### **Review Meeting**

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 210 E. Main Street, Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, Jeff Fix. Also present: Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Bennett Niceswanger, Staci Knisley, Bart Hampson, Jon Kochis, Corey Clark, Dr. Carri Brown, Tony Vogel, Jeremiah Upp, Dan Neeley, Steven Darnell, Lisa McKenzie, Jason Grubb, Elyssa Wanosik, Sarah Fortner, Marty Norris, Ray Stemen, Judy Stemen, Josh Crawford, Rick Szabrak, Francis Martin, Barb Martin, Cynthia Drumm, Mary Ann Berry, Melissa Connor, and Paul McCord.

Attending virtually: Park Russell, Tony Howard, Marcy Fields, Sara Madenwald, Jessica Murphy, Vince Carpico, Nikki Drake, Brian Wolfe, Lisa Thomas, Lori Hawk, Lynette Barnhart, Shelby Hunt, Britney Lee, Josh Horacek, Jim Bahnsen, Stacy Hicks, Ashley Arter, and Jeanie Wears.

### Welcome

Commissioner Davis opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance.

### **Projects and Updates, Engineer's Office**

Fairfield County Engineer, Jeremiah Upp, provided an update on projects taking place within the Engineer's Office. He began by speaking about the resurfacing projects, which includes 7 roads around the county. He also spoke about the bridge replacement projects, which includes 5 different bridges.

Commissioner Davis noticed most of the road improvements were in one general area of the County, and asked if that was intentional.

Engineer Upp stated those roads were determined by necessity. He went on to speak about the Refugee Road Corridor. This includes intersection improvements, new traffic signals, crosswalks, improved traffic flow, and other improvements. The next phase is to make it a three-lane road, with the intention of expanding it further sometime in the future.

The Transportation Improvement District (TID) has been kept busy, Engineer Upp reported. He thanked the members of the TID for their preparation of upcoming projects. Jeremiah added that they will not be building a Route 33 connector road in the next five years as people have heard. Currently, it is just an idea.

Commissioner Fix commented that the Engineer and the TID are making significant improvements around the County.

### **Public Comments**

Ray Stemen of Lancaster offered his opinions on the federal government.

Judy Stemen of Lancaster quoted the Bible.

Cynthia Drumm of Lancaster offered her concerns for solar energy.

Paul McCord of Millersport offered his concerns for solar energy.

Justin George of Pleasantville offered his concerns for solar energy.

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Melissa Connor of Pleasantville offered her concerns for solar energy.

### **Legal Update**

None.

### **County Administration Update**

### **Week in Review**

American Rescue Plan Update

From the \$30,606,902 received as the first and second tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$23.5M has been appropriated, \$11.7M expended, \$4.2M encumbered or obligated.

Family Adult and Children First Council Receives 200,000 Grant

The Fairfield County Family, Adult, and Children First Council was recently awarded \$50,000 for four years from the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Early Childhood Safety Initiative. This competitive grant is provided to service agencies within local governments with the goal of increasing parent education and safety initiatives in Ohio.

Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention Council Appointments

Sarah Fortner, Deputy Director of JFS Protective Services, has been selected as the chair of the Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention Council and therefore there is a vacant seat on that council for a Fairfield County representative. Elyssa Wanosik, Screening and Operations Manager of JFS Protective Services is willing to serve on the council and will represent Fairfield County exceptionally well. Elyssa has been with Fairfield County since 2010 and has worked in the field of child protection since 2007.

Elyssa Wanosik stated her appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the council.

Commissioner Davis thanked both Elyssa and Sarah Fortner for their willingness to serve on the council.

Indigent Defense Reimbursement Rate to Drop to 80%

In three communications to state and local leaders this week, the Office of the Ohio Public Defender (OPD) painted an uncertain picture regarding state reimbursement for county indigent defense costs, both in the current fiscal year and in the upcoming biennium for which the operating budget is still in development. State Public Defender, Tim Young, sent a letter to Governor Mike DeWine, Senate President Matt Huffman, and Speaker of the House Jason Stephens regarding indigent defense reimbursement. In the letter, he revealed that the final reimbursement rate for the current state fiscal year will likely be approximately 80% (and that requests the rest of the fiscal year will be reimbursement at 70%). CCAO encourages our members to reach out to their legislators, especially if those legislators are on the House Finance Committee or the House Finance Subcommittee on Public Safety, to stress that indigent defense is a state responsibility that counties have been forced to administer and pay for.

Commissioner Davis shared his frustrations with continually increasing payments for court appointed authorities.

### Pleasantville Mayor Updates on Railroad Crossing

Mayor Henderson provided information on a railroad crossing improvement that he has been working on over the past few years with Kanawha River Railroad (KNWA). In the village there are two railroad crossings and the one on North Main Street is in poor condition and has a high flow of traffic. The current timbers are in need of replacement as they have rotted and are splintering off causing gaps between the rail and the timber. In addition, the timbers underneath are assumed to be rotted as well. There have been very few attempts to repair the crossing since bringing this to the attention of the rail company. But recently, it appears that they have been successful at gaining some ground to improve this crossing in our village. The mayor is not familiar with this process for implementing repairs, but wanted to share this information in case the railroad company reached out to the County.

Economic Development Strategic Plan and Land Use Plan Update Public Meeting

As part of the Economic Development Strategic Plan and Land Use Plan Update process, a public meeting was conducted last night at the Workforce Center. Approximately 150 were in attendance to provide input on the future of development in the County.

Economic and Workforce Development Director, Rick Szabrak, stated his consultants informed him the event was the biggest turnout they had seen by any community, and added that it shows the great interest around the County regarding growth.

Commissioner Fix was pleased to see so much interest from the community for growth in the County.

Department Head and Elected Official Roundtable Meeting

April 4 is the first Department Head and Elected Official roundtable of the year and will be held at the Ag Center from 1-4. In response to the feedback that we have received, we are looking at offering a lunch option for folks that would like to come early for some networking and time to catch up with each other. The agenda and information on the lunch option will go out this week.

### **Highlights of Resolutions**

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

Resolution Review

There are 22 resolutions for the voting meeting.

### Resolutions of note:

- A resolution to approve an amended agreement to continue the energy aggregation and purchasing program with Palmer Energy, as part of the CCAO.
- 4 resolutions amending term expirations for ADAMH board members. ORC 340.02 (G) states that board member terms should expire on June 30th and should not exceed four years.
- Two resolutions for the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Council. One appointing Elyssa Wanosik, and one amending the term expiration for Stephanie Fyffe
- A resolution of support of property for the Clean Ohio Agriculture Easement Purchase Program with the Ohio Dept of Agriculture.

### **Budget Review**

• No update

### Recognition

- County Auditor, Dr. Brown congratulated HR, IT, and Payroll for a successful training held on March 8th.
- County Auditor, Dr. Brown, congratulated Stacey Knight, Curt Truax, and Nick Dilley for participating in a Massive Open Online Course on cartography.
- County Auditor, Dr. Brown, thanked Greg Forquer, Makala Finley, and Rachel Elsea for the record high return rate of Current Agricultural Use Valuation program applications. More than 90% of the applications were returned prior to the first deadline of March 6.
- County Auditor, Dr. Brown, thanked Makala Finley, Jess Ferguson, Julie White, Randy Carter, and Stacy Knight for job shadowing efforts.
- County Auditor, Dr. Brown, thanked Curt Truax for updating Board of Election precinct maps so efficiently.
- Thank you to Ruchie Rice and Brian Plummer for their efforts on some cyber security initiatives.

### **Calendar Review/Invitations Received**

- Transportation Improvement District Meeting, March 14, 2023, 1:00 p.m., Fairfield County Records Center, 138 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster
- Transit Governance Study Steering Committee Meeting, March 14, 2023, 2:00 p.m., Commissioners' Hearing Room
- Meeting with Chancellor of Higher Education, March 15, 2023, 10:30 a.m., 77 S. High St., 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus
- ODOT District 5, Central Ohio 2023 Construction Kickoff, March 15, 2023, 2:00 p.m., 240 Baldwin Dr., Lancaster
- Family, Adult and Children First Council Meeting, March 16, 2023, 8:30 a.m., Fairfield County Agricultural Center, 831 College Ave., Lancaster
- 2023 State of Pickerington, March 16, 2023, 11:00 a.m., Wigwam Event Center, 10190 Blacklick-Eastern Rd., Pickerington

### **Correspondence**

Items Requiring Response

Informational Items

- Press Release, Board of Commissioners, March 10, 2023, Fairfield County to Celebrate Sunshine Week
- Press Release, Office of County Auditor, March 10, 2023, Fairfield County Auditor's Office to Participate in Sunshine Week
- Release of Easement, South Central Power Co. Released Twenty Foot Easement Granted by Fairfield County Board of Commissioners for Parcel Number 0531344500
- Municipal Court Receipt and Payment Report, February 2023
- Ohio Health Community Benefit Report, Fiscal Year 2022

- Office of the County Auditor, Fact Sheet: The City of Lancaster's Ballot Issue for Road Improvements
- Columbus Business First, Author John Bush, March 8, 2023, "Proposed Redevelopment of Former Lancaster Shoe Factory Awarded \$3.3M Historic Preservation Tax Credit"
- Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas, General Division, Annual Report 2022
- Memo from Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown, March 8, 2023, Subjects: Procedures for Minor Subdivisions or Lot Splits; Pay Advice Information, Tax Incentive Review Council Meetings, and The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report
- Fairfield County Clerk of Courts, Annual Report, 2022
- Columbus Business First, Author Jeffrey Konczal, March 9, 2023, "The Columbus Opportunity: Workforce Chiefs Team Up to Fill Intel-Driven Demand"
- Press Release, Office of County Auditor, March 13, 2023, Dr. Carri L. Brown Sworn-in as Fairfield County Auditor
- Press Release, Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council, March 14, 2023, Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council Awarded \$200,000 for Early Childhood Safety Initiative
- Letter from a Fairfield County Resident Regarding Proposed Solar Energy Farm
- Press Release, Fairfield County ADAMH, March 13, 2023, Fairfield County ADAMH Welcomes New Board Members

### Jail Population

- March 7 was 254 with 25 of those being contracted placements.
- March 14 is 266 with 31 of those being contracted placements.

### **Old Business**

Commissioner Davis spoke about the meeting with RLS consultants for the transit study. They are looking for the consultants to determine if the County is doing enough for public transportation, and if Lancaster Public Transit should be a Fairfield County department. There will be representatives from the larger employers in Fairfield County in the meeting, as well as other stakeholders, to see what their needs are for transporting people and employees.

Commissioner Levacy spoke about the grant to the Essex Building and thinks it is significant for redeveloping a historic building and for enhancing downtown Lancaster.

### **New Business**

County Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown, forecasted some budget activities. She also spoke on an intended account to account transfer to the general fund for her office.

Commissioner Davis thanked Dr. Brown for continuing to look into those issues.

Auditor Brown also thanked Amanda Everitt and Cathleen Young for their diligence with the planned redevelopment of the Essex Building.

### Regular (Voting) Meeting

The Commissioners continued to their Regular Voting Meeting in the Commissioners' Hearing Room of the Historic Courthouse at 210 E Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Fix called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy, Jeff Fix. Also present: Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Bennett Niceswanger, Staci Knisley, Bart Hampson, Jon Kochis, Corey Clark, Dr. Carri Brown, Tony Vogel, Jeremiah Upp, Dan Neeley, Steven Darnell, Lisa McKenzie, Jason Grubb, Elyssa Wanosik, Marty Norris, Ray Stemen, Judy Stemen, Josh Crawford, Rick Szabrak, Francis Martin, Barb Martin, Cynthia Drumm, Mary Ann Berry, Melissa Connor, and Paul McCord.

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### **Pledge of Allegiance**

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

### **Announcements**

There were no announcements.

### **Approval of Minutes for March 7, 2023**

Commissioner Davis thanked Mayor Henderson for hosting the Commissioners last Tuesday evening.

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, March 7, 2023, meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

### **Approval of Resolutions from the Board of Commissioners**

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

2023-03.14.a	A Resolution to approve an amended partnership agreement to continue the energy aggregation and purchasing program with Palmer Energy, as part of the County Commissioners Association of Ohio program
2023-03.14.b	A resolution to amend resolution 2022-02.15.c appointing Ms. Alysha Blagg to the Fairfield County ADAMH Board.
2023-03.14.c	A resolution to amend resolution 2021-12.07.f appointing Ms. Alicia Bridges to the Fairfield County ADAMH Board.
2023-03.14.d	A resolution to amend resolution 2020-10.22.f appointing Ms. Laura Coholich to the Fairfield County ADAMH Board.
2023-03.14.e	A resolution to amend resolution 2023-03.07.z appointing Ms. Christina Marstiller to the Fairfield County ADAMH Board.

2023-03.14.f	A resolution to approve the appointment of Ms. Elyssa Wanosik to the Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention Council.
2023-03.14.g	A resolution to amend resolution 2022-04.19.b reappointing Ms. Stephanie Fyffe to the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention Council.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

### Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Clerk of Courts - Legal

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Clerk of Courts – Legal:

2023-03.14.h A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category (Clerk of Courts Legal) (2318 Computer Fund)

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

### Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development:

2023-03.14.i A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major category expense

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

### **Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer**

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

2023-03.14.j	A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for contractual services.
2023-03.14.k	A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for the WAL-31, FAI-CR11-3.211 Canal Road Bridge Replacement Project.
2023-03.14.1	A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for the GRE-13, FAI-CR31-5.457 Coonpath Road over a Tributary to Fetters Run Bridge Replacement Project.

Engineer Upp provided specifics for resolution 2023-03.14.l.

Commissioner Davis stated there are times where those roads are very busy, and asked how traffic will be redirected when that road must be shut down.

Engineer Upp stated trucks will be directed to state roads and possibly Pleasantville Road.

Commissioner Davis asked about the timeline of the improvements.

Engineer Upp stated it is planned for 6 weeks.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

### **Approval of Resolutions from Fairfield County Job and Family Services**

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

2023-03.14.m	A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2758 reimbursing Fund 2018
2023-03.14.n	A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 2072 – Children Services Fund
2023-03.14.o	A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 2015 – Child Support Enforcement Agency
2023-03.14.p	A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 2018 – Public Assistance Fund
2023-03.14.q	A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2015 reimbursing Fund 2018
2023-03.14.r	A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2072 reimbursing Fund 2018
2023-03.14.s	A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2599 reimbursing Fund 2018

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

### Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff

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

2023-03.14.t A resolution to approve the purchasing of a gun by a retiring officer

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

### Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Soil and Water

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from South Central Major Crimes Unit:

2023-03.14.u A resolution of support of property for the Clean Ohio Local Agriculture Easement Purchase Program with the Ohio Department of Agriculture.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

### **Approval of the Payment of Bills**

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

2023-03.14.v A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

### **Adjournment**

With no further business, on the motion of Jeff Fix and a second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:05 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 21, 2023.

### **Transit Governance Study**

The Commissioners met at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 210 E. Main Street, Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, Jeff Fix.

Commissioner Davis asked those in attendance to introduce themselves and which organization they represent.

Commissioner Davis introduced Laura Brown and Julie Schafer from RLS, which has been selected to conduct the study.

Commissioner Levacy thanked all those in attendance for their interest in transit.

Commissioner Fix shared these sentiments.

Laura began by speaking about the purpose of the transit study, with the goal being to explore the options available.

Commissioner Davis stated there have already been steps taken to make improvements to transit, which includes increased financial contributions.

Laura went on to speak about the task outline, with today's meeting beginning the process.

Laura broke the attendees into a small group discussion to discuss the biggest needs and gaps in transportation in Fairfield County, and to discuss the known challenges people face due to lack of access to transportation.

The small groups presented the details of their discussions.

Laura asked the group to consider the benefits or challenges of the structure of transportation if Lancaster Public Transit were to transfer to Fairfield County.

Commissioner Davis stated it seems illogical for the City of Lancaster to take responsibility for Transit across Fairfield County.

Mayor of the City of Lancaster, David Scheffler, shared that the City of Lancaster has expressed concerns for offering additional services to areas other than Lancaster, without directly benefitting the City of Lancaster.

Laura asked if any of the larger employers in Fairfield County offer ride shares.

Director of Job and Family Services, Corey Clark, stated the Workforce Center is in discussion with employers to offer ride shares to employees.

Laura asked the group what customers of Lancaster Public Transit have shared that they appreciate about the services already offered.

Director of Lancaster Transit, Chasilyn Carter, shared that customers report liking the cleanliness, the relationship with the drivers, and the affordability of their services.

Commissioner Davis thanked everyone for participating in the discussions.

With no further business, on the motion of Jeff Fix and a second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 3:45 p.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Motion by: Jeff Fix Seconded by: Dave Levacy that the March 14, 2023, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Jeff Fix, Dave Levacy, Steve Davis

NAYS: None

**ABSTENTIONS: None** 

\*Approved on March 21, 2023

Steven Davis Dave Levacy Jeff Fix
Commissioner Commissioner

Bennett Niceswanger, Asst. Clerk

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### ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY ITEMS FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE MARCH 06, 2023 TO March 12, 2023

### Fairfield County Commissioners

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AA.03.07-2023.a	An Administrative Approval for the payment(s) of the United Health Care (UHC) invoice for the Fairfield County Self-Funded Health Benefits Program – Fairfield County Board of Commissioners [Commissioners]
AA.03.07-2023.b	An Administrative Approval for the payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval and have bills presented that are not more than \$50,000 per invoice. [Commissioners]
	Fairfield County Facilities
AA.03.06-2023.a	A contract with Kanopi by Armstrong for the installation of drop ceiling in Judge Trimmers Courtroom [Facilities]
	Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council
AA.03.10-2023.a	A administrative approvals regarding the application and submission of Ohio Family and Children First (OFCF) Operational Capacity Building Funds Application for SFY24 [Family, Adult and Children First Council]
	Fairfield County Job and Family Services
AA.03.06-2023.b	An Administrative Approval of a Contract Amendment between Fairfield County Job & Family Services and Fairfield County Probate Court [JFS]
AA.03.10-2023.d	An administrative approval to amend the Fairfield County Compensation Plan schedule [JFS]
	Fairfield County Sheriff
AA.03.10-2023.b	An Administrative Approval for an agreement between Escaping the Odds Media and the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office [Sheriff]
	South Central Major Crimes Unit
AA.03.10-2023.c	An Administrative Approval to authorize the Fairfield County Administrator to sign the South Central Ohio Crimes 2023 JAG Grant Award [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]

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From the \$30,606,902.00 received as the first and second tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$23,554,908.78 has been appropriated, \$11,722,271.32 expended, \$4,208,421.86 encumbered or

obligated.

obligated.		As of 3/9/23	As of 3/9/23	As of 3/9/23
12Project/Category		Appropriations	Expenditure	Obligation
Public Health				
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	78,677.05	66,362.57	3,997.38
R17b	Public Health, Capital Investments and Public Facilities of the County	3,254,524.02	1,736,128.85	1,321,171.18
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	54,250.98	0.00
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	1,555,582.09	1,179,555.76	0.00
R19b	Public Health Payroll Support	204,392.13	185,406.39	18,985.74
R19c	Other Public Sector Payroll Support	302,778.33	153,516.54	0.00
R110a	Mental and Behavioral Health	40,018.00	0.00	40,018.00
Subtotal Public Health		5,894,150.66	3,723,010.13	1,433,997.30
Negative Economic Impacts				
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	120,000.00	0.00
R210c	Salvation Army	500,000.00	500,000.00	0.00
R211a	Subgrant for Tourism, Support for the Fairfield County Fair	500,000.00	499,996.00	4.00
R211b	Aid to Tourism, Travel, Hospitality	25,000.00	18,278.01	1,369.39

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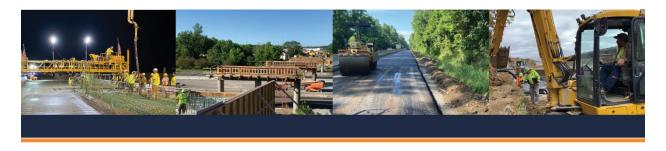
obligated.				
Project/Category		As of 3/9/23 Appropriations	As of 3/9/23 Expenditure	As of 3/9/23 Obligation
R29a	Emergency Assistance Business	Appropriations	Expenditure	Obligation
NZ9a	Planning	160,178.00	146,829.87	13,348.13
R213a	Support for Agriculture and the			
	Growing Community	45,000.00	35,000.00	10,000.00
R213b	Technical Assistance for Townships & Others	400,000.00	124,354.84	124,923.16
	Contracts for Services to Support	400,000.00	124,334.64	124,923.10
R213c	Residents Suffering Effects of the			
Cubtotal Nagative	Pandemic	102,000.00	71,240.00	25,460.00
Subtotal Negative Economic Impacts		1,852,178.00	1,515,698.72	175,104.68
·	Housing Support, Affordable	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	.,,	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
R310a	Housing Strategic Plan	20 554 00	20 554 00	0.00
Subtotal Services	g g	39,554.00	39,554.00	0.00
Disproportionately				
Impacted Communities		20 554 00	20 554 00	0.00
		39,554.00	39,554.00	0.00
Premium Pay				
	Premium Pay, Premium Pay for			
R41a	Emergency Management Agency			
	Workers	27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
Subtotal Premium Pay		27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
Infrastructure				
	Clean Water: Centralized			
R52a	Collection and Conveyance,	E09 490 00	15 907 14	9.046.96
	Airport	598,480.00	15,897.14	8,946.86
R56a	Clean Water, Stormwater	539,895.00	139,895.00	400,000.00
D544	Drinking Water:			
R511a	Transmission/Distribution, Grant Hampton	1,038,515.50	708,012.32	236,092.68
		1,000,010.00	700,012.02	200,002.00
R511b	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Airport	400 000 00	0.00	
	Drinking Water:	102,000.00	0.00	0.00
R511c	Transmission/Distribution,			
	Greenfield	1,900,000.00	0.00	0.00
D511d	Drinking Water:			
R511d	Transmission/Distribution, Baltimore	613,000.00	0.00	0.00
	Drinking Water:	3.3,000.00	0.00	0.00
R511e	Transmission/Distribution,	050 000 00	2.00	2.22
	Pleasantville	659,000.00	0.00	0.00

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Project/Category		As of 3/9/23 Appropriations	As of 3/9/23 Expenditure	As of 3/9/23 Obligation
R516a	Broadband, "Last Mile" Projects	500,000.00	0.00	0.00
R517a	Broadband, Other Projects	49,900.00	18,365.46	27,286.72
Subtotal Infrastructure		6,000,790.50	882,169.92	672,326.26
Revenue Loss				
R61a	SaaS and Technological Equipment	370,646.50	230,825.32	139,821.18
R61b	Recorder Document Scanning	400,000.00	257,743.53	142,256.47
R61c	Clerk of Courts Case Management	375,000.00	71,615.50	303,384.50
R61d	MARCS Tower Project	520,000.00	141,552.50	378,447.50
R61e	Dispatch Consoles	560,000.00	143,110.75	416,889.25
R61f	Fairfield Center Purchase	2,708,752.85	2,708,752.85	0.00
R61g	Fairfield Center Renovation	3,692,375.73	1,675,265.28	347,272.74
R61h	Community School Attendance Program	501,137.00	60,215.21	6,322.10
R61i	Workforce Center Expansion	0.00	0.00	0.00
R61j	Smart Growth	200,000.00	7,400.12	192,599.88
Revenue Loss		9,327,912.08	5,296,481.06	1,926,993.62
Administration				
R71a	Administrative Expenses	412,415.82	237,449.77	0.00
Subtotal Administration		412,415.82	237,449.77	0.00
Grand Total		\$23,554,908.78	\$11,722,271.32	\$4,208,421.86



ODOT District 5 Deputy Director Jason Sturgeon invites you to attend:

2023 Construction Kickoff in East Central Ohio

Join us to highlight this upcoming construction season

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

240 BALDWIN DR., LANCASTER, OHIO 43130

Event will be held at the Fairfield County EMA office

Celebrate ODOT's investment in East Central Ohio infrastructure

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Commissioners: Steven A. Davis Jeffrey M. Fix David L. Levacy

County Administrator Aundrea N. Cordle

**Deputy County Administrator** Jeffrey D. Porter

> Clerk Rochelle Menningen

COMMISSIONERS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELESE Friday, March 10, 2023

Fairfield County to Celebrate Sunshine Week

Lancaster, Ohio – The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners will celebrate Sunshine Week beginning March 12th.

