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**Fairfield County Commissioners' Office**  
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**Review**

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Todd McCullough, Tony Vogel, Ray Stemen, Amy Brown-Thompson, Jeff Porter, Loudan Klein, Corey Clark, Michael Kaper, Dennis Keller, Aundrea Cordle, Donna Fox-Moore, Chief Alex Lape, Rick Szabrak, David Miller, Anna Tobin, Sarah Clagg, Jeff Barron, Ed Laramée, Lisa Reade, James Mako, and Jon Slater, Jr.

**Legal Update**

There was no legal update given.

- **Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List**

- a. Announcements and Date Reminders

Ms. Brown announced the following:

- The next lunch -n- learn session is with the County Sheriff, May 1 at 11:30 am.
- There is no Board of Commissioners meeting on March 27 (next week).
- Wear Blue on April 11 for child abuse prevention awareness.
- Circus Night is April 19.
- The State of the County Address is April 24. This will be at Crossroads, with lunch at 11:30 am and the address beginning at noon. The Lancaster-Fairfield Chamber will send an announcement for RSVPs.

- b. Highlights of Resolutions

Ms. Brown highlighted the resolutions for the voting agenda.

We proposed the approval of a contract with Mark Finchum Excavating, LLC, from South Charleston, Ohio (in Clark County) for the demolition of the former Main Street jail. On Friday, March 16, she reported we opened the bids for the demolition. All bidders attended a pre-bid conference and complied with the RFP requirements, including the submission of signed bids, bid guaranty, non-collusion affidavit, EEO certification, personal property tax disclosure, and drug-free workplace certification. The lowest bid was with Finchum at \$78,550. There were eleven bidders, with the highest bid at \$140,000. We issued a press release about the bid opening.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Board appreciates the work put forth for the Request for Proposals regarding the demolition of the old jail.

JFS proposed approval of a network placement contracts and an agreement relating to the OSU grant for Enhancing Permanency in Children and Families (EPIC). The Ohio State University and child protective services provide evidence-based and evidence-informed services to children and families involved with the child welfare system and will participate in the evaluation of these efforts.

The Engineer proposed declaring the Winchester Road culvert project (viewed and heard last week) a necessity.

The Sheriff proposed approval of transferring a weapon to a retiring officer.

The Major Crimes Unit proposed the salvage of an obsolete vehicle.

The Regional Planning Commission proposed the approval of a right of way dedication at Lithopolis Road, as approved by the Regional Planning Commission.

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We proposed the release of a mortgage lien consistent with CHIP grant terms and conditions.

There were financial resolutions to approve, such as:

- An account to account transfer of appropriations for the Sheriff and Prosecutor (within special revenue funds);
- An advance and appropriations for an EMA grant;
- Fund to fund transfers (and appropriations) relating to OPWC projects;
- Appropriations for the Clerk of Courts Title, JFS, and Juvenile Court (all for special revenue funds; multiple resolutions), and
- The payment of bills as needed.

Previously, it was reported that there would be a resolution forthcoming relating to easements for the Greenfield Water and Sewer sub-district of County Utilities; this is no longer needed because a more efficient option was chosen to reflect the easements within the Recorder's Office - as part of a normal process, as opposed to an additional agreement.

c. Administrative Approvals & Budget Update

Ms. Brown reported that administrative approvals for the week were summarized and included in the review packet. There were no questions posed.

