.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

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

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Dave Levacy the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 9:47 a.m.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

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

**Meeting with LHS STEM Participants**

The Commissioners met at 9:47 a.m. for a meeting with the LHS STEM Program. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Dennis Keller, Joshua Horacek, Nathan Conrad, Aunie Cordle, Ray Stemen, Rick Szabrak, Jon Kochis, Jon Slater, Spencer Remoquillo, Clay Hartzler, Justin Nauman, Todd McCullough, Tony Vogel, Ed Laramée, Jennifer Baum, Holly Mattei, and Jonathan Ferbrache.

Mr. Szabrak introduced Mr. Conrad, Mr. Hartzler, and Mr. Nauman. The LHS STEM Program recently toured the jail focusing on the architecture of the building.

Mr. Conrad, Vice Principal at LHS, thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to tour the facility. Program officials look for ways to connect the classroom to the real work through the new Lead the Way program. They look forward to more connections with the county in the future.

Mr. Hartzler, STEM teacher, also thanked the Commissioners. The students had a great time and it was the first time many of them have been able to visit a large construction site. The class had recently finished an architecture unit which made the tour perfecting time. They took back information to students who were unable to attend and also got to speak to contractors regarding how they collaborate to keep the project on schedule.

Mr. Nauman, a STEM student, really enjoyed the tour. The class recently worked on problem statements and got to see that in action at the site as one end of the lot is nine feet lower than the other end. Instead of excavating the entire lot, they built a system of ramps in the building.

Mr. Davis explained the site selection process and the history of the lot. The entire block was economically devastated, and the Commissioners were able to turn the area

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around. They appreciate the STEM program touring the site and hope to have the other students who were unable to attend tour it as well.

Mr. Szabrak asked Mr. Nauman of his future plans. Mr. Nauman commented on his plans to attend Embry-Riddle in Daytona Beach and major in aeronautical engineering.

Mr. Hartzler added that the STEM program has 100 students, and they are excited to continue the partnership between LHS and Fairfield County.

Mr. Davis replied that the Commission looked forward to that as well.

**Commissioners' Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 beginning at 10:03 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Ray Stemen, Aunie Cordle, Ray Stemen, Dennis Keller, Todd McCullough, Joshua Horacek, Jon Slater, Tony Vogel, Jon Kochis, Jennifer Baum, Holly Mattei, Spencer Remoquillo, Jonathan Ferbrache, and Mary Beth Lane.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Announcements**

Commissioner Davis asked if there were any announcements.

There were no announcements.

**Public Comment**

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

There were no public comments.

**Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, March 7, 2017**

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 7, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of the Clerk of Courts - Legal Office Resolutions**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Clerk of Courts – Legal Office resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category; see resolution 2017-03.14.a.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of the Commissioners' Office Resolutions**

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

- 2017-03.14.b      A resolution authorizing the approval of a proclamation recognizing March 12 – March 18 as "Sunshine Week" [Commissioners]
- 2017-03.14.c      A resolution authorizing the County Auditor to assess and place on the tax duplicate delinquent sewer rentals for the Buckeye Lake Sewer System for the dates of November 15, 2016 through December 15, 2016 [Commissioners]
- 2017-03.14.d      A resolution to approve an account to account transfer in a major expense category for the transfer of an unexpended fund balance in Special Revenue Fund# 2788, Subfund# 8112 – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]
- 2017-03.14.e      A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to the General Fund from the CDBG Allocation FY2015 grant fund# 2788, subfund# 8112 – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]
- 2017-03.14.f      A resolution to approve the appointment of Sheri Perry to the ADAMH Board [Commissioners]
- 2017-03.14.g      A resolution authorizing the approval of a proclamation. [Commissioners]
- 2017-03.14.h      A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category – Fund# 1001 – Fairfield County Facilities [Commissioners]
- 2017-03.14.i      A resolution of support of property for the Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program. [Commissioners]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of the Emergency Management Agency Resolution**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Emergency Management Agency resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category EMA 2090 Emergency Management Agency Fund, Project Sirens; see resolution 2017-03.14.j.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of the 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:

- 2017-03.14.k      A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for the RIC-13, FAI-CR17-14.614 Pleasantville Road Bridge Replacement Project. [Engineer]
- 2017-03.14.l      A resolution of increase appropriations, appropriate from unappropriated, account to account and fund to fund transfer for RIC-13 bridge replacement [Engineer]

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2017-03.14.m      A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for travel reimbursement [Engineer]

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

**Approval of the Family, Adult, and Children First Council Resolutions**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Family, Adult, and Children First Council resolutions:

2017-03.14.n      A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category for Family Adult Children First Council Fund 7521 FACFC [Family, Adult and Children First Council]

2017-03.14.o      A resolution approving an account to account transfer Fund 7521 Family Adult and Children First Council [Family, Adult and Children First Council]

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

**Approval of the JFS Resolutions**

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

2017-03.14.p      A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2015 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]

2017-03.14.q      A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2758 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]

2017-03.14.r      A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2072 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]

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

**Approval of the Sheriff's Office Resolutions**

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

2017-03.14.s      A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category - Fairfield County Sheriff Fund# 1001 [Sheriff]

2017-03.14.t      A resolution authorizing the approval of an agreement with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and Keefe Commissary Network. [Sheriff]



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- 2017-03.14.u      A resolution to approve appropriate from unappropriated funds, an account to account, and a request for a voucher payment outside of the normal check processing for fund 2394. Sheriff [Sheriff]
- 2017-03.14.v      A resolution authorizing the approval of an agreement with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and Inmate Calling Solutions, LLC. [Sheriff]

Discussion: Ms. Brown noted that resolution S was for FF&E for the jail relating to technology needs. Returning to discussion from earlier in the day, Mr. Davis asked that the Commissioners receive a breakdown of the current inmate population to better understand the recent number of inmates, as it had increased by 11 since last week.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of the Prosecutor's Office Resolutions**

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

- 2017-03.14.w      A resolution approving an account to account transfers into major expense categories [Prosecutor]
- 2017-03.14.x      A resolution to appropriations from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category for Prosecutor Tax Administration [Prosecutor Tax Admin] [Prosecutor]

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:

- 2017-03.14.y      A resolution to approve the payment of the vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders for all Departments that are approved by the Commissioners [Auditor- Finance]
- 2017-03.14.z      A resolution authorizing payment(s) to United Health Care for purposes of the Fairfield County Health Benefits Plan – Fairfield County Board of Commissioners [Commissioners]
- 2017-03.14.aa      A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval [Commissioners]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**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 10:10 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 21, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

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Motion by:

Seconded by:

that the March 14, 2017, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

\*Approved on March 21, 2017



Steven A. Davis  
Commissioner



Dave Levacy  
Commissioner



Mike Kiger  
Commissioner



Rachel A. Elsea, Clerk