On Tuesday, February 28, 2023, the Board of Commissioners issued a proclamation to declare March 12-18, 2023, Sunshine Week in Fairfield County. The proclamation highlights Fairfield County's commitment, during Sunshine Week and throughout the year, to enhance public access to government records, to provide information electronically and online, and to ensure all meetings of deliberative bodies under Fairfield County's jurisdiction are open to the public and have been properly noticed.

Sunshine Week is a national initiative to promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. Commissioner Steve Davis, Board President, stated, "The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners focus on transparency, information, and education. We know the importance of educating ourselves on all matters that come before this Board; and we provide that information to our constituents, and all attendees, in our open meetings."

Information regarding Fairfield County is available through many forums such as social media outlets (LinkedIn, Instagram, and Twitter), the county's website (http://www.co.fairfield.oh.us), and Commission connection videos located on the website's home page. Observing a Board of Commissioners' meeting is also a great avenue for gaining information and meetings can be attended both in person and virtually. The meeting schedule and a link to the virtual meeting are both available on the website.

For full transparency, budget reports; meeting schedules, agendas, and minutes; information regarding county elected officials and administrative officials; permits and zoning information; financial audits and reports; contracts; information on Public Records Requests; tax information; and county press releases, can be found on the website at https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/State-of-the-County.html.

For more information, please contact Aundrea Cordle, County Administrator, at the following email: aundrea.cordle@fairfieldcountyohio.gov.

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County Auditor Carri L. Brown, PhD, MBA, CGFM carri.brown@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Friday, March 10, 2023

### Fairfield County Auditor's Office to Participate in Sunshine Week

**Lancaster, Ohio** – The Fairfield County Auditor's Office will participate in Sunshine Week March 12 – 18, 2023. This week, and through the year, the Auditor's office works work diligently to enhance the public's access to government records and information, to increase information provided electronically and online, and to ensure that all meetings of deliberative bodies under its jurisdiction are properly noticed and open to the public.

Sunshine Week is a national initiative to promote a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. It is held annually during the week of March 16<sup>th</sup> to coincide with President James Madison's birthday. President Madison is known as the Father of the Constitution and a key advocate for the Bill of Rights.

Fairfield Auditor Carri Brown, stated, "The success of our local government depends on having an informed and participatory citizenry in an open, transparent environment. We encourage our county residents to ask questions and review materials about public services. We answer all requests for records in a timely manner, too."

During the week, the Auditor's Office will issue press releases and highlight services and information provided by the Auditor's Office. Make sure to follow the Auditor's Office on social media for daily updates.

For more information, please contact Rachel Elsea, Communication's Officer, at rachel.elsea@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

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Carrie L. Brown County Auditor, Fairfield County, Ohio

#### RELEASE OF EASEMENT

Being part of a 5.73 acre tract of ground parcel number 0531344500, Lot 3 of Liberty Center, situated in Section 33, City of Lancaster, Fairfield County, State of Ohio owned by The Fairfield County Board of County Commissioners recorded in Instrument Number 200200015412 in the Fairfield County Recorder's Office.

South Central Power Company hereby releases and discharges any and all rights to an existing 20 foot wide easement granted by The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners recorded in OR Volume 1324 page 1371-1373 in the Fairfield County Recorder's Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the hand of the undersigned has been set this 200 march .\_ 2023.

Signed and delivered In the presence of:

South Central Power Company

By: Richard Lemonds President and CEO

STATE OF OHIO

) SS:

COUNTY OF Fairfield

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 202 day of the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for said County, personally came the above named Richard Lemonds President and CEO

In the foregoing easement and acknowledged the signing of the same to be his voluntary act and deed, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal on the day and year last aforesaid.

TAMARA S. WILSON **NOTARY PUBLIC** STATE OF OHIO Commission expires July 19, 2023

Notary Public, State of Ohio

This instrument prepared by: South Central Power Company, 720 Mill Park Drive, Lancaster OH 43130

03/14/2023 018

### **Description Municipal Court Monies**

Date: 3/7/2023

ACCOUNT	FOR THE MONTH OF:	PAY-IN
NUMBER	February 2023	AMOUNTS
	<u> </u>	<u></u>
00100120 435125 MUNRSF	GENERAL-REGULAR STATE FINES	990.00
00100120 435125 MUNOSP	GENERAL-1/2 10% OSP FINES	823.74
12276195 435100 LAWFIN	LAW LIBRARY-1/2 UNIFORM STATE FINES	2,684.26
12276195 435100 LAWFIN	LAW LIBRARY-1/2 10% OSP FINES	823.75
12276195 435100 LAWFIN	LAW LIBRARY-1/2 LIQUOR DEPT FINES	77.75
16202401 435100 ENGFN	MOTOR VEHICLE-1/2 UNIFORM STATE FINE	2,684.26
23202700 435100 SHRWGH	RD & BRIDGE WEIGHTS-GROSS OVERLOAD	7,439.00
12200200 435100 DKFINE	DOG & KENNEL FINES	400.00
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00100120 435125 MUNPUC	PUCO FINES	0.00
00100120 435125 MUNLDF	1/2 LIQUOR DEPARTMENT FINES	77.75
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00100120 435125 MUNNAT	NATURAL AREAS & PRESERVES	0.00
00100120 435125 EXPMNT	EXPUNGEMENT FEES	140.00
	TOTAL OF PAY-IN	19,808.62

#### To the Auditor of Fairfield County:

I hereby certify that all fees, costs, penalties, percentages, allowances and perquisites of whatever kind collecte of the date stated above for my official services, amount to the total of the payin and that the same are fully show and in the stated aggregate amount, by the book of accounts which I am by law required to keep and which is a p of said office and open to inspection.

I therefore hereby apply to you for your warrant to pay the said amount into the County Treasury to the credit of t above, as required by law.

Signature: Christina Wetzel 3/7/2023

### Municipal Court Pay-In FOR THE MONTH OF:

Enter Month/Year February 2023

Input Worksheet. Key figures below from Municipal court documentation.

·		BREAKDOWN	HALF	CHECK	DIFF.
REGULAR STATE FINES	990.00	GENERAL	495.00	990.00	
UNIFORM STATE FINES	5,368.51	1/2 L. LIBRARY & 1/2 M. VEHICLE	2,684.26	5,368.52	
10% OSP FINES	1,647.50	1/2 L. LIBRARY & 1/2 GEN.	823.75	1,647.50	
GROSS OVERLOAD FINES	7,439.00	ROAD & BRIDGE (WGHTS)			
DOG & KENNEL FINES	400.00	DOG & KENNEL			0.00
PARKS & RECREATION FINES		PARK DISTRICT			
PUCO FINES		GENERAL			
LIQUOR DEPARTMENT FINES	155.50	1/2 L. LIBRARY & 1/2 GEN.	77.75	155.50	
JUROR FEES		GENERAL			
WITNESS FEES		GENERAL			
FAIRFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF/OVI HOUSING	1,561.08	GENERAL			
FAIRFIELD COUNTY SHERIFF/OMVI ARRESTS	50.00	ENF. & EDUCATION			
ATTORNEY FEES, STATE		GENERAL			
TRANSLATOR REIMBURSEMENT	•	GENERAL			
WEEKEND JAIL REIMBURSEMENT		GENERAL			
PARKS & RECREATION - OMVI FINES		PARK DISTRICT			
AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY FILING FEES	2,057.03	AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY FILING FEES			
NATURAL AREA & PRESERVES		NATURAL AREA & PRESERVES			
EXPUNGEMENT FEES	140.00	EXPUNGEMENT FEES			
TOTAL OF PAY-IN	19,808.62				

DOUBLE

·	AMOUNT RECEIVED	ACCOUNT NUMBER
GENERAL	1,813.74	00100120 435125
(REG STATE FINES & 1/2 10% OSP FINES)		
LAW LIBRARY (1/2 UNIFORM STATE FINES,	3,585.76	00100110 435100
(1/2 10% OSP FINES & 1/2 LIQ. DEPT FINES)		
MOTOR VEHICLE	2,684.26	16202401 435100
(1/2 UNIFORM STATE FINES)		
ROAD & BRIDGE(WEIGHTS)	7,439.00	23202700 435100
(GROSS OVERLOAD FINES)		
DOG & KENNEL FINES	400.00	12200200 435100
JURY FEES	0.00	00100120 435100
WITNESS FEES	0.00	00100120 435100
PARKS & RECREATION FINES	0.00	72730800 435100
PUCO FINES	0.00	00100120 435125
1/2 LIQUOR DEPARTMENT FINES	77.75	00100120 435125
OMVI - ARRESTS (Enforcement & Education Fund)	50.00	23204202 435100
ATTORNEY FEES, STATE	0.00	00100120 435125
TRANSLATOR REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	00100110 433005
WEEKEND JAIL REIMBURSEMENT	0.00	00100110 438000
OMVI - HOUSING	1,561.08	00100110 438000
PARK & RECREATION OMVI FEES	0.00	72730800 435100
AFFIDAVIT OF INDIGENCY FILING FEES	2,057.03	90765101 434000
NATURAL AREAS & PRESERVES	0.00	00100120 435125
EXPUNGEMENT FEES	140.00	00100120 435125
Total Received	19,808.62	

LMCCR2 Check 0017346

Case Date 02/28/23

Plaintiff ....: Amount: \$ 19808.62

-vs-

Defendant ....:

Type of Payment: Eom Payout For February, 2023

Check 0017346

Case Date 02/28/23

Plaintiff ....: \$ 19808.62

-vs-

Defendant. ....:

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FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT

VALEDA A. SLONE, CLERK CRIMINAL ACCOUNT 136 W. MAIN ST. P.O. BOX 2390 LANCASTER, OH 43130-5390 Fairfield National LANCASTER, OHIO 43130

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VOID AFTER 60 DAYS

\* NINETEEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED EIGHT AND 62/100 DOLLARS \*\*\*

TO THE ORDER OF 
 DATE
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Fairfield Co Auditor 210 E Main St Lancaster, Oh 43130







### **BATCH 83613 PAYMENTS PROOF**

CLERK: cw14644 BATCH NUMBER: 83613 BATCH PROCESSING DATE: 03/07/2023

RECEIPT LINE	YEAR BILL TYP CHARGE DESCRIPTION	E CATEGORY PRIN PAID	CUST # NAME INT PAID	PROPERTY ID INT HELD	TOTAL AMOUNT
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TOTAL RECEIPTS: TOTAL PAYMENTS:	19,808.62	
TOTAL PRINCIPAL PAID: TOTAL INTEREST PAID: TOTAL INTEREST HELD:	19,808.62 0.00 0.00	





OhioHealth David P. Blom Administrative Campus

3430 OhioHealth Parkway Columbus, Ohio 43202

OhioHealth.com

March 2, 2023

The Honorable David Levacy 210 East Main Street #301 Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Dear Commissioner Levacy,

I hope the New Year is off to a strong and healthy start for you and those around you.

No one can deny that the last few years have been challenging as we all navigated a global pandemic. From my perspective, we are fortunate that our community was positioned to rally together in a way that many others could not. Our collaboration, trust and commitment helped us all collectively serve those who were counting on us.

OhioHealth, one of the largest employers in the communities we serve, has the privilege of serving nearly 50 counties in the state of Ohio, which means bringing access to healthcare to those in need, including the most vulnerable populations. Our commitment to health equity has never wavered.

Over the last two years, OhioHealth was honored to contribute more than \$400 million in programs and resources to the communities we serve. The enclosed report documents many of the ways OhioHealth reached into our communities, from providing COVID testing and vaccines, to addressing health equity – ensuring healthcare access for all - and other important priorities.

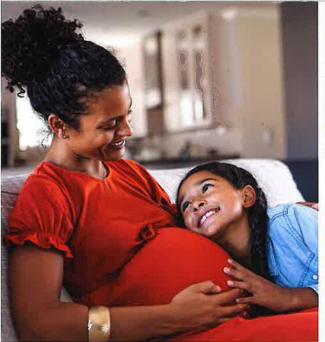
We couldn't have done this without your ongoing support.

On behalf of OhioHealth's associates and providers, thank you,

Steve Markovich, MD

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President and CEO









# COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2022

## OhioHealth

Dear Friends and Supporters of OhioHealth,

At OhioHealth, we believe that every action must advance our mission: To improve the health of those we serve.

We are accountable to our communities through stewardship. We are committed to making quality healthcare available to all. In fact, "providing exceptional care for all" is a core tenet in our new vision statement.

In fiscal year 2022, OhioHealth provided more than \$405 million in charity care and other community benefit programs including Wellness on Wheels, Maternal Home Visiting, and COVID-19 Vaccine Equity efforts. To enhance and expand these programs, we also partner with local and nonprofit organizations.

As you review this report, you'll see we are dedicated to:

- + Advancing health equity.
- + Promoting wellness by connecting people to community resources.
- + Providing advocacy and emotional support services.
- + Helping people manage chronic conditions, such as diabetes and high blood pressure.
- + Providing access to primary care and medical services for all.
- + Supporting women's health and healthy babies.
- + Investing in workforce development.

We appreciate being able to recognize you as a community collaborator and partner. Thank you for your support of OhioHealth's steadfast commitment to build better communities through better health.

With gratitude,

Karen J. Morrison

President, OhioHealth Foundation Senior Vice President, OhioHealth

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# 1 COMMUNITY BENEFIT AT A GLANCE



OhioHealth is a not-for-profit health system, which means our successes are reinvested into the communities we serve. We do this by:









### We bring specialized care close to home

#### **HOSPITALS**

#### **OWNED**

- 1. Riverside Methodist Hospital
- 2. Grant Medical Center
- 3. Doctors Hospital
- 4. Grady Memorial Hospital
- 5. Dublin Methodist Hospital
- 6. Hardin Memorial Hospital
- 7. Marion General Hospital
- 8. O'Bleness Hospital
- 9. Mansfield Hospital
- 10. Shelby Hospital
- 11. Grove City Methodist Hospital
- 12. Berger Hospital

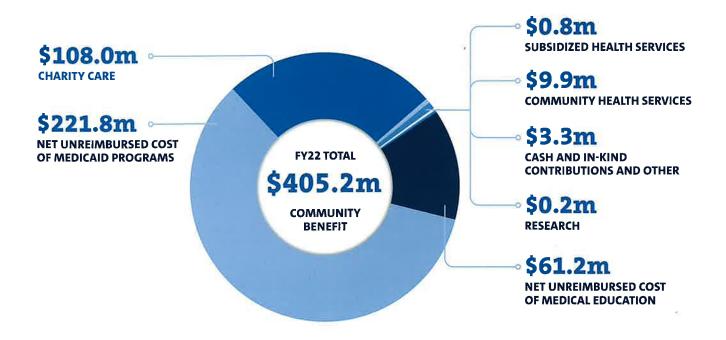
#### **MANAGED**

- 1. Morrow County Hospital
- Southeastern Ohio Regional Medical Center

### **AFFILIATE**

- 1. Blanchard Valley Medical Center
- 2. Southern Ohio Medical Center

Represents Fiscal Year 2022



### **Community benefit summary**

In fiscal year 2022, OhioHealth provided \$405.2 million in community benefit including \$108 million in charity care for people who lack insurance or the means to pay for care, and more than \$221 million in Medicaid costs not reimbursed by the state or federal government.

The net unreimbursed costs of medical education was \$61.2 million, \$10.7 million in subsidized and community health services, \$3.3 million cash and inkind contributions, and another \$.2 million in research.



OhioHealth associates play an active role in the communities we serve: 82% of OhioHealth senior leadership and 53% of OhioHealth vice presidents serve on community and government boards.

# 2 | COVID-19 / COVID VACCINE EQUITY



### Bringing vaccines to those in need

At OhioHealth, the health and safety of our patients is our priority. We proactively responded and adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic to provide the best care for all.

For much of 2021 and into 2022, we continued to

expand vaccine access through our mobile health program, Wellness on Wheels (WOW). We used a datadriven approach to get vaccines to communities with the greatest needs, particularly communities of



color. Scan the QR code to learn, how this vaccine equity project was awarded a \$1 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The WOW Vaccine Equity Project dedicated appointments in opportunity ZIP codes for people in need, close to where they live and work.

Once ZIP codes and populations were identified, a team formed community partnerships with trusted brokers in the communities, hosting clinics at days, times and locations where people were likely to participate.

These partnerships allowed OhioHealth to enter new communities neutrally and gather input on vaccine hesitancy and the preferred ways to receive health information. OhioHealth hosted educational forums and focus groups with more than 33 community partners, including Franklin County, YMCA of Central Ohio, Columbus Urban League, IMPACT Community Action, Ohio Women's Alliance, local school partners and many others. This allowed OhioHealth to continue creating partnerships and provide convenient access with a focused geographic approach. WOW hosted four weekly standing clinics and at least one weekend clinic.

More than 50% of the 3,662 COVID-19 vaccines administered through the WOW vaccine clinics were to patients of color, and over 75 community partners have hosted clinics, focus groups or education sessions.

Scan the QR code to read about how these efforts were

recently recognized by *Columbus CEO Magazine*, who gave the WOW Vaccine
Equity Project the 2022 Healthcare
Achievement Awards' Healthcare
Trailblazer award.





Scan this QR code to learn how OhioHealth used integrated data and mapping tools to address COVID-19 vaccine equity.



At one community forum held in partnership with Motherful, a program that supports single mothers and their families in Columbus, nine women chose to get vaccinated on-site after participating in a Q&A session with OhioHealth physicians, a nurse manager and a pharmacist.

### Collaborating with the community

#### CRITICAL AND CONVENIENT COVID-19 TESTING



On December 2, 2021, Mid-Ohio Workers Association (MWA) members attended a medical education and information session on the COVID-19 vaccine in-person and on Zoom, assisted by a Spanish interpreter.



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On December 10, 2021, OhioHealth brought its WOW van to Indianola Presbyterian Church's parking lot to administer COVID-19 vaccines to MWA members and others.



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Volunteer advocate and interpreter Luis Gomez (left) works with Mary Jane Timmons (right) of OhioHealth to sign members up for their COVID vaccinations at the December 10, 2021, session.

# 2 COVID-19 / COVID VACCINE EQUITY

### **Pickerington and South-Western City School Clinics**



#### **HOSTING ON-SITE VACCINE CLINICS AT LOCAL SCHOOLS**

OhioHealth's Wellness on Wheels (WOW) partnered with school districts in central Ohio to set up on-site clinics, offering students and school staff convenient access to COVID-19 vaccines and boosters.

At Pickerington Local Schools in the fall of 2021, more than 400 students were vaccinated during four clinics. In response to South-Western City Schools' vaccine mandate, a WOW clinic was established in Grove City and nurses from across the OhioHealth system delivered vaccines to more than 100 teachers and district employees.

WOW also provided over 280 sports physicals for students from Pickerington Local, South-Western City Schools and Columbus City Schools, throughout the 2021-22 school year. Of the 281 total physicals performed, 50 students were not considered ready to compete, meaning underlying illnesses were exposed that would have otherwise gone undiagnosed.