- Administrative approvals for the week were included the review packet. No questions were posed.
- A draft "parameters letter" for 2019's budget preparation was included in the review packet. As it is so early in the process, there is uncertainty surrounding the estimates for revenues and expenditures. However, the following parameters give general guidance for expenditures: Predict a 2% increase in salaries, calculating the 2% as an increase over existing salary expenditures extrapolated for a 12-month period. As a standard, add no new employees to your current table of organization. Estimate a 5% increase in health insurance expenditures, calculating the 5% increase over the existing health expenditures extrapolated for a 12-month period; also accommodate any status changes. Allocations to special revenue funds and agencies should be held flat or within negotiated parameters from the last budget hearing. The letter provided additional guidance and helpful hints. Ms. Brown asked for permission to send the letter to elected officials and department heads, and the commissioners indicated the letter should be sent.
- Revenue reports from the County Auditor regarding permissive sales tax, conveyance fees, and casino revenues were as expected. There were no recommendations for changes to the current projections. Previously, we reviewed sales tax revenues, and we discussed how for 2017, sales tax revenues came in above estimates (about \$300,000 more for the period than estimated), and we did have very conservative estimates based on the MCO issue. The 2018 estimate for sales tax is \$22.17 M, about 1.6% above the 2017 actual collections. Currently, extrapolated sales tax revenues would exceed estimate at just over \$23 M. We will continue to monitor sales tax and other revenue sources to determine if any adjustments are required.
- In connecting with Chief Lape, Ms. Brown verified the amount submitted and approved for reimbursement for jail psychotropic drugs prescribed for inmates: \$21,942 for July – December 2017. Lt. Hodder, the jail administrator who reports to Chief Lape, is preparing the spreadsheets necessary for the OMHAS derived funding. In addition, there will soon be an agreement with the Fairfield County ADAMH Board to provide mental health services at the jail. In addition, we will continue to review any potential for reentry related grant funding.
- The CCAO webinar on Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> was excellent. It was about dealing with guns, marijuana, and background checks. It also addresses FMLA and leave use. The webinar confirmed that all aspects relating to these topics within our personnel policy manual are updated accurately. The CCAO website includes the webinar materials and case law supporting the materials.

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- We are keeping our eyes on proposed legislation, such as the legislative priority surrounding election equipment. Also, Ms. Brown sent a note to Suzanne Delaney with CCAO about our general support of legislation permitting the Prosecutor to represent outside entities, such as RPC.
- Ms. Brown had a teleconference with Jeremiah Upp and representatives from the Ohio Development Services Agency regarding the potential of a loan which will behave as a grant for the Ballard Lane project. There is a potential of about \$500,000 in state funding which should behave like a grant. Ms. Brown will serve as the lead contact for the application.
- On Thursday, March 15, Ms. Brown met with Kristy Burns, who is working with the Lancaster Playhouse, a non-profit entity, who proposes a Lancaster Playhouse Arts Consortium to nurture and promote a vibrant arts community, provide enriching arts and education experiences, and bring people together to support a strong performing and cultural arts community. Along with Rick Szabrak, she will meet again to evaluate plans and proposals in support of the improving the quality of life in Fairfield County. They plan to meet on March 27.

Commissioner Davis stated that he met with folks a few years ago regarding this endeavor. The scope of the performing arts center was a bit large back then. He has met with them recently and their approach is now much more modest to provide an appropriate outlet for entertainment. He expresses his support for their project.

- On March 16, Ms. Brown connected with Commissioner Kiger and provided an administrative update of recent activities, such as the contract with DLZ, the plans for 108 N. High, and the multiple press releases issued during Sunshine Week. We also reviewed the "budget parameters" letter in draft form. Finally, we reviewed the recently updated personnel policy manual, and he authorized me to submit his paperwork noting he received a copy of the manual electronically. He continues to receive email updates, as well. He says "hello" to everyone as he continues his recovery. He stated he hopes to return home in April.
- We advertised the following for the Fairfield County Park District:

"The Fairfield County Park District is surveying residents to find ways to attract more people to the parks.

The general survey for all county residents is found here:

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4105336/General-Survey-2018>

Another survey for educators is found here:

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/4182725/Educators-Survey-2018>

Please take a moment to offer your input to the Fairfield County Park District!"

d. BRAVOs

- Thank you to Commander Lowe and Scott Duff for their Lunch N Learn presentation on March 13<sup>th</sup>. It was very well attended, and the power point presentation was sent globally to all employees.
- Thank you to Branden Meyer and Dennis Keller for organizing signs and parking for the Hall of Justice.
- Thank you to Rick Szabrak, Workforce and Economic Development Director, for presenting at the State of the Schools address. The growing connections with workforce and economic development continue to be encouraging.