### Distribution of free COVID-19 test kits

#### **CRITICAL AND CONVENIENT COVID-19 TESTING**

The Ohio Department of Health furnished OhioHealth with roughly 55,000 COVID-19 test kits. These kits were distributed across the system so frontline caregivers in

emergency departments and urgent care sites could quickly respond to symptom-free patients with free home kits, allowing staff to focus on more acute needs and better care for their communities.





### COVID-19 testing — mobile drive-thru testing

#### **CRITICAL AND CONVENIENT COVID-19 TESTING**

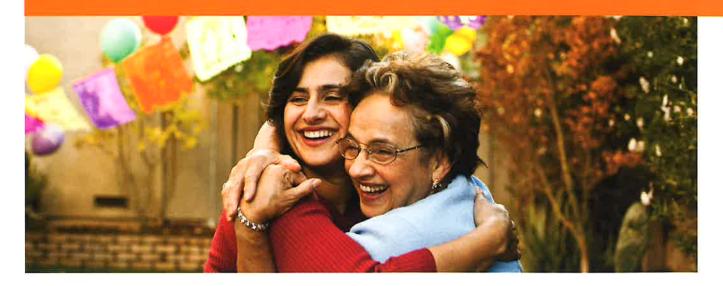
OhioHealth is proud to have offered drive-thru testing for the past two and a half years. In that time, the COVID-19 Curbside Care Units (CCU) have performed almost 400,000 COVID-19 tests to serve our communities.

In the fall of 2021, our health system faced a COVID-19 surge, overwhelming our emergency rooms and urgent cares. Many patients only needed a COVID-19 test. In response to the demand, our CareConnect team created a way for patients to order a combination COVID-19 and flu test through MyChart and over 18,000 patients were tested through this route in our critical care units.

OhioHealth distributed 40,000 bottles of hand sanitizer to more than 50 organizations in the communities we serve, including schools, social service agencies and nonprofit partners. This approximate \$40,000 value supported health and avoided waste by donating sanitizers not needed by our care sites.



## **3 | ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY**



### Women and families

### **Reducing infant mortality**

### MATERNAL HOME VISITS EXPAND INTO THREE NEW COUNTIES

OhioHealth has provided comprehensive prenatal and postpartum care, well-child visits, and immunizations to high-risk teens, expectant mothers and their families since 2011 through home visits. This approach is the most effective way to influence the social determinants of reproductive health, reduce the rate of teen pregnancy and promote healthy birth spacing.

Through our partnership with Nationwide Children's Hospital, OhioHealth offers maternal, infant and early childhood home visits. These programs support pregnant people and parents with young children who are at greater risks and face barriers to achieving positive maternal and child health outcomes. This past year, OhioHealth providers referred nearly 600 patients for home visit support across our footprint.

#### **CENTER FOR HEALTHY FAMILIES**

OhioHealth is proud to be a longstanding partner of the Center for Healthy Families (CFHF). Through community and school-based services, the organization supports individuals ages 14 to 24 who are pregnant or parenting a child under the age of one. This partnership also provides resources for other community members experiencing pregnancy or parenting.

In early 2022, through a new affiliation between CFHF and the emergency departments and OB/GYN programs at OhioHealth Grant Medical Center and OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital, our team began referring patients to CFHF's Rental Assistance program. To reach our most vulnerable populations, we expanded referrals for Wellness on Wheels, reaching a total of 45 patients.

Together, OhioHealth and Nationwide Children's Hospital have expanded the Nurse-Family Partnership, a program offered for first-time mothers and their families living in poverty, into four central Ohio counties — Athens, Delaware, Franklin and Union.





### TEACHING REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

As part of our commitment to reducing unintended teen pregnancies and improving infant mortality in our communities, OhioHealth provides in-kind support for the Get Real program under the Teen Reproductive Health Education committee.

Get Real is a medically accurate, age-appropriate curriculum that emphasizes social and emotional skills as a key component of healthy relationships and responsible decision-making. OhioHealth has joined forces with CelebrateOne, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus Public Health and Planned Parenthood to offer this programming in Columbus area schools.

For the past two school years, a pair of OhioHealth nurses facilitated nine-week sessions with Columbus City Preparatory School for Boys in seventh and eighth grade, which included 50 students during the fall and spring semesters.

### Latina breast cancer program

### LATINA BREAST CANCER INITIATIVE

Breast cancer is the leading cause of death in Hispanic and Latina women. The Latina Breast Cancer Initiative is working to change this statistic by connecting Latina women to breast cancer screening services through community education programs and a breast health hotline staffed by a culturally competent, bilingual coordinator.

### **TOOLS TO PROMOTE HEALTHY MOTHERS** AND BABIES



Ohio continues to struggle with infant mortality. Despite a slight decrease in overall infant mortality rates in the state, black infants still die at a rate 2.5 to 3 times higher than white infants.

OhioHealth collaborated with CelebrateOne to address infant mortality rates among African American babies born in Franklin County. Building on the success of the Teen Options to Prevent Pregnancy (TOPP) program, implemented in 2010, the TOPP expansion program provides comprehensive reproductive health education about birth control, offers referrals and links women to community resources.

Since 2020, 108 women have enrolled. Of these, 89.8% were African American, 64.8% resided in CelebrateOne priority zip codes and 61.1% participated in WIC (Women, Infants and Children) or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Through TOPP, we're increasing access to prenatal care — more than 95% of these mothers received three or more prenatal visits, and over 68% received their first visit during the first trimester.

#### **MAKING GREAT STRIDES**

This past year, we expanded our reach to provide 410 mammogram screenings and 37 cervical cancer screenings. Of the women who received mammograms, only 10.5% had health insurance and three received a breast cancer diagnosis. Of all patients screened, the vaccination rate was 72.7%. In addition, OhioHealth provided 85 referrals for specialized services, interpretation for 368 patients and care for five children.

### 3 | ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY

### Mothers' Milk Bank



#### GIVING THE BEST MEDICINE THROUGH DONATIONS

Doctors say the best medicine for premature babies is mothers' milk, but many mothers who deliver early do not have the ability to produce enough milk to meet their baby's needs. Pasteurized human donor milk is the next best thing, and OhioHealth operates one of the largest donor milk banks in the nation. Women who choose to donate extra breast milk can participate in the program free of charge. One ounce of breast milk can feed premature babies for three days, giving them the nourishment they need to fight infection, build immunity and promote healthy growth.

#### **NEW MILK DROP SITES FOR MORE MOTHERS**

The OhioHealth Mothers' Milk Bank opened five new drop sites, including Wooster Community Hospital and OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital. We offer 18 total locations throughout Ohio — in physician offices, WIC (Women, Infants and Children) offices and health departments — for approved donors to drop off their milk. Each site packs and ships donated milk to a Columbus-based milk bank for processing. Over 201,538 ounces, or

1,574 gallons of lifesaving human milk, were collected this past year.

Scan the QR code to learn more.

### RESPONDING TO THE NATIONWIDE FORMULA SHORTAGE

In the spring of 2022, the milk bank received a surge in requests during the national formula shortage, particularly for babies requiring specialized formula for medical reasons and from NICUs (neonatal intensive care units) in Ohio and 12 other states. Thanks to women responding to the crisis, and an increase in milk donations of 10% from the year prior, we were able to meet our

community in need. Scan the QR code to learn more.



### Addiction and behavioral health

### **Dempsey Family Education and Resource Center**

### FREE GUIDANCE, RESOURCES AND EDUCATION

When a loved one is diagnosed with a condition, family and friends may search for information online to better understand the condition. Searching for information can be overwhelming, which is why OhioHealth created The Dempsey Family Education and Resource Center. While its primary focus is brain and spine conditions, the center also helps find the most up-to-date information and resources on any medical condition, at no cost.

In addition, the center offers free classes and programs that range from support groups for ALS caregivers, to neuro yoga, long-COVID education to a stroke survivors club. The Dempsey Center also has social workers onhand who can help complete a Healthcare Power of Attorney or Living Will. And while the center is based at Riverside Methodist Hospital, it has information on community resources for every county in Ohio.

In FY22, the Dempsey Family Education and Resource Center had over 8,400 encounters with patients, family members, staff and students.

### Opioid Navigators in the ED



### **CONTINUING RESPONSE TO THE OPIOID CRISIS**

The Addiction Medicine Service and Addiction Medicine Fellowship based at OhioHealth Grant Medical Center expanded to provide services to treat and manage an increasing number of individuals with substance use disorders at our care sites. Since July 2021, the positive impact in our community has been significant:

 Funding from the State Opioid Response 2 (SOR2) grant supported more than 574 patients in receiving services including treatment for opioid and or stimulant use disorders. The outcomes from services

- provided have assisted patients to decrease use of illegal drugs, increase access to disability benefits, and positively impact social support relationships encouraging our patients in life-long recovery.
- The Substance Use Navigator (SUN) Team worked together diligently with the emergency department clinical teams in six OhioHealth care sites to link patients to providers offering treatment for opioid use disorder (OUD), for a total of 613 initiations of buprenorphine, (a medication used to treat OUD); provide 1,167 emergency department patients with naloxone, a medication used to reverse overdose from opioids, and linked close to 2,000 patients to treatment and recovery resources beyond the emergency room.
- The Addiction Medicine Consult team at Grant Medical Center expanded to start a team at Riverside Methodist Hospital and together, more than 4,000 new patients with substance use disorders received evidence-based care and referral to treatment.

## **3 ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY**

### **Talk Therapy Pilot**

### WELLNESS ON WHEELS (WOW) TELE-THERAPY PILOT

WOW delivers primary care, women's health services, and prenatal care, regardless of ability to pay, and travels to community centers, shelters and high schools throughout central Ohio. Recently, the WOW Team began to identify many patients who needed behavioral health support but had limited access to those services. So they partnered with OhioHealth psychotherapy residents to create a pilot where WOW patients could receive tele-talk therapy sessions for consultation and support during a mental health crisis, and also receive

standardized tests for anxiety and depression. In the pilot's first year, residents worked with 20 patients focused on addiction and substance use disorders.



### **SARNCO**

### **SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE NETWORK OF CENTRAL OHIO (SARNCO) CELEBRATES 30 YEARS**

SARNCO began 30 years ago as a volunteer program at St. Anthony's Hospital. The legacy of this inspired and dedicated team carries on and has continued to grow. Now responding to 20 emergency departments, survivors of sexual assault and interpersonal violence are offered immediate support, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Survivors are given aftercare support as they navigate legal and community resources. The aftercare team is also available to Spanish-speaking and incarcerated survivors.



The SARNCO team includes trained advocates and volunteers operating a local and statewide helpline available 24/7.

SARNCO has benefitted from public support through steadfast advocates like Ohio Alliance to End Sexual Violence, Franklin County Commissioners and ongoing federal funding.

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renamed SARNCO.



Treatment program.

SARNCO has educational programming for K-12 schools and on college campuses, including bystander intervention instruction. This demographic is critical to reach for awareness considering one in three female victims of rape or attempted rape experienced it for the first time between the ages of 11 and 17.1

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### Chronic disease management

### **UpBEAT**

#### SERVING SENIORS IN SOUTHEAST OHIO

UpBEAT, a program sponsored by OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital, encourages those 55 years and older to stay engaged and active together. UpBEAT was created in 1996 to address the lack of resources for older adults in Athens County. It continues to offer activities

and enrichment throughout community members' lifetimes with free programs focused on support and socialization. In fiscal year 2022, over 1,000 people engaged with UpBEAT programs ranging from book clubs and exercise classes to healthy eating, coping during crises and art therapy.

### Walk with a Doc



### **WALKING WITH A PURPOSE**

Now more than ever, it's important for people to find a safe way to be physically active, get outdoors, build relationships and learn reliable health information. OhioHealth's Walk with a Doc (WWAD) programs were able to re-launch four health-vulnerable communities - in the north, south, far east and west sides of Columbus — in May 2022 after a two-year pause during the pandemic.

Each group meets twice per month from May through October, with a short health talk from an OhioHealth physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant on topics ranging from heart health, mindfulness, dementia, back pain, cancer screening and more.

In FY22, OhioHealth hosted 48 Walk with a Doc events led by 27 physicians and medical professionals. Participants accounted for 334 "walk visits" and traversed over 600 miles, and anyone who attended at least three events received a free t-shirt.

## **3 | ADVANCING HEALTH EQUITY**

### **Grocery store tours**



### **GROCERY GUIDES IN MANSFIELD**

At OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital, community members are invited to participate in "Healthy Supermarket Tours," a chance to have a grocery guide – an OhioHealth registered dietitian – take them around local supermarkets to better understand nutrition labels, food packaging health claims, and ways to make healthier choices while shopping. The initiative offers a unique way to manage chronic disease like diabetes and the tours are offered at three different locations around the Mansfield area.

### Access to care

### **Medical respite**



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### FINDING MEDICAL RESPITE

The COVID-19 crisis highlighted the healthcare industry's opportunity to improve healthcare access for patients experiencing homelessness, and explore ways to mitigate the financial impact of the pandemic.

Medical Respite provides transitional housing for patients experiencing homelessness. These patients are healing and are too ill or frail to recover without proper

housing, but are not ill enough to remain in hospital care. A partnership with Lutheran Social Services focuses on whole health, ensuring a safe place to heal, and case management support to mitigate barriers to housing and food security. We are providing these patients with follow-up care, meals and access to resources to attain self-sufficiency.

In 2021, in partnership with Lutheran Social Services, Medical Respite at OhioHealth Grant Medical Center:

- Offered a 16-bed facility that is fully staffed and operates 24/7. It averages 14 patients per month with an average stay of 30-45 days.
- + Accepted 225 referrals from all OhioHealth hospitals in its first year of operation.
- + Obtained housing (including apartments, residential treatment facility or family) for 25 patients.





### Social determinants of health







### A COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

Examining social determinants of health is a priority for both the Mid-Ohio Food Collective and OhioHealth. As a result, a dynamic partnership exists between the two non-profits. In fiscal year 2022, OhioHealth volunteers contributed close to 40 hours sorting and packing food for the Mid-Ohio Food Collective. In honor of Doctors' Day, a fundraising initiative for the OhioHealth Foundation, \$26,000 was donated to explore the root causes of food insecurity.

And in the summer of 2022, OhioHealth invested \$25,000 in a new partnership with the Mid-Ohio Food Collective for their Mid-Ohio Farm on the Hilltop. Located less than a mile from the OhioHealth David P. Blom Administrative campus, this 2.8-acre area will be renovated to grow and distribute roughly 300,000 pounds of fresh local produce. This vacant property borders a neighborhood with many New Americans who don't have access to a source for fresh, local produce. In addition to financially supporting this new endeavor, OhioHealth associates will be able to volunteer at the farm to help fight hunger in our community.

# **4 | ASSOCIATES GIVING BACK**



2021 CAMPAIGN TOTAL:

\$724,000

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS:

2,221

EXECUTIVE PARTICIPATION:

100%

INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATION:

695



### **WE Give**

In 2021, more than 2,200 OhioHealth associates gave back to the communities they serve by raising \$724,000 for the OhioHealth Foundation and the United Way.

Over 150 Foundation funds were supported, impacting areas like emergency assistance for associates, nursing

scholarships and resources for caregiver well-being. For United Way agencies across OhioHealth's footprint, 172 charitable organizations expanded their hunger prevention initiatives and local resources for education and economic mobility.



### **TOP 3 Funds Supported:**

OhioHealth Greatest Needs Associate Emergency Assistance Provider and Associate Well-being



### **TOP 3 Causes Supported:**

Hunger Prevention Initiatives Local United Way Priorities Basic Needs/Social Service Agencies Due to COVID-19, OhioHealth paused on all in-person volunteering for the first three quarters of fiscal year 2022 to keep our associates and their families safe. Even with that suspension, more than 8,435 volunteer hours were committed through Mission Matters by 2,012 associate volunteers, benefitting 179 local organizations.



### **Nutrition services food rescue**

### **INNOVATION IN FOOD RESCUE**

In June 2022, OhioHealth partnered with Food Rescue US in Columbus to provide food to those in need. Food Rescue US coordinates volunteers to save surplus foods from OhioHealth care sites in central Ohio and deliver them directly to nearby social service agencies. Since its launch, OhioHealth has donated 875 pounds of food, including milk, prepackaged meals and dry goods.

### Speakers Bureau

### INSIGHTS FROM THE EXPERTS

The OhioHealth Speakers Bureau was invaluable as a resource to provide vaccine education. For FY22, the OhioHealth Speakers Bureau coordinated 33 community speaking events with OhioHealth associates as featured speakers. Through these events, we've had 44 OhioHealth experts speak with the regional and central Ohio communities we serve.

### Ukraine relief

#### MISSION MATTERS BEYOND OUR BORDERS

When Russia launched a military invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, OhioHealth was there to serve others. OhioHealth provided a \$50,000 donation to Ukraine relief efforts, partnering with an organization identified by the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. Associates were encouraged to give to the United Methodist Church and American Red Cross relief efforts, raising \$6,895. Five truckloads of supply donations valued at about \$1.5 million were shipped to support this cause.

# 5 INVESTING IN COMMUNITY WORKFORCE



### **Dublin Medical Academy**

### INVESTING IN COMMUNITY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Dublin Medical Academy is a workforce development opportunity hosted by the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and OhioHealth. The Academy provides a weeklong camp for over 50 Ohio high school students so they can work alongside faculty, students and 15 OhioHealth healthcare professionals from a variety of disciplines.





Students are immersed in a series of interactive academic and clinical learning activities. OhioHealth has provided key partnership support for the Academy, including a program investment, medical content experts to actively engage with students, supplies to facilitate interactive experiences, and administrative support to continue to grow and expand the program.



The Cristo Rey program is a professional workstudy in which businesses invest in students with economic need for college-preparatory education. Students from Cristo Rey Columbus High School work at OhioHealth Grant Medical Center and OhioHealth Riverside Methodist Hospital as part of the program. OhioHealth was proud to once again host two student teams — eight Cristo Ray students — at our facilities.

### DEVELOPMENT

### O'Bleness Scholarship

In late fall of 2021, OhioHealth O'Bleness Hospital announced it was making a \$500,000 charitable donation to the J. Warren McClure Athens Education Foundation for a scholarship that would allow Athens

City School District students to pursue a career in healthcare. For the graduating class of 2022, two students were awarded scholarships. **Scan the QR code to learn more.** 



### Making a promise



OhioHealth committed \$150,000 to "The Columbus Promise," an educational strategy developed by the City of Columbus to close the racial and equity gap in Columbus City Schools. The initiative will create workforce opportunities for students and a pipeline for employers like OhioHealth.



# 6 | SUSTAINABILITY



### **Green transportation**

As part of our work towards a healthier future for our communities, we've identified needs for care accessibility and efficient commuting, and set goals to improve transportation, preserving natural resources and reducing toxic air pollution to support public health. We're diverting to alternative fuel sources, efficient vehicles and alternative transportation and commuting options to fuel mobility and increase accessibility to our care sites.



# WE INSTALLED OVER 60 CHARGING STATIONS ACROSS OUR SYSTEM TO PROMOTE ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

Transportation is a necessary part of our business, but a major consumer of nonrenewable energy. It's one of the largest contributors of greenhouse gas emissions. Maximizing the efficiency of our fleet of vehicles preserves natural resources and reduces toxic air pollution that contributes to many chronic health problems.

### **Healthy buildings**

Creating healthy spaces starts from the ground up.
To support our patients with buildings that
impact their health both actively and through the
environment, we aimed to rethink construction and
remodeling, creating safe spaces for a thriving future.

We use a method of designing and constructing spaces that caters to the well-being of the people who use them and lessens the impact on the surrounding environment.

Healthy, resilient buildings leave a smaller carbon footprint, providing safe spaces where our people and patients can thrive for generations.



We diverted 7 tons of materials from landfills while moving an OhioHealth clinic. Over 93% of collected items were donated across the region.

### **Less waste**



### AS A SYSTEM WE RECYCLED OVER 2,000 TONS IN 2021.

Responsibly handling waste supports the future of our patients with cleaner living and healthier, more sustainable food. This year, we committed to diverting waste and utilizing efficient recycling and composting methods to minimize the health risks associated with pollution.

OhioHealth will divert operational, nonhazardous waste from landfills by reducing use, implementing and expanding recycling, and utilizing food composting across our footprint.

Recycling large volumes of solid waste and reducing waste production will minimize health risks associated with landfill pollution and create a healthier, safer future for those we serve.

### Responsible purchasing



Every purchase impacts our environment, thus shaping the future of those we serve. By establishing policies and standards for our primary purchases, patients have better experiences with responsibly sourced products

to work towards a healthier world. We evaluate the environmental and human impact of products and services before we purchase them.

Thoughtful purchasing protects the health and safety of people, reduces unnecessary waste and supports suppliers who are working hard to protect our environment.



BY PURCHASING REUSABLE ISOLATION GOWNS, WE'LL DIVERT OVER 230,000 POUNDS FROM LANDFILLS EACH YEAR.

### **Smart energy**



WE'RE CONVERTING 100% OF THE SYSTEM'S LIGHTING TO LEDS. THAT'S OVER 22,000 LIGHTS.

Cost-efficient energy consumption means a lower cost on the environment. To combat the negative effects of over-consumption and improve the well-being of our communities, we've committed to reducing energy consumption across our footprint.

By maximizing efficiency and minimizing the financial and environmental cost of operations, we support our patients with healthier, more cost-efficient care sites and resources.

OhioHealth will reduce energy consumption by 10% per square foot across the system by 2023 to align with Central Ohio Hospital Council's "10 x 25" initiative's target and timing.