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- Congratulations to the ADAMH Board for their successful strategic planning event.
- Old Business

- Response from Ohio Attorney General's Office

Commissioner Davis asked Ms. Brown-Thompson to notify him immediately when the response is received.

- Mental Health Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Brown reported she provided opening comments at the Mental Health Strategic Planning Session on March 15 at 8:30 a.m. During the event, participants reviewed current mental health and addiction services, the current context for decision-making, and a prioritization of needs. Members of the ADAMH Board and leadership will be following up with all stakeholders. Service need areas discussed included school-based prevention, community-based prevention, parent and grandparent support, crises response, case management, home-based treatment, residential treatment, intensive out-patient treatment, quick response teams, peer support, housing, and employment.

- Project Review - with some pictures of the (Baldwin) Emergency and Facilities Management Center

Ms. Brown reported that presently, Fairfield County is progressing on the demolition of the Main Street phase 1 (former jail), the old maintenance garage, and the Conrad building (once closed); parking lot improvements for the Reese Peters House and the Main Street phase 2 project; remodeling of 108 N. High (the future home of Real Estate Assessment Offices), the (Baldwin) Emergency and Facilities Management Center, and the (Chestnut) Records and Training Center; new projects for a radio tower, Sheriff's garage (near the former Alternative School), and a firing range (at the landfill); potential transfers of property; and three facilities related work groups: security, environmental stewardship, and drone implementation. We have talked about each of these projects over time, and we are going to feature various projects in updates throughout the year.

We had pictures of the completed garage at the (Baldwin) Emergency and Facilities Management Center. Jon Kochis, EMA Director, is very happy to have this dedicated space. Dennis Keller, Facilities Manager, indicated they were happy with the new garage, as well. They are nearly all moved out of the old maintenance garage.

Mr. Keller presented a few pictures of the new building. The building structure is 10,000 square feet.

Commissioner Davis stated that he appreciated the work of the staff considering all the projects that are going on.

Commissioner Levacy stated that the garage was needed for EMA vehicle storage and for a place to prepare for disasters. He also thanked the Clerk of Courts for the transfer of Certificate of Title dollars.

- New Business

- Letters of Collaboration for Two Grants, Perry County Soil and Water Conservation District and Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District

Ms. Brown prepared two letters of collaboration. One was for the Licking County Soil and Water Conservation District; the other was for the Perry County Soil and Water Conservation District. Both were in conjunction with Fairfield County Water and Sewer District, relating to applications for the Ohio Watershed Coordinator Grant

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Program. We understand the watershed coordinator position would be focused on the Buckeye Lake Region of the South Fork Licking River Watershed. We will stay tuned on the grantor review of the applications. The letters of collaboration were in the review packet.

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- a. Amber Park Assisted Living's Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m. – Location: 401 Hill Road North, Pickerington
- b. Older Youth Banquet on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – Location: Shalom United Methodist Church, Carroll (RSVP needed) *Commissioner Levacy will attend.*
- c. Junior Achievement Banquet on Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. – Location: Shalom United Methodist Church, Carroll (RSVP needed) *Commissioner Levacy will attend.*
- d. South Central Power's Our Solar Dedication Ceremony on Tuesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. – Location: 619 Mill Park Drive (RSVP needed)

- FYI

Ms. Brown reported the following information.

- a. The *jail population* is now 306.
- b. We issued *press releases* for:
  - Child Abuse Prevention Awareness,
  - The transfer of property to retain the business of Variety Floors in Fairfield County,
  - The public hearing for the Land Use Plan (described above),
  - DACO parking lot improvements for accessibility,
  - EMA's weather spotters' training, and
  - The bids for demolition of the former Main Street jail. An article was drafted in the Eagle Gazette about the bids.
- c. The *Columbus Dispatch* featured an article on March 18, 2018, about the "START" (*Sobriety, Treatment and Reducing Trauma*) project, which is primarily funded by federal grant money passed through Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's office. Child Protective Services gets involved with families when reports of child abuse or neglect are investigated and cases opened. The START project is intensive. This evidence-based approach involves peer recovery coaches to work with the county caseworkers and families. This is an encouraging project that could help save lives and keep families together. Thank you to everyone for their hard work.
- d. We received a notice from *Liquor Control for Buckeye Cantina* and forwarded to the Sheriff for comments. The notice is in the review packet.
- e. We included the *MOW 2019 levy budget proposal* for review.
- f. We included the *March 16, 2018, article in the Eagle Gazette* about county owned property (soccer fields) in the review packet.

- Issues Bin – Two Items

- *Obtaining information from ODNR*

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We have one outstanding request for approval of a dock permit in a county right of way and need to seek information from ODNR.

○ *Interest in County Owned Property (Informational Item)*

Following up on the March 16, 2018, article in the Eagle Gazette about county owned property (soccer fields), we continue to await an economic impact statement. There is nothing new to report from a county perspective. There is nothing before the Board of County Commissioners for evaluation. The article was in the review packet.

• Open Items (none)

**Meals on Wheels update**

A meeting with Anna Tobin and Sarah Clagg with Meals on Wheels was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 beginning at 9:20 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Todd McCullough, Tony Vogel, Ray Stemen, Amy Brown-Thompson, Jeff Porter, Loudan Klein, Corey Clark, Michael Kaper, Dennis Keller, Aundrea Cordle, Donna Fox-Moore, Chief Alex Lape, Rick Szabrak, David Miller, Anna Tobin, Sarah Clagg, Jeff Barron, Ed Laramée, Lisa Reade, James Mako, and Jon Slater, Jr.

Ms. Tobin reported that 2017 was a successful year. Thanks to the levy funding, they could provide services to more older adults this year, and there was no waiting list. Funding was forwarded to ten senior clubs and six community organizations. Everyone that applied for grant funding was funded. In the past few years, Meals on Wheels had to use reserve monies to provide services. Purchasing the school for their new facility was a good investment based on the growing population. They should be in their new facility by the end of the year. No levy revenue was used for the purchase or renovation of the new facility. Volunteers are still in need. She thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support.

Commissioner Davis stated that he was extremely encouraged by the update and offered to be helpful.

Ms. Brown stated that Meals on Wheels will have a display showing their statistics and displaying their work at the State of the County Address.

**Regional Planning Commission update to Long-Term Land Use Plan**

Introduction: Commissioner Davis reported that the Long-Term Land Use Plan was approved by the Regional Planning Commission on Tuesday, March 6, 2018. He asked the Ms. Brown-Thompson to be helpful to Mr. Klein is documenting the process for approval and in determining an appropriate implementation date.

Mr. Klein stated that the plan is used as guidance.

**Public Hearing to update the Long-Term Land Use Plan**

Loudan Klein, RPC Director, led a public hearing to describe the Land Use Plan and to accept additional feedback. The plan is also available for review by the public at [www.co.fairfield.oh.us/rpc](http://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/rpc) or at the office of the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission, 210 E. Main Street, Room 302, Lancaster, Ohio between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please contact the Regional Planning Office at (740)-652-7110 to receive a copy. This information was made available with a press release and on the county website.

Commissioner Davis opened the hearing at 9:30 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Todd McCullough, Tony Vogel, Ray Stemen, Amy Brown-Thompson, Jeff Porter, Loudan Klein, Corey Clark, Michael Kaper, Dennis Keller, Aundrea Cordle, Donna Fox-Moore, Chief Alex

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Lape, Rick Szabrak, David Miller, Leah Hackleman-Good, Jeff Barron, Ed Laramée, Lisa Reade, James Mako, and Jon Slater, Jr.

Mr. Klein reviewed the summary of the Long-Term Land Use Plan. (See presentation summary attached to minutes.)

Mr. Klein asked if there were any questions. None were posed. He offered handouts to everyone and said he could email the link of the presentation as needed.

Commissioner Davis asked for clarification about when the new plan would go into effect. He asked that Mr. Klein and Ms. Brown-Thompson work together to review that issue. It was thought from the 2002 experience that the plan would go into effect on the date that the resolution to adopt it was passed.