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# A Fact Sheet: The City of Lancaster's Ballot Issue for Road Improvements

- The City of Lancaster is placing a 3.0 mill *replacement* levy on the ballot May 02, 2023. This *replacement* levy is for **road improvements** and is for a period of 10 years. Collections for the *replacement* levy, if passed, will begin in 2024.
- The City has a *current* road improvement levy, collected at approximately 1.95 mills. The *current* road improvement levy was originally **passed at 3.0 mills.** It will expire December 31, 2023.
- With the current levy, reduction factors are applied to the millage. In other words, a
  difference exists between this levy's rate as authorized by the voters and the actual mills
  charged. This "effective millage rate" reflects how original voted mills were decreased to
  account for increasing prices in the real estate market.
- For a property owner with a home valued at \$100,000, the annual tax for the replacement levy would be \$105. Similarly, a property owner with a home valued at \$300,000 would pay \$315 annually.
- With the *current* road improvement levy, a property owner with a home valued at \$100,000 pays \$59.77 annually. A property owner with a home valued at \$300,000 pays \$179.31 annually.
- If voters pass the proposed *replacement* levy, an estimated \$3,135,000 will be collected annually. The *current* levy provides an estimated \$2,330,000 annually. Each of these estimates is based on current assessed valuations of real estate.

Do you have questions about the City of Lancaster's plans for levy proceeds?

Please call Curtis Shonk, Lancaster City Engineer, at (740) 687-6614, or Tim Deitz, Superintendent of the Lancaster City Department of Transportation, at (740) 687-6694.

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#### **COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE**

# Proposed redevelopment of former Lancastershoe factory awarded \$3.3M historic preservation taxcredit



The proposed redevelopment of an historic building at 219 N.
Columbus St. in downtown
Lancaster received a boost this week with the award of a \$3.3 million tax credit.
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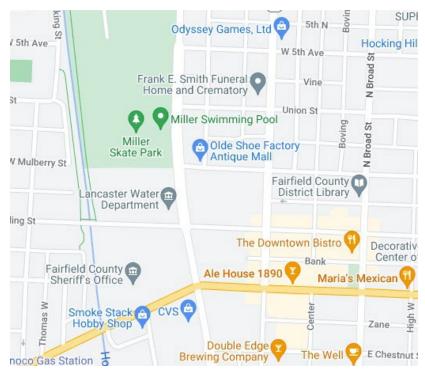
By John Bush Staffreporter, Columbus Business First Mar 8, 2023

The proposed redevelopment of a former Lancaster shoe factory received a boost this week with the award of a state tax credit.

The \$20.3 million project at 219 N. Columbus St. in downtown Lancaster earned an Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit, the state announced Tuesday. The \$3.3 million incentive will help Columbus developer Urban Restorations transform the 130,000-square-foot building into a mixed-use complex with apartments, short-term rental units and commercial space.

State funds will add to the financing Urban Restorations has already secured, which includes \$3 million in federal historic preservation tax credits, a \$16.1 million loan, \$2 million in cash, \$3.3 million in tax abatements from the city of Lancaster and \$113,000 from the Fairfield County Land Reutilization Corp.

Nicholas Schilling of Urban Restorations previously said the firm was in contract to acquire the property from Zebco Industries, a foam and packaging company located next to the building. *Columbus Business First* reached out to Schilling to see if Urban Restorations has officially closed on the property, but did not immediately hear back.



If the project moves forward, it will bring 60 apartments and five Airbnb units to the building. A commercial/retail area also is planned.

The apartments would be built on the second and third floors, and would consist of six studios, 24 one-bedroom units and 30 two-bedroom units. The first floor would include the commercial/retail area and Airbnb units.

The renovation of the historic structure is expected to generate 271 new construction jobs over a two-year period, as well as six permanent jobs to manage and lease the

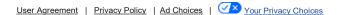
Lancaster Fairfield Shoe Factory project awarded \$3.3M Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit - Columbus Business First refurbished building. The commercial portion of the project would generate 88 additional jobs, according to Urban Restorations.

In the fall, Schilling said the developer had a commitment from an unnamed company to lease the residential units and manage the property. At that time the company had also received "strong feedback" for the commercial space.

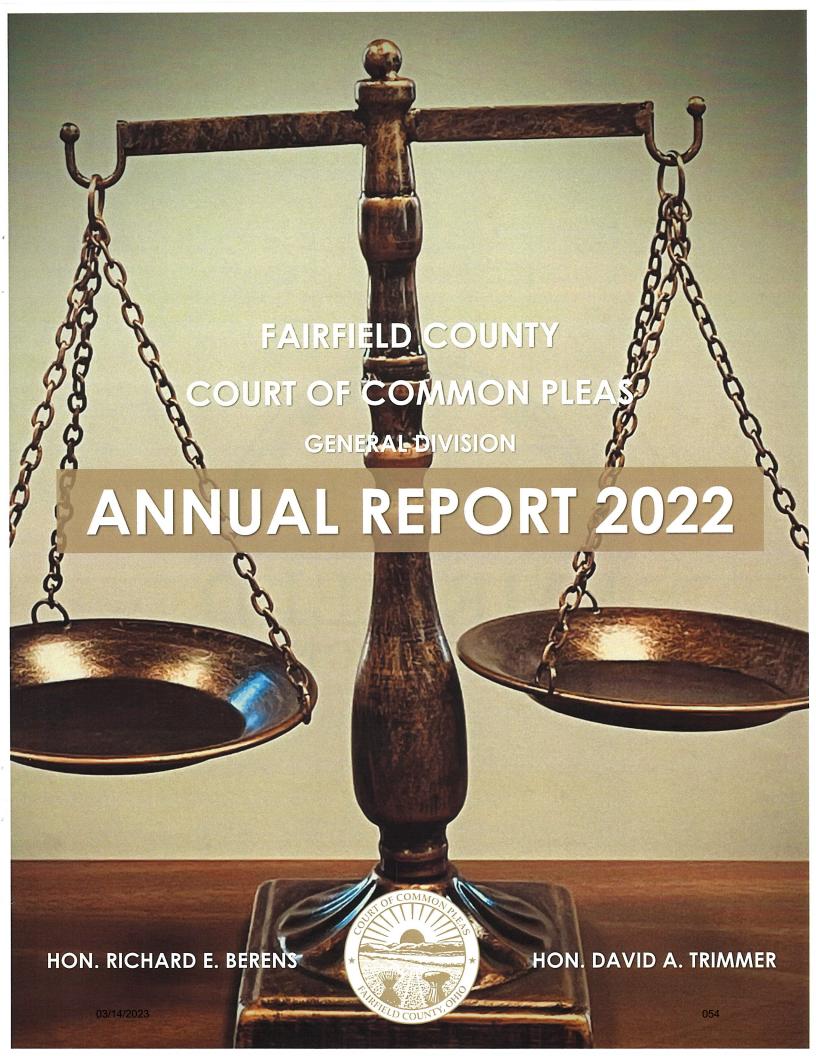
The building has been vacant for the last 19 years and is in "a severely deteriorated state," according to Urban Restorations. The three-story facility has no interior walls and needs a new roof, doors and HVAC systems. The developer also plans to install new electrical and gas services, as well as a security system. In addition to building renovations, 100 off-street parking spaces are needed.

According to the developer, the building was constructed by the H.C. Goodman Co. around 1900 and expanded twice in 1909 and 1910. By that time, the factory was employing some 2,000 people and producing 20,000 shoes a day. H.C. Goodman owned the Fairfield Shoe Co. and Ohio Shoe Co., which were consolidated into the building in 1919. In the mid 20th century, the facility was used by autoparts maker Essex Wire Corp. It was rehabilitated in the late 20th century for Fairfield Industries, a provider of rehabilitation services in Lancaster.

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# A Word from the Bench

In the first presidential campaign after World War I, Warren G. Harding ran on a slogan of "return to normalcy." Though Harding won the Presidency, the country soon discovered that some of the changes wrought by the first cataclysmic world war were irreversible. There was a new normal, but no return the 'normal' that existed before.

2022 saw the General Division of the Court of Common Pleas adjusting to the 'new normal' that exists in the wake of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Like so many other institutions, the Court has changed and, in many ways, cannot or will not return to the 'normal' that existed before the Pandemic. The Court seeks to utilize what has been learned to become more efficient, more effective, and more prepared for future challenges.

One such change, for example, is the use of video conferencing software to conduct some hearings. The Pandemic required the increased use of remote hearings. Moving forward, the Court continues to utilize this approach for many hearings. Not every hearing is suitable to be conducted by video, and being able to conduct those hearings in person again is a relief. But for those hearings that can be conducted by video, it is more efficient for staff and attorneys, resulting in time and cost savings.

Emerging from the Pandemic, the Court faces the same challenges as everyone else: increased prices, increased labor costs, and the illegal drug epidemic. Some things, however, remain constant, including our ongoing commitment to a fiscally sound, well administered court system that delivers equal justice to all. As this report reflects, case filings have increased, but the overall reliance of the Court on the County General Fund decreased somewhat in 2022. Judge Trimmer and I would like to thank the Board of Fairfield County Commissioners for their continuing support of the fiscal requirements of the Court.

As we turn the page from 2022, Judge Trimmer and I would also like to thank all of our partners in the justice system for helping the Court achieve another successful year: Fairfield County Clerk of Courts Branden Meyer and his staff, Fairfield County Sheriff Alex Lape and his staff, Fairfield County Prosecuting Attorney Kyle Witt and his staff, as well as the many attorneys that practice in the Court. Despite challenges and changes, the future is bright for the General Division of the Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas.

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# 2022 HIGHLIGHTS

### **QUICK REFERENCE GUIDES**

The Fairfield County Common Pleas Court, in collaboration with the Fairfield County Reentry Coalition, is in the process of distributing reentry-focused "Quick Reference Guides," at no cost to county agencies and individuals in need of guidance. The goal of distributing these pocket-sized reference guides is to provide readily accessible information to those in need of food, clothing, emergency shelter, medical care, housing, substance abuse or mental health treatment, and/or legal assistance.

The idea to create a pocket-sized quick resource guide came from the Court's law enforcement partners. It was thought that such a guide could help officers provide crucial information to individuals in crisis. The Court's Reentry Coordinator Samantha Green took that idea and ran with it.

Within three days of making the Quick Reference Guide available to the community, the Court distributed 500 of them throughout Fairfield County: to county departments, law enforcement agencies, treatment providers, the domestic violence shelter, and the local ADAMH board.

"The quick reference guides that have been provided to all of our officers will be beneficial when we encounter individuals who are having difficulty being connected to resources," said Lancaster Police Department Sergeant Chuck Sims. "Law enforcement meets people in their environment and most of the time these individuals just need pointed in the right direction. The quick reference guide will certainly assist officers in the field, and we will use these interactions to continue to build community trust."

The Court intends to utilize grant funding to continue to distribute these guides free of cost to individuals and agencies throughout the county. To request a Quick Reference Guide for personal use or on behalf of your agency, please contact Reentry Coordinator Samantha Green at Samantha.green@fairfieldcountyohio.gov.



### DRUG COURT RECERTIFIED

In 2022 the Drug Recovery Court of the Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas was recertified by the Ohio Supreme Court's Commission on Specialized Dockets.

In order to receive the certification, the Court underwent a rigorous review process, including a lengthy application, the submission of several program-specific materials, and a site visit from representatives from the Ohio Supreme Court. The certification requirements included establishing eligibility requirements, evaluating effectiveness of the specialized docket, and assembling a treatment team for implementing daily operations of the specialized docket. The team includes licensed treatment providers and court personnel, and is headed by the specialized docket judge.

Specialized dockets such as the Drug Recovery Court are courts that are dedicated to specific types of offenses or offenders and use a combination of different techniques for holding offenders accountable while also addressing the underlying causes of their behavior. Specifically, the goal of the Fairfield County Common Pleas Court Drug Recovery Court is two-fold: to combat the recidivism of probationers whose primary cause of criminal activity is based upon drug addiction while also creating a costsavings to Fairfield County through a decrease in jail days served by probationers and a decreased cost to the community through reduction in criminal activity. These goals are achieved through frequent contact with and direction from the Community Control Department, counseling service, and the Court. Participants are held accountable for their behavior via periodic drug/alcohol testing, counseling reports, and in-court hearings, as well as the use of graduated sanctions and rehabilitative services.



# **NEW FACES**

### **CHANGES IN COURT STAFF**

2022 was a year of change for some long-time staff members. July saw the departure of Judge Trimmer's Assignment Commissioner Kathy Hartman after 27 years of service. The Court was thrilled to hire Mindy Berger as a new Assignment Commissioner for Judge Trimmer.

In August, Magistrate and Court Administrator Jillian Boone left for a position in academia after approximately 7 years of serving the Court in that position. In September, the Court appointed Joshua Horacek as the new Magistrate and Court Administrator. Magistrate Horacek took his oath of Office on September 9, 2022.

The Court also said goodbye to Shannon Seesholtz, the assistant to Magistrate Boone. The Court, however, was excited to hire Brian Wolfe to fill that position.



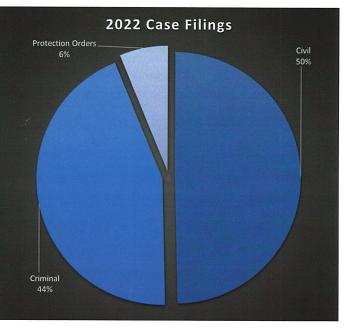
### **PROBATION STAFF CHANGES**

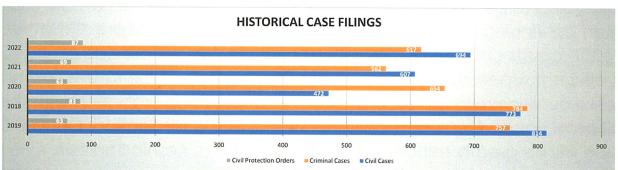


The Probation Department continued to fill the positions necessary to provide effective oversight of persons on pre-trial supervision or community control. In 2022, the Probation Department was excited to welcome Community Control Officers Jacob Cook and Kyle Camarata, and Presentence Investigators Keshia Sanders and Melody Delaney.

# **CASE STATISTICS**

2022 was another busy year for the Court, with the filing of 617 criminal cases, 694 civil cases, and 87 civil stalking protection order petitions. Each category of cases saw an increase in filings from 2021, with a record number of civil stalking protection order petitions being filed. Despite the increase in cases, filings have not yet returned to their prepandemic rates.





Court performance can be measured in several ways, including the evaluation of the Court's clearance rate (which identifies how well the Court keeps pace with its incoming caseload) and overage rate (which identifies the percentage of cases pending past Supreme Court time guidelines).

Average monthly	Target Rate / State Avg.			Fairfield County
clearance rate	100%	/	99%	102% (civil)
	100%	/	101%	101% (criminal)

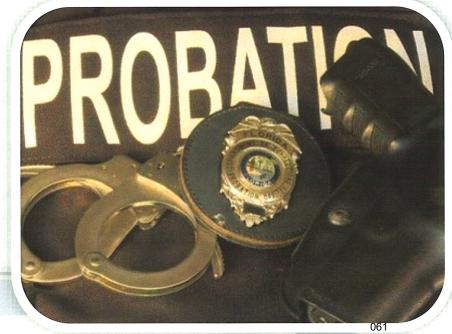
# ADULT PROBATION REPORT

The Fairfield County Common Pleas Community Control Department prepares an Annual Update that lists the different outcomes from the previous year, and details our goals for the year, the numerous services we provide and performance measures that reflect how well we are accomplishing those services. By tracking these metrics annually, we can analyze our delivery of services and make changes to improve our performance.

In 2022 we received new cases for supervision on Community Control Supervision. We had a total of 486 closures of supervision cases. Our department brought 274 persons in front of the court for violations severe enough to be addressed in Motions to Revoke probation. Our Officers made 90 arrests of person in office due to various violations. We were able to have 183 people assessed and placed in Community Based Correctional Facilities for advanced in-patient treatment.

2023 is going to be an exciting next chapter in our existence. We are planning on continuing to provide stellar service in the different areas that we serve the courts and the community as a whole. We will provide professional and efficient supervision to those under the auspices of the courts. We will improve our service in the area of Intensive Supervision Probation with the addition of Jacob Cook and Christina Sheets to the ISP Section. Our Pre-Trial Division will be greatly enhanced by the addition of Keshia Sanders, Kyle Ca-

marata, and Eric Matheny. We are pleased to have also added Probation Support Specialist Melody Delaney to assist the entire department. In 2023 our department will strive to improve each of our services to be able to provide better outcomes for those we supervise, and the community we serve as a whole.



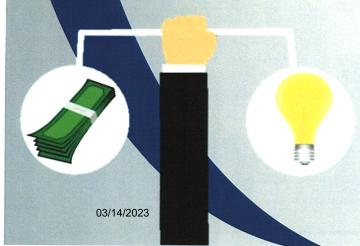
# **BUDGET NARRATIVE**



In 2022, the Board of County Commissioners allocated the General Division of the Court of Common Pleas a total budget of \$1,610,670 from the County General Fund. The actual expenditures by the Court were \$1,356,278.40, or 84.2% of the budget allocated. The Probation Department was allocated a budget of \$1,156,033 from the County General Fund, and spent \$982,753.92, or 85%. The largest general fund expenditures for both departments in 2022 were employee salary and benefits (such as health insurance and OPERS). Court-appointed attorneys' fees, transcription costs, and electronic monitoring of individuals under pretrial and probation supervision were three of the largest non-personnel related general fund expenditures incurred in 2022.

The Court takes extremely seriously its constitutional obligation to administer justice efficiently. The Court also understands that the money it is allocated from the County General Fund comes from the taxpayers of Fairfield County. Thus the Court is constantly striving to achieve its constitutional obligations and the lowest possible cost to the taxpayer. The Court continues to seek ways to offset these general fund expenditures through grant opportunities and special revenue funds, such as filing fees and probation supervision fees. In 2022, the Probation Department collected \$187,374.94 in proba-

tion fees, and the Court was received \$615,242.40 in grant funds. This revenue allows the Court to carry out its functions with less reliance on the County General Fund.

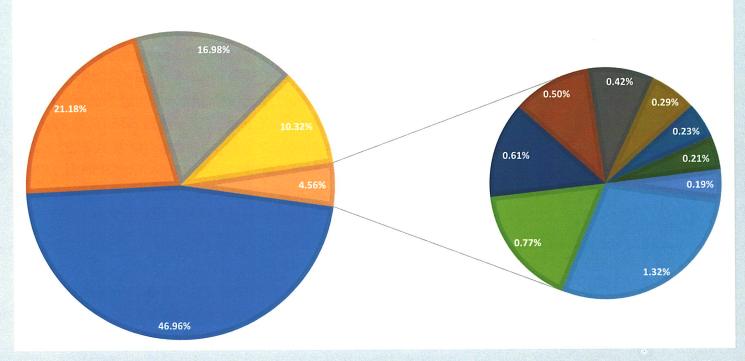


# FINANCIAL DATA: GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

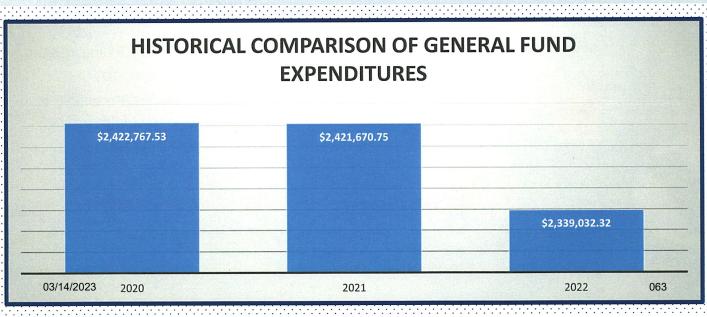
### **ACTUAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES 2022**

- EMPLOYEE SALARIES \$1,098,751.91
- COURT APPOINTED ATTORNEYS \$397,371.29
- JUROR EXPENSES \$30,891.34
- GENERAL OFFICE SUPPLIES \$14,337.25
- CONTRACTUAL SERVICES \$9,827.60
- FURNITURE & FIXTURES \$5,369.91
- EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE & FIXTURES \$4,438.00

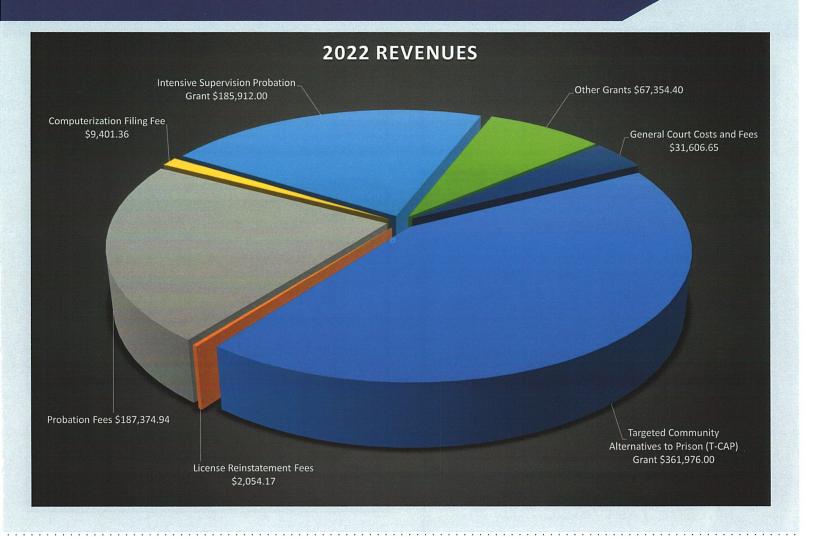
- EMPLOYEE BENEFITS \$495,586.26
- ELECTRONIC MONITORING \$241,357.10
- OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES \$18,120.01
- TRANSCRIPTION \$11,814.00
- TRAINING, MEMBERSHIP, DUES \$6,901.29
- TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT \$5,015.74



(Line items totaling less than \$1,000 omitted from chart)
\*Page 10 outlines overall drug testing expenditures



# FINANCIAL DATA: REVENUE SOURCES



The Court utilizes these revenue sources to offset general fund expenditures as well as expand and improve pretrial and probation supervision. In 2020, these revenue funds have been used to pay for drug testing, Probation Officer training and equipment, technology improvements, and office supplies.

For example, the Court and Probation
Department spent over \$117,000 drug
testing individuals on bond / probation
supervision last year. However, grant and
special revenue funds covered 76%
(\$108,718) of those costs.

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# DIRECTORY

## <u>Chief Probation Officer &</u> Director of Community Control

Angel Sanderson 740-652-7344

### **Community Control Officers**

Regular Probation

Andy Dreyer 740-652-7351 Kenzi Cvetan 740-652-7453 Laurie Henderson 740-652-7342 Nate Osborn 740-652-7425 Wayne Moss 740-652-7347 Tiffany Westhoven 740-652-7341 Tim Norris 740-652-7354

Intensive Probation

Dan Jones 740-652-7345
Danielle Pizzuto 740-652-7348
Jacob Cook 740-652-7454
Chris Sheets 740-652-7353

Bond/Pretrial

Katie Spires 740-652-7352 Kyle Camarata 740-652-7398 Eric Matheny 740-652-7346

Pre-Sentence Investigator Keshia Sanders 740-652-7722

Administration
Melody Delaney 740-652-7343

### **Court Administrator & Magistrate**

Joshua Horacek 740-652-7424

# Assignment Commissioners / Administrative Assistants

Misty Conkle (J. Berens) 740-652-7431

Traci Dresbach (J. Berens) 740-652-7435

Mindy Berger (J. Trimmer) 740-652-7427

Brian Wolfe (M. Horacek) 740-652-7434

### **Court Services Coordinator**

(Jury / Transcripts / Attorney Fees) Kelly Starkey 740-652-7433

### <u>Bailiffs / Staff Attorneys / Paralegals</u>

Austin Lines (J. Berens) 740-652-7432 Kelly Munn (J. Trimmer) 740-652-7430



To: Fairfield County Commissioners & Staff

From: Dr. Carri Brown, County Auditor

Date: March 8, 2023

Subjects: Procedures for Minor Subdivisions or Lot Splits; Pay Advice Information, Tax Incentive Review Council

Meetings, & The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

### **Procedures for Minor Subdivisions or Lot Splits**

The process for creating minor subdivisions or lot splits can bring about confusion because of the multiple entities that are engaged in the process – which has multiple steps. The Fairfield County Auditor's Office has created a fact sheet explaining the process of lot splits. This document reviews which properties are considered "non-exempt" and "exempt" and provides a step-by-step process for filing lot splits.

Public offices involved in the lot split process include the Fairfield County Auditor's Map Room, Fairfield County Engineer, Fairfield County Health Department, and the Fairfield County Regional Planning (or City or Village offices). Final deeds are filed with the Fairfield County Recorder's Office.

To make the process more convenient and effective, we have created a quick reference guide to help property owners who are interested in this process. Our thanks go out to Stacy Knight, County Auditor's Mapping Technician, who noticed a need for the guide and quickly created one to be of support.

### **Pay Advice Information**

The County Auditor's Payroll team has created a fact sheet for employees to use when reviewing their pay advices (or pay stubs). This will be distributed to all employees. Some new employees have requested a summary of things to review to improve their understanding of the information included on a pay advice. Engaging employees is helpful. Employees have previously reported errors in gross pay or deductions - after departmental payroll officers and/or supervisors have approved their payroll information and payroll has been processed. The County Auditor's Payroll team will correct such things, with confirmation from the departmental payroll officers or others as needed, and will sometimes need to create new advices for all employees. In such circumstances, all employees will be alerted by email.

### **Tax Incentive Review Council Meetings**

Tax Incentive Review Council Meetings have been scheduled. Information about TIRCs is now included on the County Auditor's website. The information is in process of being updated for membership and other items. Recent experience has demonstrated the importance of having a TIRC meeting agenda item to review potential agreements. This will help entities prepare for the future.

### The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

The Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, commonly referred to as the ACFR, is a set of financial statements that comply with accounting requirements established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. It is audited by an independent auditor (the Auditor of State in our case) using generally accepted government auditing standards.

The ACFR is found here: https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/auditor/fc-financial-reports-ACFR-PAFR.html

It consists of three sections: Introductory, Financial and Statistical. The ACFR is accepted as the standard entity-wide financial report for the county. The ACFR for December 31, 2022, will be available with audit letters in July.



# Fairfield County Clerk of Courts

Branden C. Meyer Clerk, OF Courts





# THE CLERK'S OFFICE

The function of the Clerk of the Common Pleas Court is to satisfy more than 250 state statutes and court rules. Among the responsibilities of the office are to: Provide public access to the records of the Common Pleas Court and the 5th District Court of Appeals; be the first stop in initiating any court action in civil, criminal or domestic relations court matters; collect and disburse court-ordered fees, fines, victim restitution in an expedient manner; receive, distribute and preserve official court documents; and be responsible for issuing and maintaining all motor vehicle and watercraft titles in Fairfield County. The Clerk of Courts office is made up of the following three departments: Administrative and Fiscal, Legal and Title.

# **MISSION**

The Fairfield County Clerk of Courts Office is honored with the responsibility of serving the public by maintaining the records for the Common Pleas Court, the 5th District Court of Appeals and issuing/preserving all motor vehicle and watercraft titles in Fairfield County. Through our continuous quality improvement efforts, our team is dedicated to providing efficient, courteous and professional customer service.

# **VISION**

The vision of the Clerk is to anticipate, meet and exceed the expectations of our customers. We vow to remain compliant with the law, promise to hold our fiduciary responsibility to the highest possible standard and pledge to honor the trust bestowed upon this office with the utmost integrity, pride and respect.







# A HISTORICAL LOOK AT THE CLERK'S OFFICE

In Ohio, the Clerk of the Common Pleas Court, which was established by State Constitution in 1802, serves the citizens, the legal community, and the Common Pleas Court. The office was created by the state's founders to be responsive to the public, mindful of the taxpayers, and independent of the court itself.

In 1851, under the State Constitution, the position became an elected position for a three-year term and was extended to a four-year term in 1936. William Henry Harrison, ninth President of the United States was the Hamilton County Clerk of Courts when he was elected President in 1840. The first Fairfield County Clerk of Common Pleas Court was Hugh Boyle who was appointed in 1803. The Clerk serves as the official record keeper of the court and acts as a safeguard and processor of all monies collected.

# THE PRESENT

Today, Clerk of Courts Branden Meyer and his staff serves one of the fastest growing counties in the state. The office is committed to quality customer service, technological improvements for more efficient service and being fiscally responsible. The office has four locations to serve the public throughout the county; the legal offices are located in the Hall of Justice in downtown Lancaster, the Fairfield County Records Center also located in downtown Lancaster and two title offices, one in Lancaster and one in Pickerington.







# FROM THE CLERK...

### Dear Fairfield County Citizens and The Public We Serve:

I am extremely proud to present you with the 2022 Annual Report of the Fairfield County Clerk of Courts Office.

In this report you will read about the various departments within the Fairfield County Clerk of Courts Office and the productive ways we are assisting the public we serve. Through the many statistical charts and analysis, you will notice examples of how we are increasing productivity, listening to our customers, advancing technological efforts and finding creative solutions for meeting the needs of the public. And finally, you will find strong examples of how our dedicated employees continuously strive to improve the quality of our services.

With all the achievements highlighted in this report, we constantly recognize that there is always work to be done to ensure that:

- All the records for the Common Pleas Court and the 5<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals are properly maintained and prudently secured;
- All motor vehicle and watercraft titles in Fairfield County are issued in the most efficient, lawful manner and preserved according to current provisions of the Ohio Revised Code;
- All financial functions and statutory fiduciary duties of the office are performed in the most transparent, ethical, and respectable manner; and
- All legal matters, including but not limited to civil, criminal, and domestic relations issues, are discreetly processed in order to form a foundation of trust, security and alliance with the customers we serve.

Because the employees of the Fairfield County Clerk of Courts office live in the same community as the people they serve, you will find a sense of tremendous pride and enormous commitment in every aspect of their work.

I trust that, through this year's report, you will find that we take a serious approach to our commitment to transparency, fiscal responsibility, and vision for the future.

Sincerely,

Branden C. Meyer

Fairfield County Clerk of Courts

# 2022 STATISTICS

### Administrative & Fiscal Department

The Clerk of Courts' Administrative and Fiscal Department provides integral support to both the Legal and Title Departments by overseeing all budgetary matters and performing the statutory fiduciary duties of the office by allocating funds, disbursing payments, and issuing bond, restitution, garnishment and refund checks. The office performs all financial functions and administrative related duties, including the processing of bills and payroll.

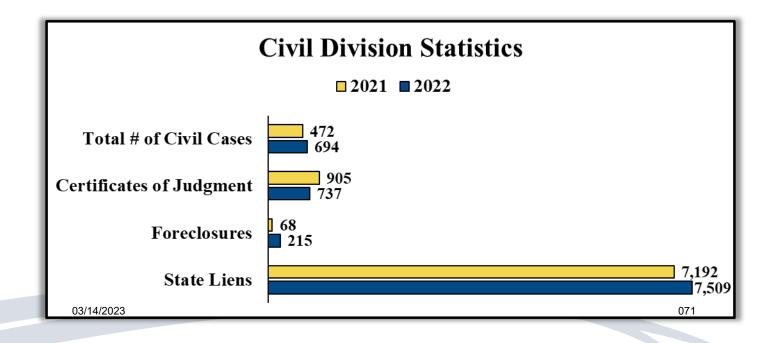


### Legal Department

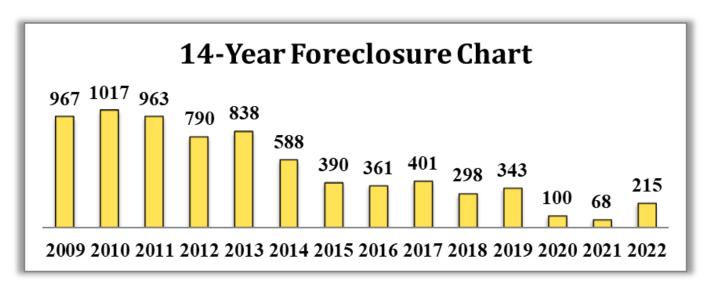
The Clerk of Courts' Legal Department handles documents or filings for five separate areas: the Civil Division, the Criminal Division, the Domestic Relations Division, the Court of Appeals Division and the Records Division. The Court of Common Pleas serves as a trial court for all civil, criminal, and domestic relations cases that occur within Fairfield County.

### **Civil Division**

The Civil Division dockets all pleadings in foreclosures, money judgments, garnishments, and other miscellaneous civil actions. The Civil Division also issues and files summonses, subpoenas, writs, Certificates of Judgment, and all other related service in civil cases.



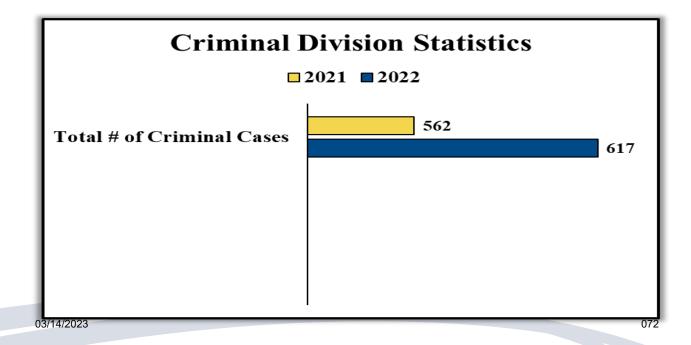
# 2022 STATISTICS continued



### **Criminal Division**

The Criminal Division files and dockets all pleadings in felony criminal cases bound over to the grand jury and all grand jury indictments. The Criminal Division also issues summonses, subpoenas, warrants, capiases and all other related service in criminal cases.





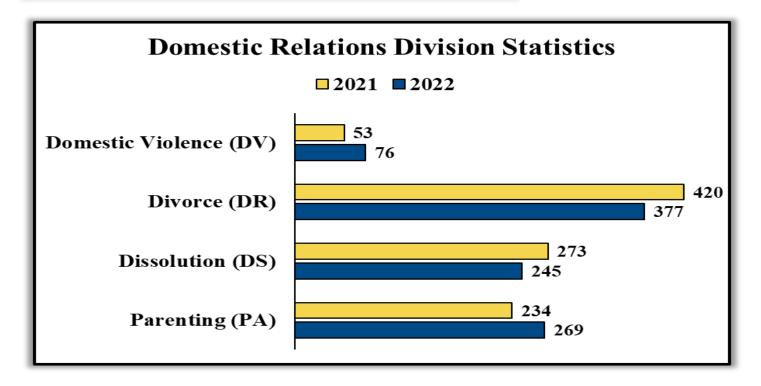
# 2022 STATISTICS

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#### **Domestic Relations Division**

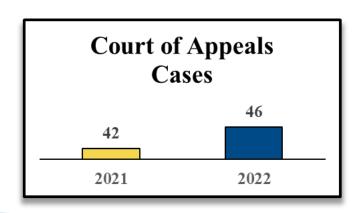
The Domestic Relations Division files and dockets all pleadings in divorce, dissolution, parenting, and other miscellaneous domestic actions. The Domestic Relations Division also issues and files summonses, subpoenas, capiases, and all other related service in domestic cases.





#### Court of Appeals Division

The Court of Appeals Division receives all filings and manages all paperwork relating to cases which have been appealed to the 5<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeals. This includes any appeals from the Common Pleas Court, Juvenile/Probate Court, and the Municipal Court in Fairfield County. As indicated in the chart below, there were 42 Court of Appeals cases filed in 2021 and 46 Court of Appeals cases filed in 2022.



# 2022 STATISTICS

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#### **Records Division**

The Records Division of the Clerk's office is responsible for protecting, preserving, and disseminating official records in accordance with the records retention schedule according to state archival standards and state and federal law. The Records Division also provides public access to records for the Common Pleas Court manages public records requests and maintains over 22 million pages of documents for both the Legal and Title Departments. Records staff work in both the Hall of Justice and also at the Fairfield County Records Center.

#### Fairfield County Records Center

In 2019, the move of the Clerk of Courts records which consisted of 3,456 boxes and 3,736 journals to the new Records Center was completed. Clerk of Courts staff re-boxed all files and assisted the other county departments on their individual moves to the new facility that included 6,658 boxes and 8,710 journals. The 16,320 square foot facility houses the records for nearly all county departments. In addition to records storage, the building houses offices for county departments and a training room that is used for trainings and meetings.





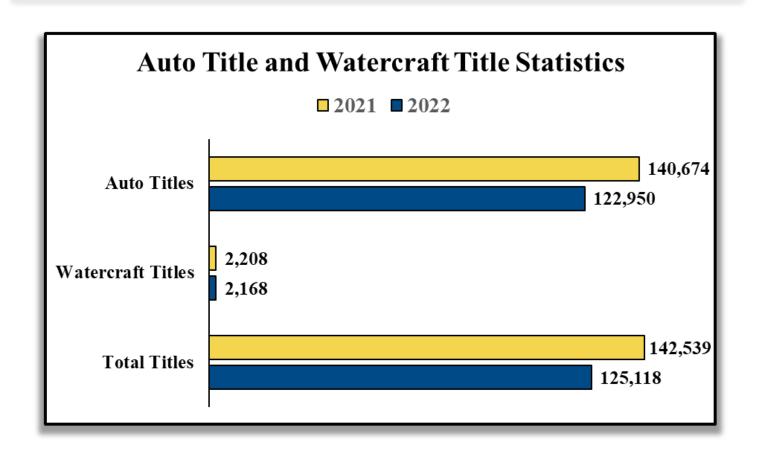


# 2022 STATISTICS

#### Title Department

The Title Department is responsible for issuing and maintaining all motor vehicle and watercraft titles in Fairfield County. This includes handling trailers, campers, motor homes, boats, and boat motors, all-terrain vehicles (ATV), off-highway motorcycles, wave runners, and jet skis. The Title Department also issues duplicate titles when the original has been lost or stolen, titles for new Ohio residents, and mobile home titles as well.

The Title Department processed 122,950 auto titles in 2022 compared to 140,674 in 2021 and processed 2,168 watercraft titles in 2022 compared to 2,208 in 2021. There were 125,118 total titles processed in 2022, compared to 142,539 in 2021, a decrease of 17,421 titles.

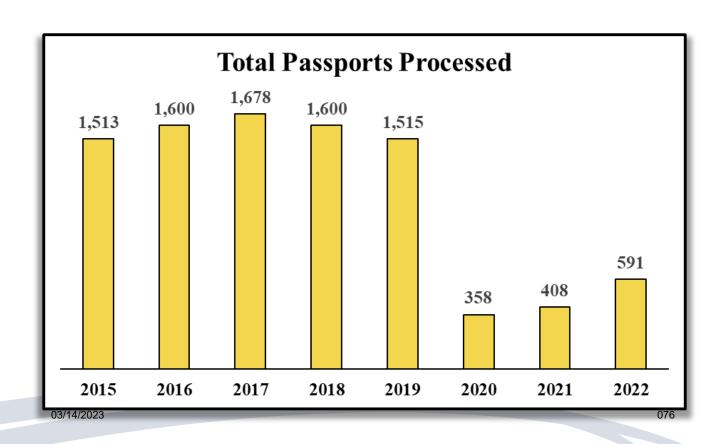


# 2022 STATISTICS continued

#### **Passports**

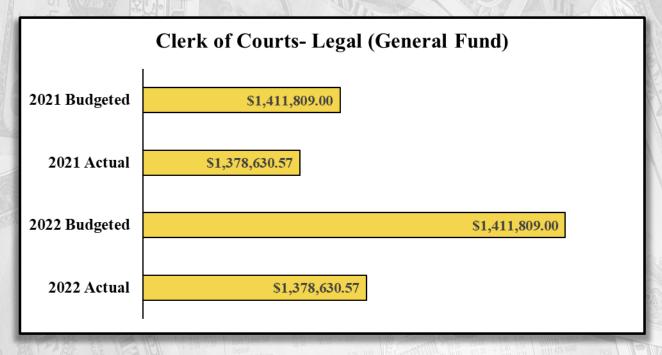
The Fairfield County Clerk of Courts has been designated as an authorized passport acceptance facility by the U.S. Department State. **Passport** processing was temporarily suspended by U.S. the Department of State due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A total of 591 passports were processed within the title offices in 2022, compared to 408 passports in 2021. The Pickerington title office received a 100% passport inspection grade from the U.S. State Department (the Lancaster title office received a 100% grade in 2018).





# 2022 BUDGET ANALYSIS



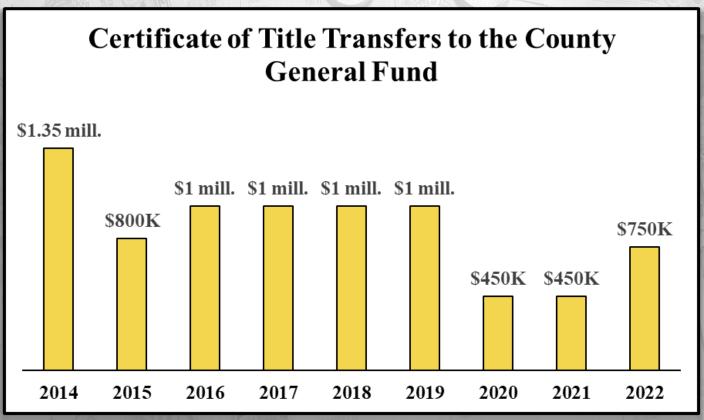


Clerk of Courts- Title (Certificate of Title Fund)		
2021 Budgeted	\$1,806,173.00	
2021 Actual	\$1,751,684.61	
2022 Budgeted	\$2,038,934.00	
2022 Actual	\$1,799,508.26	

# CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FUND

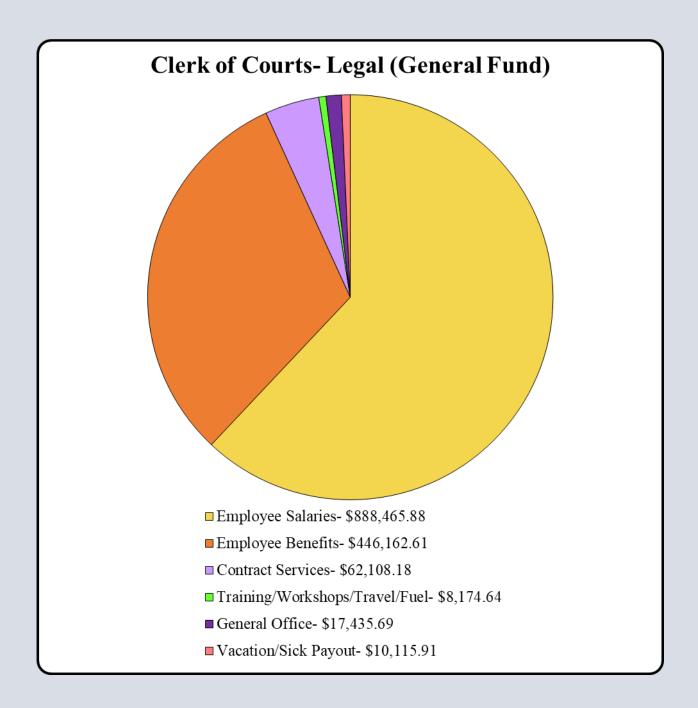


The Clerk of Courts office takes seriously its responsibility to be faithful and committed custodians of public funds. The legal operation is funded by a General Fund appropriation and the title operation is funded by the Certificate of Title Administration (CTA) Fund. The CTA Fund (See O.R.C. 4505) is generated from title fees and not included in the General Fund budget.