Ms. Brown stated that Jonathan Ferbrache with Soil & Water Conservation could not be here today; however, she was aware of his extensive involvement and how he was pleased in the ways agriculture protection was balanced with economic development. She was aware of multiple sub-committee meetings in which multiple stakeholders participated in providing input.

Mr. Szabrak stated that Economic Development as a department worked with Mr. Klein and others on the plan. It was an interesting process working around farmland preservation.

Ms. Brown stated that the plan is expected to have a very long life - just like the last one implemented in 2002.

Mr. Stemen stated that he read reports issued by state and federal government bodies. He believed that too often local communities lost control of decisions about land use. He related this concept to "Agenda 21" of the United Nations.

Commissioner Davis stated that he understood what Mr. Stemen was addressing, but this particular document, the Fairfield County Land Use Plan, should not be viewed in that way (with concern about restrictions from higher governing bodies). The Land Use Plan is not correcting any process. He is looking forward and thinking about local strategies. He does not feel pressure from above.

Mr. Levacy stated that the plan is helpful in addressing growth problems of Violet Township and the City of Pickerington. This plan also incorporates strategies for the Buckeye Lake Region with its expected growth.

Mr. Davis added that his philosophy on governance is to approach any question with a hopeful ability to provide permission rather than to provide restriction, although it is known that restrictions are put in place in order to be helpful to the common good, such as for safety or health reasons.

Mr. Klein stated that this plan is used for guidance for development in our county.

With no further comments from any participant, Commissioner Davis closed the hearing at 9:54 a.m.

**Recess**

Commissioner Davis stated at 9:54 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the voting meeting.

**Commissioners' Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 beginning at 10:02 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Lisa Reade, Jeff Porter, Amy Brown-Thompson, Chief Alex Lape, Aundrea Cordle, Todd McCullough, Corey Clark, Rick

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Szabrak, Davis Miller, Ed Laramée, Jeff Barron, Holly Mattei, John Eisel, Ray Stemen, Tony Vogel, Jon Slater, Jr., and Loudan Klein.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Announcements**

Commissioner Davis asked if there were any announcements.

Ms. Knisley stated that there is no Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting the week of March 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Comment**

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

Mr. Ray Stemen of 2444 West Pointe Road, Lancaster, Ohio, stated that there is a vote today or tomorrow with state legislators regarding the 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment. He asked that everyone contact their local representatives. He also expressed his concern that representatives in Washington D.C. are attempting to restrict 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights by taking away the right to have guns.

**Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, March 13, 2018 Regular Meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of the Clerk of Courts Title Resolution**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Clerk of Courts Title Resolution:

2018-03.20.a            A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds for Clerk of Courts Title Fund 2326 Certificate/Title Admin

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of Commissioners/Community Action Resolution**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners/Community Action Resolution:

2018-03.20.b            Approval of Release of mortgage liens for assistance provided through the FY 2006 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) for Martha Sanders [Community Action]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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**Approval of the Emergency Management Agency Resolutions**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Emergency Management Agency Resolutions:

- 2018-03.20.c            A resolution to request for appropriations for receipts for EMA fund 2091 (Subfund 8129) Hazardous Materials Planning Grant Fund [EMA]
- 2018-03.20.d            A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to 2091 (Subfund 8129) Hazardous Materials Planning Grant.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

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

- 2018-03.20.e            A resolution of increase appropriations, appropriate from unappropriate, account to account and fund to fund transfer for WAL-24 bridge replacement
- 2018-03.20.f            A resolution of increase appropriations, appropriate from unappropriate, account to account and fund to fund transfer for CLE-27 bridge replacement
- 2018-03.20.g            A Resolution to Declare the Winchester Road CR23-1.913 Culvert Replacement Project a Necessity.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of the Facilities Resolution**

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

- 2018-03.20.h            A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Contract Bid Award for the Demolition of the 221 East Main Street Jail Building [Facilities]

Discussion:

Mr. Keller stated that with the bid opening, there were eleven bidders. With this contract approval, they are aiming for April 2<sup>nd</sup> to start demolition. The demolition should be completed by the end of April.