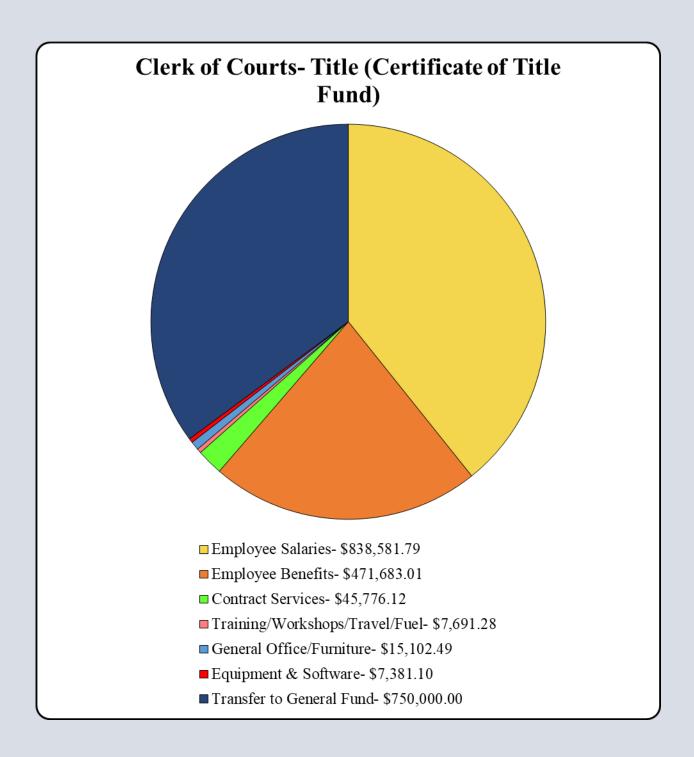


## 2022 EXPENSES:

# Legal Department (General Fund)



# 2022 EXPENSES: Title Department (Certificate of Title Fund)



# MONIES COLLECTED: GENERAL FUND AND CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

## **LEGAL: GENERAL FUND**

Account Distribution				
Clerk Fees Collected	\$521,666.35			
Computer Fund	\$148,950.51			
Garnishment Deposit Received	\$579,701.30			
Deposit Money Received	\$2,239,712.14			
Bond Money Collected	\$284,926.00			
Probation Fees Collected	\$186,366.58			
Other Misc. Fees and Fines Collected	\$631,467.17			
<b>Total Monies Collected and Distributed</b>	\$4,592,790.05			

## TITLE: CERTIFICATE OF TITLE FUND

County Remittance Summary						
	Amount collected and remitted to County	Amount collected and remitted to State	Total amount collect- ed and remitted			
Total Vehicle Fees:	\$1,206,907.50	\$367,307.00	\$1,574,214.50			
Total Vehicle Taxes:	\$783,397.03	\$78,457,905.14	\$79,241,302.17			
Total Vehicle Fees and Taxes:	\$1,990,304.53	\$78,825,905.14	\$80,815,516.67			
Total Watercraft Fees:	\$25,442.50	\$7,006.50	\$32,449.00			
Total Watercraft Taxes:	\$16,675.64	\$1,634,377.72	\$1,651,053.36			
Total Watercraft Fees and Taxes:	\$42,118.14	\$1,641,384.22	\$1,683,502.36			
Grand Total Fees:	\$1,232,350.00	\$374,313.50	\$1,606,663.50			
Grand Total Taxes:	\$800,072.67	\$80,092,282.86	\$80,892,355.53			
Grand Total Fees and Taxes:	\$2,032,422.67	\$80,466,596.36	\$82,499,019.03			

# MONIES COLLECTED: COMPUTER FUND

# **LEGAL: COMPUTER FUND**

Account Distribution			
Computer Fund		\$146,860.57	

# MONIES COLLECTED

Monies Collected by Payment Type			
Total ACH Payments	\$44,128,609.24		
Total ADA Payments	\$12,998.65		
Total Cash Payments	\$1,326,790.95		
Total Check Payments	\$40,080,766.35		
Total Credit Card Payments	\$1,720,128.38		
Total EFT Payments	\$22,815.00		
<b>Total Monies Collected by Payment Type</b>	\$87,292,108.57		



# **FUN FACTS**

1,971=
most titles
processed in
one day
(June 6, 2016).

1780=

the oldest document in our historical archives is a land document from Thomas Jefferson (July 12, 1780).

1803=

the year the first
Fairfield County
Clerk of Courts was
appointed
(Hugh Boyle).

\$7,800,0000=

Total amount transferred (2014-2022) from the Certificate of Title Fund to the county General Fund.

03/14/2023

22,007=
most titles
processed in
one month
(March 2016).

223,586=
Most titles
processed in
one year
(2016).

2,786,750= website hits in 2022.

www.FairfieldCountyClerk.com

43=

the number of employees in the Clerk of Courts office.

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# STAFF RECOGNITION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Fairfield County's Annual Employee Recognition Event: Katie Wilkerson (10 years), Helen Berens (10 years), Valli Delaney (15 years), Carie Fragoso (15 years), Traci Less (15 years), Cassie Strickler (15 years), Betsy Thompson (15 years), Wendy Tharp (10 years), Jessica Murphy (15 years), Chief Deputy Cathie Warner, Lisa Campbell (25 years), Clerk of Courts Branden Meyer.

#### **RETIREMENT NEWS:**

Title Deputy Clerk Linda Evans retired after 33 years of service.

Title Deputy Clerk Mindy Rockefeller retired after 33 years of service.

"A company's employees are
its greatest asset and your
people are your product."
- Richard Branson

# OFFICE LOCATIONS



Administrative & Fiscal Department

Legal Department

Hall of Justice 224 E. Main Street Lancaster, OH 43130



**Records Division** 

Hall of Justice and Fairfield County Records Center 138 W. Chestnut Street Lancaster, OH 43130





Title Department
Lancaster Title Office

982 Liberty Drive Lancaster, OH 43130

03/14/2023



<u>Title Department</u> <u>Pickerington Title Office</u>

485 Hill Road Pickerington, OH 43147

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# STAFF DIRECTORY

#### **Clerk of Courts**

Branden Meyer

#### **Chief Deputy**

Cathie Warner

#### **Administrative/Fiscal Department**

740-652-7356

Britney Lee, Manager
Ashley Arter, Fiscal Specialist
Jessica Murphy, Fiscal Specialist
Cassie Strickler, Exec. Asst./Special Projects

#### **Legal Department**

Michelle Carper, Manager

## Civil/Criminal/Court of Appeals Divisions 740-652-7360

Jennifer Hanes (CR-Trimmer)

Blue Jones (CR/CV)

Dawna Jones (CR/CV)

Angel Miller (CV)

Erin Robinson (CV-Berens/CA)

Wendy Tharp (CR-Berens)

Betsy Thompson (CA/CR/CV)

Jan Webb (CV-Trimmer)

#### **Domestic Relations Division**

740-652-7357

Ashley Bevard (DR/DS/DV)

Carie Fragoso (PA)

Traci Less (DR/DS/DV)

Regina Long (PA)

#### **Records Division**

740-652-7358

Christy Barker

Helen Berens

Jessie Bowlen

**Brandy Brooks** 

Amanda McCrady

Jeanie Wears

#### **Title Department**

#### <u>Lancaster Title Office</u> 740-652-7540

Kourtney Enyart, Supervisor

Tina Childers

Debbie Hall

Angela Kempton

Robin Mathias

Mindy Rockefeller

Steve Sesslar

Sandy Warner

# Pickerington Title Office 614-835-2610

Kristi Arter, Supervisor

Angela Blackburn

Karen Butcher

Lisa Campbell

**Robin Carter** 

Valli Delanev

Michelle Liedtke

Patience Martin

Katie Wilkerson

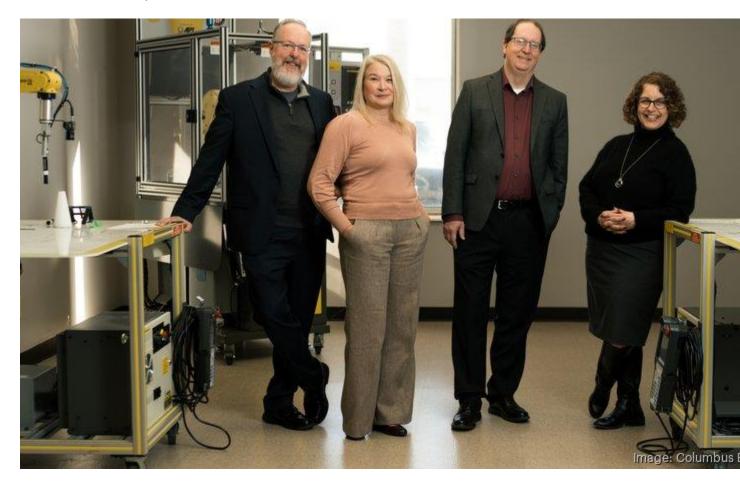
Amber Woodside

# General inquiries may be sent to ClerkofCourts@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov



## The Columbus Opportunity: Workforce chiefs team up to fill Inteldriven demand

Mar 9, 2023, 1:09pm EST



Jeffry Konczal for ACBJ

From left: John Trott, Laurie Gribble-McKnight, Rick Szabrak, and Lisa Patt-McDaniel

A new partnership involving leaders from 18 counties aims to solve one of the mostpressing issues facing the Central Ohio economy: the region's dire shortage of workers.

The stakes are high.

The state's low unemployment rate and relatively weak level of labor force participation creates a workforce crunch that makes it difficult for employers to find employees.

Ohio had more than 405,000 job openings in December, <u>according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics</u>, and only <u>236,000 unemployed people</u>.

In Columbus, there were 60,500 job postings in December, according to OhioMeansJobs. That's second only to December 2021's decade-long high of 71,099 postings.

Looking forward, the job openings are set to keep increasing. Most notably, California-based technology giant Intel Corp. plans to create 3,000 direct jobs and thousands more indirect positions as it builds and opens a \$20 billion semiconductor manufacturing complex in Licking County.

At the same time, Honda Motor Co.'s new Fayette County battery plant will create more than 2,000 jobs.

And Amgen Inc. is set to add 400 jobs in New Albany at its new \$365 million plant.

"Now we're creating jobs faster than we can find people to fill them," Ohio Lt. Gov. Jon Husted said during an economic forum hosted by our Dayton sister publication this year. "And that's both an opportunity and a challenge."

#### New workforce alliance

It's with that challenge in mind that leaders from four area workforce development organizations decided to join forces.

"When Intel was announced, we knew that they're not going to be able to pull all that workforce from any one county or just Licking County," said Lisa Patt-McDaniel, CEO of the Workforce Development Board of Central Ohio. "We knew we were going to have to work together to make sure we can help to provide talent."

The "we" in question includes the following partners and their respective areas:

- Patt-McDaniel, whose territory includes Franklin County.
- John Trott, whose territory includes Logan, Union, Marion, Morrow, Delaware, Knox, Licking, Madison and Fayette counties.
- Rick Szabrak, whose territory includes Hocking, Vinton, Ross, Pickaway, and Fairfield counties.
- Laurie Gribble-McKnight, whose territories include Athens, Perry, and Meigs counties.

That makes for 18 total counties connected via the new alliance.

Here's how the partnership works: Workforce leaders establish a point person based on a specific need for employers or employees to streamline connecting one with the other in the most meaningful way possible.

The partners are eliminating boundaries by making workforce connections based on best fit, rather than location.

"By banding together and looking across how we do this, we can find similarities and make it more seamless and easy for both the companies and also for the talent the people working for those companies," Patt-McDaniel said.

"It's not a competition," she said. "There's enough work for all of us to do."

While the leaders have long been aware of the region's workforce pressures, the idea to formalize the union came from a trip they took to Intel's semiconductor fabrication complex in Chandler, Arizona.

"We got to see first-hand what the impact is of a very large employer who's made a long-term commitment to a community," Trott said. "We thought, 'We need to rethink this.' We already knew and liked each other and had teamed up before. How can we do this in a more thoughtful way for this unique challenge?"

After brainstorming how best to fulfill the workforce needs of a mega employer such as Intel, the leaders decided an all-hands-on-deck approach was required.

"We knew this would have to be a regional approach, but a regional approach doesn't do it justice," Trott said. "You want it to be a regional approach that is very personal and focused on the businesses. You have to be easy to interact with."

The goal is to create a seamless process offering a no-wrong-door concept for employers and employees, strengthening the reciprocal talent pipeline — connecting employees to employers, as well as employers to employees.

#### **Brookings** weighs in

The new alliance is just getting going, but it's already earned national notice.

The region's collaborative effort to tackle the current shortage and anticipated need is novel, according to a group of Brookings Institution fellows who recently authored a report on the alliance's approach and potential replicability.

"That could become a proxy for other kinds of skills that are necessary for jobs like this," Lavea Brachman, Brookings Metro visiting fellow and report co-author, said in an interview.

The out-of-the-box thinking, especially involving a variety of sectors — education, government and various supporting organizations — sets Central Ohio apart. And it could provide a vital example as federal subsidies drive similar high-tech manufacturing investments elsewhere.

Mark Muro, a senior Brookings fellow and co-author of the report, said supplying the workforce for a large-scale manufacturing plant such as Intel's requires "transformation of existing systems."

"It's at the frontier in looking at how these large plants will get the opportunity to the worker," Muro said in an interview. "At this point, Intel in Ohio is at the forefront of attention and especially on the workforce side.

"Solutions that Ohio works out will be of great interest to workforce leaders and executives and intermediaries across the country."

#### Trust and understanding

The Brookings report called the coordination "critical, but hard to wrangle."

But the workforce development chiefs working together in the alliance say two key factors will drive their success.

"We have that trust and that understanding of what Franklin County brings, what Fairfield, Pickaway, Hocking, Ross, Vinton (bring). ... We have to know what we all bring to to the table," Patt-McDaniel said. "We have to know that about each other to make sure we're moving either employer or future employees to the help they need."

Workforce boards don't have a stake in the game. Their whole goal is to connect employers and employees for the good of everyone.

"We are the neutral player in the middle," Patt-McDaniel said. "We don't have anything to gain or lose. We are here to give best information to employers: what the labor market is, where the talent is (and) whether the jobs are actually competitive in the marketplace.

"And for the people coming to us – the talent – we are about understanding what their skills are, where they want to go (and) how we can help them."

Gribble-McKnight said there's never going to be a starting or ending point in workforce development. The needs are too great. But a concentrated effort can be made on matching workers and employers with the best fits possible, with a goal of creating long-term careers benefiting both parties.

"If we're doing our job right, it's a perfect marriage between participant and employer," she said.



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# FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Monday, March 13, 2023

#### Dr. Carri L. Brown Sworn-in as Fairfield County Auditor

Lancaster, Ohio – The Fairfield County Auditor's Office is pleased to announce that Dr. Carri L. Brown has been sworn-in for her first four-year term as Fairfield County Auditor. Mr. Stephen Brown, Esq., Dr. Brown's husband, administered the oath on Monday, March 6, 2023.

The Office of County Auditor is unique in that the term begins the second Monday in March following the general election.

Dr. Brown was appointed Acting County Auditor by the Fairfield County Commissioners on October 25, 2021, prior to being appointed by the Republican Central Committee in November 2021 to fill the remainder of an unexpired term. She was elected to office in November 2022, and will begin her elected four-year term of office on March 13, 2023.

With more than 35 years of leadership experience in human services, financial management, and county administration, Brown has stated that it is "humbling and rewarding to serve as County Auditor in the office" where she began her career in public service and drafted the first annual comprehensive financial report for the county.

Brown added, "It was such an honor to celebrate with the team of the County Auditor's Office at a breakfast swearing-in ceremony. I am enormously grateful for the work that so many put into making it a truly special and memorable occasion, and I am even more grateful for the County Auditor's team members for the work they accomplish every day. They are truly dedicated leaders who have hearts for service to others."

For more information about the services of the County Auditor's Office, please contact Rachel Elsea, Communication's Officer, at <a href="mailto:rachel.elsea@fairfieldcountyohio.gov">rachel.elsea@fairfieldcountyohio.gov</a>.

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## **Fairfield County**

## **Family, Adult and Children First Council**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Friday, March 14, 2023

Fairfield County Family, Adult, and Children First Council Awarded \$200,000 For Early Childhood Safety Initiative

**Lancaster, Ohio** – The Fairfield County Family, Adult, and Children First Council was recently awarded \$50,000 for four years from the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Early Childhood Safety Initiative. This competitive grant is provided to service agencies within local governments with the goal of increasing parent education and safety initiatives in Ohio.

Dumitru "Raz" Sabaiduc, Executive Director of the Fairfield County Family, Adult, and Children First Council, stated, "We are grateful to the Ohio Children's Trust Fund administration for awarding us this grant. The funding will go a long way in continuing and improving our safety programs, which is so exciting to us because we know that research shows when we surround children and parents with resources as early as possible, nurturing environments are created. That results in increased safety for all in the community."

By increasing the distribution of parenting education on topics such as safe sleep practices, childhood development, and child safety, the early childhood safety programs will provide new support for parents, decrease risk factors related to infant and child mortality, and potentially prevent injuries.

Sabaiduc added, "In Fairfield County, we are fortunate to have strong collaboration. This collaboration has resulted in an initiative known as Safe Kids. While the initiative is led by the Family, Adult, and Children First Council, it is dependent on many partners, including the state of Ohio through the Ohio Children's Trust Fund. Safe Kids provides staff and networks to meet the goal of keeping kids safe."

For more information about Safe Kids or the Ohio Children's Trust Fund Award, please contact 740-652.7284 or <a href="mailto:Dumitru.sabaiduc@fairfieldcountyohio.gov">Dumitru.sabaiduc@fairfieldcountyohio.gov</a>

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Leslie Blankenbuehler 3620 South Bank Rd NE Millersport, Ohio

March 8,2023

Commissioner Steve Davis 210 E Main Street Room 301 Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Re: Proposed Eastern Cottontail Solar Facility

Dear Commissioner Davis,

I am writing to you about the above referenced project in Walnut Township. I have attended several meetings in the past thirty days to develop an informed position for or against this project. I have also researched and read relevant studies with factual information.

Today I reviewed the application to the Ohio Power Siting Board for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need for the Union Ridge Solar Facility in Licking County, Case No. 20-1757-EL-BG dated March 2020. Although complex and arduous to read, this publication reveals an alarming description of what is under construction. I can hardly imagine what is being proposed by EDF for a facility four times the size of Union Ridge.

Many areas of this application conclude that the proposed Facility is anticipated to have local and statewide economic benefits. Solar power development, like other commercial development projects, can expand the local, regional, and statewide economies through both direct and indirect means. However, the community is only afforded "PILOT" payments that are not increased over the life of the project.

Another concern is the limited liability insurance section. The limits of the insurance policy described will, at a minimum, insure against claims of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. In addition, the Applicant shall acquire and maintain throughout the construction operation and decommissioning period, at its sole cost, Umbrella Coverage against claims and liability for personal injury, death, and property damage arising from the operation of the Facility. The limits of the excess liability insurance will, at a minimum, insure against claims of \$10,000,000 per occurrence and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate.

With the controversy over East Palestine's current disaster, how can our community be assured that safety concerns are being addressed? Will our Fire Department receive the specialized training AND equipment to deal with potential fires or hazardous events?

This barely touches on the concerns that I have, but I sincerely hope that this project is tabled until more community awareness and input can be achieved.

Regards, Texte Blankerbuchler

Leslie Blankenbuehler



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 13, 2023

#### FAIRFIELD COUNTY ADAMH WELCOMES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

[LANCASTER, Ohio] -- The Fairfield County ADAMH Board has recently welcomed two new members to its Board of Trustees: Dr. Danielle Johnson-Curry, DMD, and Joseph (Joe) Bizjak.

"We are thrilled to incorporate the passion and values of both Dr. Johnson-Curry and Joe Bizjak to the Board," said Marcy Fields, Executive Director. "Both individuals have a strong desire to be the change they wish to see in the community and already are living our mission of creating opportunities for Fairfield County residents to be healthy members of their community."

**Danielle Johnson-Curry, DMD** is a dentist at Gentle Dental Care in Lancaster. She has provided dental care at rehabilitation facilities, including prison and addiction services, and has a strong desire to help educate the community about drug, alcohol and mental health issues.

Dr. Johnson-Curry graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Kentucky State University in 2003 before earning her Doctor of Dental Medicine from the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry in 2008. She completed post-graduate training through an Advanced General Dentistry Residency at The Ohio State University in 2009.

She is a member of the advisory board for the Columbus State Dental Hygiene Program. She previously served with the Ohio Dental Association as a Delegate and Council member of public service and access to care.

An aspiring author, she enjoys traveling, powerlifting, and spending time with family. Her husband, Brandon, works for a construction company and is a member of the United States Army Reserves. They have four kids ranging in age from 19 to 4.

**Joseph** (**Joe**) **Bizjak** is eager to serve his community and help make mental health services readily available to residents of the county. He currently serves in Lancaster as a member of the Housing Council handling matters related to tax abatements and works full-time as the board liaison at the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

Bizjak previously worked in the Ohio House of Representatives as a legislative service commission fellow and legislative aide to former state Rep. Steve Arndt of the 89th House District. He assisted in tackling issues such as senior healthcare, water quality, education, and economic development. Additionally, Bizjak clerked for the House Aging and Long-Term Care Committee and worked within the House Finance Committee.

Bizjak earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Kent State University in 2014 with a concentration in American politics, and a master's degree in business administration from Franklin University in 2021.

The Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board is responsible to plan, fund, and monitor public mental health and substance abuse services in Fairfield County. The ADAMH Board fulfills its mandate by engaging key community stakeholders to provide input into its activities.