Ms. Brown stated that she informed Mayor Scheffler with the City of Lancaster about the project to let him know that a request for a permit would be coming soon to the City of Lancaster.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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**Approval of Job and Family Services Resolutions**

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

- 2018-03.20.i            A resolution regarding Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Safely Home, Inc., and Job and Family Services, Child Protective Services Department [JFS]
- 2018-03.20.j            A resolution regarding approval of an Agreement between The Ohio State University and Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fairfield County Child Protective Services Division [JFS]
- 2018-03.20.k            A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 2758 – Protective Service Levy - Fairfield County JFS [JFS]
- 2018-03.20.l            A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 2758 – Protective Service Levy - Fairfield County JFS [JFS]
- 2018-03.20.m            A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 2758 – Protective Service Levy - Fairfield County JFS [JFS]
- 2018-03.20.n            A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 2758 – Protective Service Levy - Fairfield County JFS [JFS]
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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of Juvenile Court Resolution**

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

- 2018-03.20.p            A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category – Juvenile Court #2641 Title IV-E Fund

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of Major Crimes Unit**

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

- 2018-03.20.q            A resolution to approve the disposal of obsolete assets within the Fairfield Hocking Athens Major Crimes Unit and Fairfield County Commissioners [Sheriff -Major Crimes Unit]

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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of Prosecutor Resolution**

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

2018-03.20.r            A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer into a major expense category - Prosecutor

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of Regional Planning Resolution**

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

2018-03.20.s            A resolution to accept right-of-way in conjunction with the purchase of a parcel by Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of Sheriff's Office Resolutions**

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

2018-03.20.t            A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer Fund 2593 Concealed Carry [Sheriff]

2018-03.20.u            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: Dave Levacy and Steve Davis  
Absent: Mike Kiger

**Approval of Payment of Bills Resolution**

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

2018-03.20.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: Dave Levacy and Steve Davis  
Absent: Mike Kiger

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Ms. Knisley stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Board does not experience many situations where they do not have meetings scheduled, other than late in December and early January. In any event of emergency, the Board of Commissioners will do what is necessary to conduct business.

**Meeting with Holly Mattei, Violet Township Development Director**

A meeting with Holly Mattei, Violet Township Development Director held on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 beginning at 10:12 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Lisa Reade, Jeff Porter, Amy Brown-Thompson, Chief Alex Lape, Aundrea Cordle, Todd McCullough, Corey Clark, Rick Szabrak, Davis Miller, Ed Laramée, Jeff Barron, Holly Mattei, John Eisel, Ray Stemen, Tony Vogel, Jon Slater, Jr., and Loudan Klein.

Ms. Mattei reported that Violet Township was moving forward with building a Community Center. They have contracted with Moody Noland for a feasibility study. They have also contracted with Rockmill Financial to consult on funding options. The topic of a Community Center will be on the ballot in May of 2019. Violet Township is making stakeholders aware of their plans throughout the county. There are no obligations of the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Mattei added that leaders of Violet Township would love to have the Commission involved and are happy to provide updates on a regular basis.

Commissioner Davis stated that he assumed the Community Center will be guided by the feasibility study.

Ms. Mattei stated that was accurate. In addition, leaders of Violet Township and the City of Pickerington sent out a survey to identify community priorities. A top priority from the survey was the need for a competition swimming pool. They hope to partner with the schools. Another priority was to connect walking trails to a new community center, which is consistent with the active transportation plans.