For media inquiries, contact Julie Theado at Julie@krilecommunications.com.

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### Fairfield County ADAMH Board

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March 9, 2023

#### VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Board of Fairfield County Commissioners 210 E. Main Street, Room 301 Lancaster, OH 43130

Re:

Line 2,3 R/W 059,062D, 064

Tax Parcel No.: 013-80678.00; 014-88005.00; 014-08005.10

Fairfield County, Ohio

Dear Landowner(s):

As you may be aware, Texas Eastern Transmission, LP¹ ("Texas Eastern") operates interstate natural gas pipelines and related facilities in your area. Texas Eastern is preparing to conduct work on its pipeline facilities located on or near your property in Fairfield County, Ohio (the "Property") and Texas Eastern is providing this notice 45 days in advance of the work, as required by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC").

Specifically, Texas Eastern's work will involve Line 2: 2,573' offset replacement of 20"Line 2 in VS-05 and Line 3: 2,611' offset replacement of 26" Line 3 in VS-06 (collectively, the "Project") in the second quarter of 2023. Texas Eastern's intent is to conduct its activities in such a manner so as that all areas disturbed will be restored to a condition, as near as practical, to that which existed prior to the start of the Project. In the unlikely event that additional damages result from the Project (such as crop damages), Texas Eastern will provide compensation for such impacts.

Texas Eastern's work on the Property is planned to commence on or around April 17, 2023, however you may provide consent to allow Texas Eastern to begin work prior to that time by waiving the 45-day notice period. We have enclosed a form and postage-paid return envelope to provide this consent if you wish.

In the event you have questions or concerns regarding environmental, restoration or other issues before, during or after construction, you may contact your area Texas Eastern representative Norm Hart at 1-(989) 488-9852, who will endeavor to respond to calls the same day. In the event that you are not satisfied with the response to an inquiry, Texas Eastern also maintains a 24-hour toll-free Landowner Hotline ("Hotline") at 1-888-217-9110. FERC encourages use of Texas Eastern's Hotline first; however, if you feel that Texas Eastern has not addressed any concerns in a satisfactory manner, you may also contact FERC's designated Landowner Helpline at (877) 337-2237 or at LandownerHelp@ferc.gov.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Taylor Miller

Manager of Lands & ROW U.S. Eastern Operations

cc: Central Region

#### **CONSENT TO PROCEED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES**

Board of Fairfield County Commissioners Line 2,3 R/W 059,062D, 064 Fairfield County, Ohio Tax Parcel No.: 013-80678.00; 014-88005.00; 014-08005.10

With reference to the pipeline project activities described in the attached notification letter, the undersigned owner(s) of the above-referenced property hereby waives the 45-day Federal Energy Regulatory Commission notice period and provides its consent for Texas Eastern Transmission, LP to commence the project activities immediately upon provision of forty-eight (48) hours advance notice to the undersigned.

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Moving Public Transportation Into the Future

# Fairfield County Transit Governance Study

MARCH 14, 2023

# Project Purpose

- Encourage Countywide Public Transportation
- Evaluate Feasible Governance Structure Alternatives
- Address Challenges Associated with a Transition
  - Transitioning Workforce
  - Establishing Most Cost-Effective & Efficient Structure
- Determine if Reorganizing is Appropriate

# Task Outline

- Project Kick-Off Meeting
- Transit Revenue & Functional Assessment
- Facilities & Space Profile
- Operating & Financial Profile
- SWOT Analysis
- Governance & Service Model Options
- Draft & Final Plan

# Small Group Discussion

- What are the Biggest Needs/Gaps in Transportation for Fairfield County?
- What are the Known Challenges People Face Due to Lack of Access to Transportation?

# Group Discussion

- How could Changes in Structure Support Addressing Needs and Challenges?
- What do Local Stakeholders Love Most about their Transit Service?
- What are Customers Saying?
- What do the Transit Employees Love about Working There?



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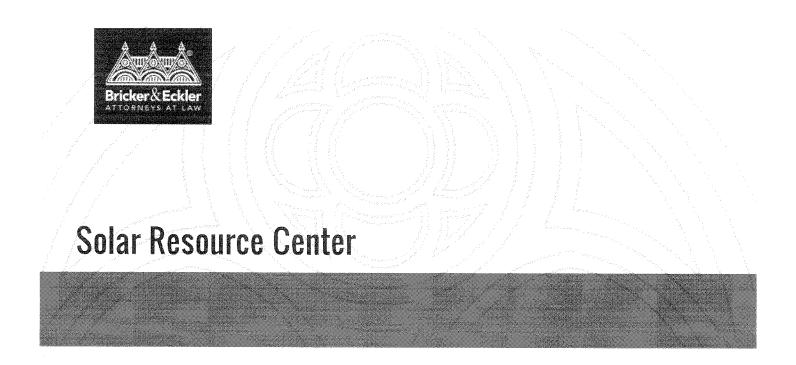
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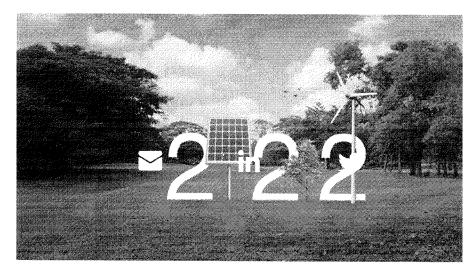
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# Ohio Utility Scale Solar: A recap of 2022 and looking ahead to 2023

Thursday, February 9, 2023

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2022 was a very active year for utility scale solar in Ohio. This article summarizes the key utility scale solar events of 2022 and highlights trends heading into 2023 in Ohio, including:

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- Overview of cases approved and denied by the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB)
- Potential development headwinds in 2023
- The implementation of restriction zones by Ohio counties
- Recent "public interest" denials by the OPSB
- New proposed OPSB siting rules impacting solar
- Continued growth of battery storage in Ohio

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#### Another active year at the OPSB

2022 marked another active year for utility scale solar at the OPSB, which has jurisdiction over projects with a nameplate capacity of 50 MW or greater. The following cases were approved in 2022:

- Union Ridge Solar, LLC (Case No. 20-1757-EL-BGN)
- AEUG Union Solar, LLC (Case No. 20-1405-EL-BGN)
- Tymochtee Solar (Case No. 21-0004-EL-BGN)
- Wild Grains Solar, LLC (21-0823-EL-BGN)
- Nottingham Solar LLC (Case No. 21-2070-EL-BGN)
- Dodson Creek Solar, LLC (Case No. 20-1814-EL-BGN)
- Pleasant Prairie Solar Energy, LLC (Case No. 20-1679-EL-BGN)
- Harvey Solar 1 Project, LLC (Case No. 21-0164-EL-BGN)
- Springwater Solar, LLC (Case No. 22-0094-EL-BGN)

In addition, the following projects submitted applications in 2022 and are still pending:

- Oak Run Solar, LLC (Case No. 22-0549-EL-BGN)
- Blossom Solar, LLC (Case No. 22-0151-EL-BGN)
- Fountain Point Solar (Case No. 21-1231-EL-BGN)

Most of these pending cases are expected to receive decisions in 2023.

As discussed further below, the OPSB also denied two solar applications in 2022 and another at the beginning of 2023.

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Kentucky 859.295.1314 A map showing all pending and approved solar facilities can be found on the OPSB website here.

#### Potential development headwinds in 2023 and beyond

Although there has been a steady increase in OPSB applications over the past few years, new utility scale solar development in Ohio may begin to slow in 2023. This potential decrease in new utility scale solar may also continue beyond 2023. Despite growing demand from Ohio corporations and communities to procure in-state renewable energy, a number of challenges may negatively impact the potential for new solar development. Development timelines have been significantly impacted by tariff uncertainty and supply chain issues. In addition, "queue reform" at PJM has led to, in some cases, multi-year delays in the interconnection process. Further, emerging trends in Ohio may frustrate some additional development, namely the increasing influence of local opposition in the siting process and the implementation of development restriction zones under Senate Bill 52 (both topics discussed in more detail below).

#### <u>Construction commencing in earnest – and consequences</u>

Out of over 6,000 MWs of OPSB-certificated solar projects, as of the beginning of 2023, only 450 MW are operational. However, construction activity significantly increased in 2022, with projects representing over 2,700 MW now currently under construction. With widespread construction in full swing, a number of trends may emerge in 2023. For example, most projects utilize the Qualified Energy Project tax abatement and payment-in-lieu-of-taxes program under R.C. 5727.75, which in part requires that at least 80% of the construction workforce be domiciled in Ohio. With so much solar construction in a tight labor market, some projects may struggle with meeting this Ohio workforce requirement. In addition, construction is generally the most disruptive phase of otherwise passive projects. Initiation of the construction phase for solar projects may increase local concern and opposition. Construction-related complaints or concerns may also influence the types of conditions that the OPSB will impose on projects. For example, OPSB Staff has recently recommended enhanced grading restrictions and plans, which was likely a reaction to increased construction activity.

#### Counties pass restriction zones under S.B. 52

Ohio Senate Bill 52, which became effective October 2021, provided additional local control over the siting of Ohio's solar and wind energy facilities. In part, counties are given the power to review and block individual projects prior to the OPSB process. Additionally, counties may designate all or part of an unincorporated area of the county as a "restricted area" in which utility facility wind and solar projects cannot be permitted by the OPSB. These provisions only apply to projects not otherwise grandfathered by S.B. 52, which is based on the project's status in the PJM queue. A detailed overview of S.B. 52 can be accessed here. The Bricker & Eckler team maintains a running chart of counties that have passed restriction zones and counties in the process of considering restriction zones. Please contact us if you have questions about a particular county.

#### OPSB denies projects on "public interest" finding

In the second half of 2021, the OPSB Staff recommended denial of a series of project applications based on the staff's determination that those projects were not in the "public interest" (a required finding under Ohio's siting law). The staff based these determinations on local opposition, including opposition from local governments. Some observers viewed this as a departure from previous OPSB precedent. The OPSB ultimately adopted the staff's recommendations by denying applications for two separate cases, Birch Solar and Kingwood Solar, which were decided in October and December 2022, respectively. Both projects has already begun the appeal process. In January 2023, the Board started the new year off by denying the Cepheus Energy Project on similar "public interest" grounds. In 2023, it will be critical for the solar industry and interested stakeholders to monitor the extent to which local opposition continues to influence the state siting process.

#### <u>OPSB utility scale solar project on reclaimed coal mine</u> <u>approved</u>

In August 2022, the OPSB approved the Nottingham Solar Project, the first utility scale solar generation facility approved by OPSB on reclaimed mine land since 2018. This was the first solar generation facility sited on reclaimed mine land approved by the OPSB under enhanced application and siting

requirements that OPSB began implementing in 2019. The project will convert nearly 600 acres of largely unusable land in Harrison County, Ohio, to a 100 MW solar facility.

#### OPSB rulemaking and new compliance division

In June 2022, the OPSB issued a comprehensive set of proposed rules, including those impacting solar. An overview of the proposed rules impacting solar facilities can be accessed here. Stakeholders have filed comments and reply comments, and a final OPSB decision regarding issuance of the rules is pending. Although the final rules have not been issued, some issues and themes from the rulemaking are already appearing in permit conditions and OPSB orders. In addition, the OPSB staff recently reorganized its internal structure to create a new compliance section to monitor adherence to permit conditions and address questions and complaints raised by the public.

#### More large energy storage projects in Ohio

A number of the approved and proposed utility scale solar projects are paired with battery storage systems. Currently, a total capacity of 187.3 MW battery storage has been approved to be co-located with utility scale projects. At this time, none of these battery energy storage systems are operational but at least 50 MW of capacity is currently under construction. Moreover, in October 2021, the OPSB approved the Flint Grid Energy Storage System, Ohio's first stand-alone battery energy storage system facility, to be reviewed and approved by OPSB. An overview article about that project is available here. In addition, the OPSB recently released a battery storage facilities map and statistics resource, which can be accessed here.

#### **2022 News Articles of Note**

"AEP to miss target for 100% all clean energy by 2023" –
 AEP is the Columbus, Ohio aggregation supplier, which
 will eventually be supplied by 100% renewable energy.
 AEP will miss a goal to build or have under contract
 enough new Ohio-based solar and wind-generation
 facilities to meet 100% of its customers' power demand by
 the end of 2023. The new target is the end of 2024. In
 part, this article highlights the increasing demand by
 Ohioans for in-state renewable energy sources.

- Inside Climate News ran a series of articles highlighting the tensions around solar development in some Ohio communities: "The Energy Transition Runs into a Ditch in Rural Ohio," "The Choice for Rural Officials: Oppose Solar Power or Face Revolt," "One Man's Determined Fight for Solar Power in Rural Ohio," and "In the End, Solar Power Opponents Prevail in Williamsport, Ohio."
- In 2022, Intel announced that it would locate a \$20 billion manufacturing facility in Central Ohio, the largest economic development project in the state's history. The announcement and coming development highlighted the growing link between Ohio's manufacturing sector and renewable energy: "Ohio is making a comeback thanks to Intel, manufacturing wins," "With Ohio about to becomes a chips-making hub, the time is now to embrace renewable energy," "Intel to use renewable energy credits to achieve Ohio pledge."
- In June 2022, the Central Ohio region suffered a severe, multi-day outage due to high demand and infrastructure failures. This event has elevated the discussion around grid reliability and solar and renewable energy projects' potential role in supporting grid reliability. "AEP Ohio intentionally shut off power to some Great Columbus neighborhoods. Here's why," "Ohioans left in the dark with AEP power outages."

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To amend sections 4906.01, 4906.02, and 4906.10 and to enact sections 303.57, 303.58, 303.59, 303.60, 303.61, 303.62, 4906.021, 4906.022, 4906.023, 4906.024, 4906.025, 4906.101, 4906.102, 4906.103, 4906.21, 4906.211, 4906.212, 4906.22, 4906.221, 4906.22, 4906.30, and 4906.31 of the Revised Code to permit a board of county commissioners to prevent power siting board certification of certain wind and solar facilities, to provide for ad hoc members of the power siting board, and to establish decommissioning requirements for certain wind and solar facilities.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

Section 1. That sections 4906.01, 4906.02, and 4906.10 be amended and sections 303.57, 303.58, 303.59, 303.60, 303.61, 303.62, 4906.021, 4906.022, 4906.023, 4906.024, 4906.025, 4906.101, 4906.102, 4906.103, 4906.21, 4906.211, 4906.212, 4906.22, 4906.221, 4906.222, 4906.30, and 4906.31 of the Revised Code be enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 303.57. As used in this section and sections 303.58 to 303.62 of the Revised Code:

- (A) "Economically significant wind farm" has the same meaning as in section 4906.13 of the Revised Code.
- (B) "Large wind farm" and "large solar facility" have the same meanings as in section 4906.01 of the Revised Code.
- (C)(1) "Material amendment" means an amendment to an existing power siting board certificate for the construction, operation, or maintenance of a utility facility that does any of the following:
  - (a) For utility facilities:
  - (i) Changes the facility's generation type from one type of utility facility to another;
  - (ii) Increases the facility's nameplate capacity:
- (iii) Changes the boundaries of the facility, unless the new boundaries of the facility are completely within the previous boundaries of the facility or the facility components outside of the previous boundary are underground.
  - (b) For large wind farms and economically significant wind farms:
  - (i) Increases the number of wind turbines:
  - (ii) Increases the height of a wind turbine.
- (2) Material amendments do not include the addition of a battery storage system to a utility facility.
- (D) "Utility facility" means an economically significant wind farm, a large wind farm, or a large solar facility.

Sec. 303.58. (A) The board of county commissioners may adopt a resolution designating all or part of the unincorporated area of a county as a restricted area, prohibiting the construction of any or all of the following:

- (1) An economically significant wind farm:
- (2) A large wind farm;
- (3) A large solar facility.
- (B) A resolution described in division (A) of this section may designate one or more restricted areas and shall fix restricted area boundaries within the unincorporated area of the county.
- (C)(1) The board may adopt a resolution designating a restricted area at a regular meeting of the board or at a special meeting called for the purpose of discussing such a resolution.
- (2) At least thirty days prior to the meeting at which a resolution to designate a restricted area will be discussed, the board shall do all of the following:
- (a) Provide public notice of the date and time of the meeting by one publication in a newspaper of general circulation within the county;
- (b) Publicly post a map showing the boundaries of the proposed restricted area at all public libraries within the county;
- (c) Provide written notice of the meeting, by first class mail, to all school districts, municipal corporations, and boards of township trustees located in whole, or in part, within the boundaries of the proposed restricted area.
- (3) The board shall comply with the requirements of divisions (C)(1) and (2) of this section before the board modifies a resolution it previously adopted under this section.
- (D) Any resolution designating a restricted area shall include a map of the restricted area, as well as texts sufficient to identify all boundaries of the restricted area. A copy of the resolution and any accompanying texts and maps shall be filed with the office of the county recorder of the county.
- (E) A resolution adopted under this section shall not affect the construction of a utility facility that was presented to the board of county commissioners under section 303.61 of the Revised Code, and the board did not adopt a resolution prohibiting the facility within the time required under section 303.62 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 303.59. A resolution designating a restricted area prohibiting the construction of utility facilities, if adopted by the board of county commissioners, becomes effective thirty days after the date of its adoption, unless, within thirty days after the adoption, there is presented to the board of county commissioners a petition, signed by a number of registered electors residing in the county equal to not less than eight per cent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor in that county at the most recent general election at which a governor was elected, requesting the board of county commissioners to submit the resolution to the electors of that county for approval or rejection at a special election to be held on the day of the next primary or general election that occurs at least one hundred twenty days after the petition is filed. Each part petition shall contain the number and the full and correct title, if any, of the resolution, motion, or application, furnishing the name by which the resolution is known and a brief summary of its contents. In addition to meeting the requirements of this section, each petition shall be governed by the rules specified in section 3501,38 of the Revised Code.

The form of a petition calling for a referendum on the designation of a restricted area and the

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statement of the circulator shall be substantially as follows:

"PETITION FOR REFERENDUM ON THE DESIGNATION OF A RESTRICTED AREA PROHIBITING THE CONSTRUCTION OF UTILITY FACILITIES (if the proposal is identified by a particular name or number, or both, these should be inserted here) A proposal to designate a restricted area prohibiting the construction of utility facilities in the unincorporated area of county, Ohio, adopted (date) (followed by brief summary of the resolution). To the board of county commissioners of county, Ohio: We, the undersigned, being electors residing in county, equal to not less than eight per cent of the total vote cast for all candidates for governor in the county at the preceding general election at which a governor was elected, request the board of county commissioners to submit this designation of a restricted area to the electors of county, for approval or rejection at a special election to be held on the day of the primary or general election to be held on (date), pursuant to section 303.59 of the Revised Code. Signature Residence address Date of signing STATEMENT OF CIRCULATOR (name of circulator), declare under penalty of election falsification that I reside at the address appearing below my signature; that I am the circulator of the foregoing part petition containing (number) signatures; that I have witnessed the affixing of every signature; that all signers were to the best of my knowledge and belief qualified to sign; and that every signature is to the best of my knowledge and belief the signature of the person whose signature it purports to be or of an attorney in fact acting pursuant to section 3501.382 of the Revised Code. (Signature of circulator) (Circulator's residence address) WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF

THE FIFTH DEGREE."

The petition shall be filed with the board of county commissioners. Within two weeks after receiving a petition filed under this section, the board of county commissioners shall certify the petition to the board of elections. A petition filed under this section shall be certified to the board of elections not less than ninety days prior to the election at which the question is to be voted upon.

The board of elections shall determine the sufficiency and validity of each petition certified to it by a board of county commissioners under this section. If the board of elections determines that a petition is sufficient and valid, the question shall be voted upon at a special election to be held on the day of the next primary or general election that occurs at least one hundred twenty days after the date the petition is filed with the board of county commissioners, regardless of whether any election will be held to nominate or elect candidates on that day.

No resolution designating a restricted area for which such a referendum vote has been requested shall be put into effect unless a majority of the vote cast on the issue is in favor of the resolution. Upon certification by the board of elections that the resolution has been approved by the

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voters, it shall take immediate effect.

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Within five working days after the resolution's effective date, the board of county commissioners shall file the text of the resolution and maps of the restricted area in the office of the county recorder and with the county or regional planning commission, if one exists.

The failure to file any resolution, or any text and maps, or duplicates of any of these documents, with the office of the county recorder as required by this section does not invalidate the resolution.

Sec. 303.60. If a resolution described in this section is adopted and becomes effective under sections 303.58 and 303.59 of the Revised Code, no person shall file, and the power siting board shall not accept, an application for a certificate, or a material amendment to an existing certificate, to construct, operate, or maintain a utility facility in a restricted area where the construction of such a utility facility is prohibited by the resolution.

Sec. 303.61. (A) At least ninety days, but not more than three hundred days, prior to applying for a certificate from the power siting board, or a material amendment to an existing certificate, for a utility facility, to be located in whole or in part in the unincorporated area of a county, the person intending to apply shall hold a public meeting in each county where the utility facility is to be located.

- (B) The applicant shall provide written notice of the public meeting to the board of county commissioners of the county, as well as the boards of trustees of every township in which the utility facility is to be located within that county. Notice shall be provided at least fourteen days prior to the meeting.
  - (C) At the public meeting, the applicant shall provide the following information:
- (1) The person intending to apply for a certificate shall provide the following information to the board of county commissioners:
  - (a) Whether the utility facility will be:
  - (i) A large wind farm;
  - (ii) An economically significant wind farm; or
  - (iii) A large solar facility.
  - (b) The maximum nameplate capacity of the utility facility:
  - (c) A map of the proposed geographic boundaries of the project within that county.
- (2) The person intending to apply for a material amendment that makes any change or modification to an existing certificate shall comply with the requirements of this section when providing information regarding that change or modification to the board of county commissioners.
- (3) All of the information described in divisions (C)(1) and (2) of this section shall be submitted to the board of county commissioners in written form.