Ms. Brown stated that she would like to be helpful and will work with Ms. Mattei in any way she can. Commissioner Davis stated that he was interested and is willing to be helpful.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, on the motion of Dave Levacy and a second of Steve Davis the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:18 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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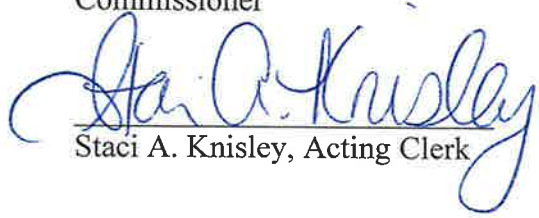
Motion by: Dave Levacy      Seconded by: Steve Davis

that the March 20, 2018 minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Levacy, Davis      NAYS: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None      ABsent: Kiger

\*Approved on April 3, 2018

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March 20, 2018

  
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Commissioner  
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Dave Levacy  
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# **FAIRFIELD COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING**

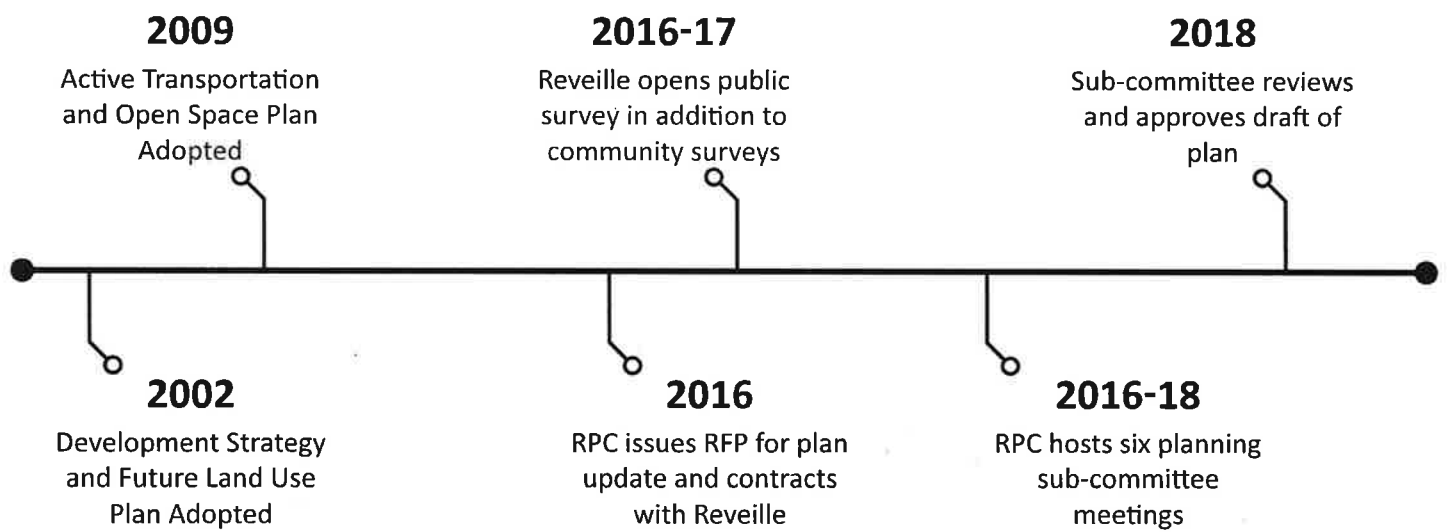
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**March 20, 2018- 9:30 A.M.**

Public Hearing - Adoption of the Update to the 2002  
Development Strategy and Land Use Plan

## TIMELINE

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## PURPOSE AND GOALS

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The purpose of the plan itself is to establish the general framework for recommending where development and preservation efforts are most appropriate while identifying best practices and resources available to accomplish these efforts.

The plan will be utilized in the following ways:

- Basis for development and refinement of community infrastructure services, programs, and regulations.
- Private decision making regarding the nature and timing of land development, farming, and conservation.
- Decisions regarding land use changes reviewed through zoning regulations
- Intergovernmental coordination and understanding
- Immersing residents, businesses and stakeholders into community development
- Measuring changes in the physical, social, or economic makeup of the County

## PLAN BREAKDOWN

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Executive Summary

Public Participation

Population and Demographics

Connectivity

Growth Management

Prosperity

Plan Implementation

Appendices

# FEEDBACK

## Public Involvement Process:

- Stakeholder interviews, six sub-committee meetings, two interactive surveys

## Community Surveys:

- Yielded nearly 1000 responses between general public and farmland specific survey