Sec. 303.62. (A) Not later than ninety days after the public meeting described in section 303.61 of the Revised Code regarding an application for a certificate, or a material amendment to an existing certificate, for a utility facility, the board of county commissioners may adopt a resolution that does either of the following:

- (1) Prohibits the construction of the utility facility that is the subject of the certificate:
- (2) Limits the boundaries of the proposed utility facility to a smaller geographic area of the county, completely within what was proposed by the applicant.

- (B) If no resolution is adopted within the time required under this section, the application may proceed as filed with the power siting board.
- (C) No resolution adopted under this section shall prevent an applicant from filing another proposal for consideration by the board of county commissioners at a later date.
  - Sec. 4906.01. As used in Chapter 4906. of the Revised Code:
- (A) "Person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, association, estate, trust, or partnership or any officer, board, commission, department, division, or bureau of the state or a political subdivision of the state, or any other entity.
  - (B)(1) "Major utility facility" means:
- (a) Electric generating plant and associated facilities designed for, or capable of, operation at a capacity of fifty megawatts or more;
- (b) An electric transmission line and associated facilities of a design capacity of one hundred kilovolts or more;
- (c) A gas pipeline that is greater than five hundred feet in length, and its associated facilities, is more than nine inches in outside diameter and is designed for transporting gas at a maximum allowable operating pressure in excess of one hundred twenty-five pounds per square inch.
  - (2) "Major utility facility" does not include any of the following:
- (a) Gas transmission lines over which an agency of the United States has exclusive jurisdiction;
  - (b) Any solid waste facilities as defined in section 6123.01 of the Revised Code;
  - (c) Electric distributing lines and associated facilities as defined by the power siting board;
- (d) Any manufacturing facility that creates byproducts that may be used in the generation of electricity as defined by the power siting board;
- (e) Gathering lines, gas gathering pipelines, and processing plant gas stub pipelines as those terms are defined in section 4905.90 of the Revised Code and associated facilities;
  - (f) Any gas processing plant as defined in section 4905.90 of the Revised Code:
  - (g) Natural gas liquids finished product pipelines:
- (h) Pipelines from a gas processing plant as defined in section 4905.90 of the Revised Code to a natural gas liquids fractionation plant, including a raw natural gas liquids pipeline, or to an interstate or intrastate gas pipeline;
  - (i) Any natural gas liquids fractionation plant;
- (j) A production operation as defined in section 1509.01 of the Revised Code, including all pipelines upstream of any gathering lines;
  - (k) Any compressor stations used by the following:
- (i) A gathering line, a gas gathering pipeline, a processing plant gas stub pipeline, or a gas processing plant as those terms are defined in section 4905.90 of the Revised Code:
- (ii) A natural gas liquids finished product pipeline, a natural gas liquids fractionation plant, or any pipeline upstream of a natural gas liquids fractionation plant; or
  - (iii) A production operation as defined in section 1509.01 of the Revised Code.
- (C) "Commence to construct" means any clearing of land, excavation, or other action that would adversely affect the natural environment of the site or route of a major utility facility, but does not include surveying changes needed for temporary use of sites or routes for nonutility purposes, or

uses in securing geological data, including necessary borings to ascertain foundation conditions.

(D) "Certificate" means a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need issued by the power siting board under section 4906.10 of the Revised Code or a construction certificate issued by the board under rules adopted under division (E) or (F) of section 4906.03 of the Revised Code.

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- (E) "Gas" means natural gas, flammable gas, or gas that is toxic or corrosive.
- (F) "Natural gas liquids finished product pipeline" means a pipeline that carries finished product natural gas liquids to the inlet of an interstate or intrastate finished product natural gas liquid transmission pipeline, rail loading facility, or other petrochemical or refinery facility.
- (G) "Large solar facility" means an electric generating plant that consists of solar panels and associated facilities with a single interconnection to the electrical grid that is a major utility facility.
- (H) "Large wind farm" means an electric generating plant that consists of wind turbines and associated facilities with a single interconnection to the electrical grid that is a major utility facility.
- (I)\_"Natural gas liquids fractionation plant" means a facility that takes a feed of raw natural gas liquids and produces finished product natural gas liquids.
- (H) (J) "Raw natural gas" means hydrocarbons that are produced in a gaseous state from gas wells and that generally include methane, ethane, propane, butanes, pentanes, hexanes, heptanes, octanes, nonanes, and decanes, plus other naturally occurring impurities like water, carbon dioxide, hydrogen sulfide, nitrogen, oxygen, and helium.
- (I) (K) "Raw natural gas liquids" means naturally occurring hydrocarbons contained in raw natural gas that are extracted in a gas processing plant and liquefied and generally include mixtures of ethane, propane, butanes, and natural gasoline.
- (J) (L) "Finished product natural gas liquids" means an individual finished product produced by a natural gas liquids fractionation plant as a liquid that meets the specifications for commercial products as defined by the gas processors association. Those products include ethane, propane, isobutane, normal butane, and natural gasoline.

Sec. 4906.02. (A)(A)(1) There is hereby created within the public utilities commission the power siting board, composed of the chairmanchairperson of the public utilities commission, the director of environmental protection, the director of health, the director of development, the director of natural resources, the director of agriculture, and a representative of the public who shall be an engineer and shall be appointed by the governor, from a list of three nominees submitted to the governor by the office of the consumers' counsel, with the advice and consent of the senate and shall serve for a term of four years. The chairmanchairperson of the public utilities commission shall be chairmanchairperson of the board and its chief executive officer. The chairmanchairperson shall designate one of the voting members of the board to act as vice-chairmanvice-chairperson who shall possess during the absence or disability of the chairmanchairperson all of the powers of the chairmanchairperson. All hearings, studies, and consideration of applications for certificates shall be conducted by the board or representatives of its members.

In addition, the board shall include four legislative members who may participate fully in all the board's deliberations and activities except that they shall serve as nonvoting members. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one legislative member, and the president of the senate and minority leader of each house shall each appoint one legislative member. Each such

legislative leader shall designate an alternate to attend meetings of the board when the regular legislative member he appointed by the legislative leader is unable to attend. Each legislative member and alternate shall serve for the duration of the elected term that hethe legislative member is serving at the time of his appointment. A quorum of the board is a majority of its voting members.

The representative of the public and, notwithstanding section 101.26 of the Revised Code, legislative members of the board or their designated alternates, when engaged in their duties as members of the board, shall be paid at the per diem rate of step 1, pay range 32, under schedule B of section 124.15 of the Revised Code and shall be reimbursed for the actual and necessary expenses they incur in the discharge of their official duties.

- (2) In all cases involving an application for a certificate or a material amendment to an existing certificate for a utility facility, as defined in section 303.57 of the Revised Code, the board shall include two voting ad hoc members, as described in section 4906.021 of the Revised Code.
- (B) The <u>chairmanchairperson</u> shall keep a complete record of all proceedings of the board, issue all necessary process, writs, warrants, and notices, keep all books, maps, documents, and papers ordered filed by the board, conduct investigations pursuant to section 4906.07 of the Revised Code, and perform such other duties as the board may prescribe.
- (C) The <u>ehairmanchairperson</u> of the public utilities commission may assign or transfer duties among the commission's staff. However, the board's authority to grant certificates under section 4906.10 of the Revised Code shall not be exercised by any officer, employee, or body other than the board itself.
- (D) The ehairmanchairperson may call to histhe chairperson's assistance, temporarily, any employee of the environmental protection agency, the department of natural resources, the department of agriculture, the department of health, or the department of development, for the purpose of making studies, conducting hearings, investigating applications, or preparing any report required or authorized under this chapter. Such employees shall not receive any additional compensation over that which they receive from the agency by which they are employed, but they shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred while working under the direction of the ehairmanchairperson. All contracts for special services are subject to the approval of the ehairmanchairperson.
  - (E) The board's offices shall be located in those of the public utilities commission.
- Sec. 4906.021. (A) For the purposes of this section and section 4906.022 of the Revised Code:
  - (1) "Immediate family member" means a person's:
  - (a) Spouse:
  - (b) Brother or sister of the whole, or of the half, blood, or by marriage;
  - (c) Children, including adopted children; and
  - (d) Parents.
- (2) "Material amendment" and "utility facility" have the same meanings as in section 303.57 of the Revised Code.
- (B) Whenever an application is made to the power siting board for a certificate or a material amendment to an existing certificate for a utility facility, the board shall include two voting ad hoc members to represent the interests of the residents of the area in which the utility facility is to be

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located.

(C)(1) The ad hoc members shall be:

- (a) The chairperson of the board of township trustees of the township in which the utility facility is to be located or the chairperson's designee:
- (b) The president of the board of county commissioners of the county in which the utility facility is to be located or the president's designee.
- (2) If a utility facility is to be located in multiple townships, a single ad hoc member to represent the townships shall be chosen by a majority vote of all of the boards of township trustees of the townships in which the utility facility is to be located.
- (3) If a utility facility is to be located in multiple counties, a single ad hoc member to represent the counties shall be chosen by a majority vote of all of the boards of county commissioners of the counties in which the utility facility is to be located.
  - (D)(1) No person shall serve as such an ad hoc member if the person:
- (a) Is party to a lease agreement with, or has granted an easement to, the developer of a utility facility:
  - (b) Holds any other beneficial interest in a utility facility:
- (c) Has an immediate family member who is party to a lease agreement with, or has granted an easement to, the developer of the utility facility:
  - (d) Has an immediate family member who holds any beneficial interest in a utility facility:
- (e) Has an immediate family member who has intervened in the power siting board proceeding for which the ad hoc member is included.
- (2) If, because of the application of division (D) of this section, an individual is unable to serve as such an ad hoc member, a new ad hoc member shall be appointed in accordance with division (C) of this section.
- (E) A designee under division (C)(1) of this section shall be one of the following from the same political subdivision as the designator:
  - (a) Another elected official:
  - (b) A resident.
- Sec. 4906.022. (A) Voting ad hoc members of the power siting board under section 4906.021 of the Revised Code shall be designated not later than thirty days after a board of county commissioners or a board of township trustees receives notification that an application, for which an ad hoc member shall be included, has been found to be in compliance with division (A) of section 4906.06 of the Revised Code by the chairperson of the power siting board or the chairperson's designee and is accepted by the board.
- (B) The ad hoc members shall be designated in accordance with the requirements set forth in division (C) of section 4906.021 of the Revised Code.
- Sec. 4906.023. If a board of township trustees or board of county commissioners seeks to adopt a resolution to intervene in a power siting board case for which it is entitled to have a voting ad hoc member under section 4906.02 of the Revised Code, the member shall not vote on the resolution to intervene, unless the member designates another individual to serve as the ad hoc member.

A designee under this section shall meet the requirements of division (E) of section 4906.021 of the Revised Code.

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- Sec. 4906.024. (A) A voting ad hoc member of the power siting board under section 4906.02 of the Revised Code shall be exempt from any limitations on ex parte communications.
- (B) If such an ad hoc member communicates with a party, including any party who is an intervenor, to a board proceeding, the ad hoc member and the party shall disclose the following to the board:
  - (1) The date of the conversation:
  - (2) All participants in the conversation who are parties to the case.
- Sec. 4906.025. No present or former voting ad hoc member of the power siting board shall disclose or use, without appropriate authorization, information acquired in the course of official duties that is confidential because of either of the following:
  - (A) Statutory law:

- (B) Notice the ad hoc member received designating the information as confidential and both of the following apply:
- (1) The status of the proceedings, or the circumstances under which the information was received, warrants its confidentiality;
- (2) Preserving its confidentiality is necessary to the proper conduct of governmental activities.

Sec. 4906.10. (A) The power siting board shall render a decision upon the record either granting or denying the application as filed, or granting it upon such terms, conditions, or modifications of the construction, operation, or maintenance of the major utility facility as the board considers appropriate. The certificate shall be <u>subject to sections 4906.101, 4906.102</u>, and 4906.103 of the Revised Code and conditioned upon the facility being in compliance with standards and rules adopted under section 4561.32 and Chapters 3704., 3734., and 6111. of the Revised Code. An applicant may withdraw an application if the board grants a certificate on terms, conditions, or modifications other than those proposed by the applicant in the application.

The board shall not grant a certificate for the construction, operation, and maintenance of a major utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the board, unless it finds and determines all of the following:

- (1) The basis of the need for the facility if the facility is an electric transmission line or gas pipeline;
  - (2) The nature of the probable environmental impact;
- (3) That the facility represents the minimum adverse environmental impact, considering the state of available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives, and other pertinent considerations;
- (4) In the case of an electric transmission line or generating facility, that the facility is consistent with regional plans for expansion of the electric power grid of the electric systems serving this state and interconnected utility systems and that the facility will serve the interests of electric system economy and reliability;
- (5) That the facility will comply with Chapters 3704., 3734., and 6111. of the Revised Code and all rules and standards adopted under those chapters and under section 4561.32 of the Revised Code. In determining whether the facility will comply with all rules and standards adopted under section 4561.32 of the Revised Code, the board shall consult with the office of aviation of the

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division of multi-modal planning and programs of the department of transportation under section 4561.341 of the Revised Code.

- (6) That the facility will serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity;
- (7) In addition to the provisions contained in divisions (A)(1) to (6) of this section and rules adopted under those divisions, what its impact will be on the viability as agricultural land of any land in an existing agricultural district established under Chapter 929. of the Revised Code that is located within the site and alternative site of the proposed major utility facility. Rules adopted to evaluate impact under division (A)(7) of this section shall not require the compilation, creation, submission, or production of any information, document, or other data pertaining to land not located within the site and alternative site.
- (8) That the facility incorporates maximum feasible water conservation practices as determined by the board, considering available technology and the nature and economics of the various alternatives.
- (B) If the board determines that the location of all or a part of the proposed facility should be modified, it may condition its certificate upon that modification, provided that the municipal corporations and counties, and persons residing therein, affected by the modification shall have been given reasonable notice thereof.
- (C) A copy of the decision and any opinion issued therewith shall be served upon each party. Sec. 4906.101. (A) For purposes of this section and sections 4906.102 and 4906.103 of the Revised Code, "material amendment" and "utility facility" have the same meanings as in section 303.57 of the Revised Code.
- (B) The power siting board shall not grant a certificate for the construction, operation, and maintenance of, or material amendment to an existing certificate for, a utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the board, to be constructed in a restricted area of the unincorporated area of a county, as designated by that county's board of county commissioners under sections 303.58 and 303.59 of the Revised Code, if the utility facility is of a type prohibited in the restricted area.

Sec. 4906.102. (A) The power siting board shall not grant a certificate for the construction, operation, and maintenance of, or a material amendment to an existing certificate for, a utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the board, to be constructed in the unincorporated area of a county, if the board of county commissioners of the county in which a utility facility is to be located has adopted a resolution prohibiting the construction of the utility facility as described in section 303.62 of the Revised Code.

(B) If the utility facility is to be located in multiple counties and less than all of the boards of county commissioners adopt a resolution prohibiting the construction of a utility facility, the power siting board shall modify the certificate or material amendment to exclude the area of each county whose board of county commissioners rejected the certificate or material amendment.

Sec. 4906.103. If a board of county commissioners has adopted a resolution which limits the boundaries of the proposed utility facility to a smaller geographic area of the county, completely within what was proposed by the applicant, as described in section 303.62 of the Revised Code, the power siting board shall not grant a certificate or material amendment that includes an area outside of the geographic area approved by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the utility facility is to be located.

- Sec. 4906.21. (A) For the purposes of this section and sections 4906.21 to 4906.232 of the Revised Code:
- (1) "Applicant" means an applicant for a certificate, or a material amendment to an existing certificate, from the power siting board to construct, operate, or maintain a utility facility, and includes any subsequent person to whom the certificate is transferred.
- (2) "Material amendment" and "utility facility" have the same meanings as in section 303.57 of the Revised Code.
- (B) At least sixty days prior to the commencement of construction of a utility facility, the applicant shall submit a comprehensive decommissioning plan for review and approval by the power siting board.
- Sec. 4906.211. (A) The decommissioning plan submitted to the power siting board under section 4906.21 of the Revised Code shall be prepared by a professional engineer registered with the state board of registration for professional engineers and surveyors. The board may reject the engineer chosen by the applicant and to require the applicant to choose another qualified engineer.
  - (B) The plan shall contain the following:
  - (1) A list of all parties responsible for decommissioning:
- (2) A schedule of decommissioning activities, not to extend beyond twelve months from the date the utility facility ceases operation;
- (3) An estimate of the full costs of decommissioning the utility facility, including the proper disposal of all facility components and restoration of the land on which the facility is located to its pre-construction state. The estimate shall not take into account the salvage value of any materials from the facility.
- Sec. 4906.212. The estimate of the total decommissioning costs of a utility facility, as described in division (B)(3) of section 4906.211 of the Revised Code, shall be recalculated every five years by an engineer retained by the applicant.
- Sec. 4906.22. (A) Prior to beginning construction, the applicant shall post a performance bond to ensure that funds are available for the decommissioning of the facility.
  - (B) The power siting board shall be the obligee of the bond.
- Sec. 4906,221. The performance bond required by section 4906,22 of the Revised Code shall be equal to the estimate of the costs of decommissioning included in the decommissioning plan described in section 4906,211 of the Revised Code.
- Sec. 4906.222. (A) The performance bond for the decommissioning of a utility facility shall be updated every five years, based on the most recent estimates, as described in section 4906.212 of the Revised Code.
- (B) If the costs of decommissioning are greater in the most recent estimate than the costs of the immediately preceding estimate, the performance bond shall be increased proportionately.
- (C) If the costs of decommissioning are lower in the most recent estimate than the costs of the immediately preceding estimate, the performance bond shall not be decreased.
- Sec. 4906.30. (A) For purposes of this section and section 4906.31 of the Revised Code, "material amendment" and "utility facility" have the same meanings as in section 303.57 of the Revised Code.
  - (B) The power siting board shall not grant a certificate for the construction, operation, and

maintenance of, or a material amendment to an existing certificate for, a utility facility, either as proposed or as modified by the board, to be constructed in the unincorporated area of a county, if the facility has any of the following:

- (1) A nameplate capacity exceeding that which was provided to that county's board of county commissioners under section 303.61 of the Revised Code;
- (2) A geographic area that is not completely within the boundaries provided to that county's board of county commissioners under section 303.61 of the Revised Code or the limited boundaries provided by that county's board of county commissioners under section 303.62 of the Revised Code;
- (3) A type of generation that is different than that which was provided to that county's board of county commissioners under section 303.61 of the Revised Code.

Sec. 4906.31. (A) Not later than three days after an application for a certificate, or a material amendment to an existing certificate, for a utility facility is found to be in compliance with division (A) of section 4906.06 of the Revised Code by the chairperson of the power siting board or the chairperson's designee, is accepted by the power siting board, and the filing fee is paid by the applicant, the board shall provide a full and complete copy of the application to each board of trustees and each board of county commissioners of the townships or counties in which the facility is to be located.

- (B) The copy of the application may be provided in any of the following formats:
- (1) Paper copy:
- (2) Electronic format:
- (3) An electronic communication containing a link to the application, if posted on the board's web site.
- Section 2. That existing sections 4906.01, 4906.02, and 4906.10 of the Revised Code are hereby repealed.
- Section 3. (A) The provisions of this act shall apply to any application for a certificate, or a material amendment to an existing certificate, for an economically significant wind farm or large wind farm that is not found to be in compliance with division (A) of section 4906.06 of the Revised Code by the chairperson of the power siting board or the chairperson's designee and accepted by the board not later than thirty days after the effective date of S.B. 52 of the 134th general assembly.
- (B) Any application or a material amendment for an economically significant wind farm or large wind farm not found to be in compliance with division (A) of section 4906.06 of the Revised Code by the chairperson of the power siting board or the chairperson's designee and accepted by the board not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section shall be subject to review by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the utility facility is to be located. The board of county commissioners shall have ninety days after the effective date of this section to review the application and to adopt such resolution as set forth in section 303.62 of the Revised Code.
- Section 4. (A) The provisions of this act shall not apply to any application for a certificate, or material amendment to an existing certificate, from the power siting board for a large solar facility

that is in the PJM interconnection and regional transmission organization, L.L.C., new services queue at the time the application is found to be in compliance with division (A) of section 4906.06 of the Revised Code by the chairperson of the power siting board or the chairperson's designee and is accepted by the board if, as of the effective date of this section:

- (1) The applicant has received a completed system impact study from PJM for the large solar facility; and
  - (2) The applicant has paid the fee for the facilities study to PJM.
- (B) For any large solar facility that meets the requirements of division (A) of this section and has multiple positions in the PJM new services queue under the same legal entity as the applicant, all of the queue positions in effect as of the effective date of this section shall be exempt from the provisions of this act, subject to division (C) of this section.
- (C) If, after the effective date of this section, an applicant for a large solar facility files an additional new service request with PJM, pertaining to the same facility that is in the new services queue, the application shall be subject to review by the board of county commissioners of the county in which the utility facility is to be located.
- (D) If, after the effective date of this section, in order to participate in PJM's capacity market, a large solar facility submits a new queue position for an increase in its capacity interconnection rights, the change in capacity interconnection rights shall not subject the facility to the provisions of this act, provided that the change in rights occurs without increasing the facility's nameplate capacity.

Section 5. For all power siting board proceedings under which an application for a certificate, or a material amendment to an existing certificate, for an economically significant wind farm, large wind farm, or a large solar facility that has not been found to be in compliance with division (A) of section 4906.06 of the Revised Code by the chairperson of the power siting board or the chairperson's designee and accepted by the board as of the effective date of this section, the board shall include the voting ad hoc members required by section 4906.02 of the Revised Code.

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