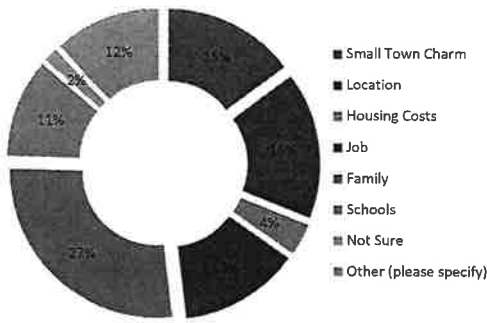
## Survey Questions:

- Describe community in one word, reasons for living in FC, priorities for next 10 years, emerging planning themes

Identify the biggest challenge facing Fairfield County and/or your community?

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| ▪ Job retention                 | ▪ Preserving natural resources    |
| ▪ Stopping urban sprawl         | ▪ Lack of prosperity              |
| ▪ Funding for public schools    | ▪ Embracing change                |
| ▪ Handling the drug epidemic    | ▪ Reviving Buckeye Lake           |
| ▪ Addressing traffic congestion | ▪ Lack of police services         |
| ▪ Infrastructure upkeep         | ▪ Lack of leadership              |
| ▪ Increasing population         | ▪ Accommodating population wisely |

I choose to live in Fairfield County because?



## PLANNING THEMES

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**BALANCING INTERESTS** (GROWTH MANAGEMENT ,REVITALIZATION, FARMLAND PRESERVATION)

**The Growth Artery: US Route 33**

**Increased Residential Development Pressures from Franklin Co.**

Adoption of New Tools to Promote Sustainable Development

Develop Effective Property Maintenance Tools

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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### CONNECTIVITY

- Create a transportation master plan
- Formalize access management policies
- Expand pedestrian infrastructure and mobility opportunities
- Develop wayfinding and signage plan
- Create parks and recreation master plan
- Leverage grant resources

### GROWTH MANAGEMENT

- Develop effective nuisance and property maintenance standards
- Leverage incentives and tools to improve housing and public infrastructure in targeted neighborhoods
- Promote grassroots efforts and public/private partnerships that enhance neighborhood quality of life
- Develop and deploy sustainable land use and zoning tools
- Protect prime agricultural lands
- Beautify Fairfield County
- Protect sensitive areas
- Develop water and sewer master plan
- Amend Fairfield Co. Subdivision Regulations

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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### PROSPERITY

- Continue to refine and implement an aggressive program to preserve prime farmland
- Work with Ag. community to identify issues identified in farmland survey
- Increase accessibility to healthy and locally-sourced food
- Revisit the economic incentive toolbox
- Encourage thriving downtowns
- Market community assets
- Support workforce development efforts and partnerships
- Expand the County's GIS to support planning and economic development efforts

### PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- Plan Implementation Toolbox
  - Planning tools are provided with target planning areas, and best practices
- Plan Implementation Table
  - Highlights each strategy, each agency or political body who should contribute and length of time to complete

# RECOMMENDATIONS

## PLAN IMPLEMENTATION TOOLBOX

Tool	Summary	Target Planning Area	Best Practice Example
Compact Development	Promotes a mixture of uses with pedestrian orientation. Sets standards for what types of uses will be on the first and second floors of buildings.	Growth Areas RMAs	Shaker Heights, OH Cleveland, OH Mantua, OH

## PLAN IMPLEMENTATION TABLE

Plan Element	Strategy	Collaborating Entity or Organization						Time Frame	Percent Complete
		RPC	County Organizations	City/Village Council	Township Trustees	Area Schools	Local/Other Organizations		
	Amend the Fairfield County Subdivision Regulations	X	Commissioners; County Engineer; County Utilities; Health Department; SWCD		X		Local Developers	M	

## NEXT STEPS

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- **ADOPT THROUGH RPC** ✓

**ADOPT THROUGH BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**EVALUATE PLAN & FUTURE LAND USE MAP ON YEARLY BASIS**

**FOCUS ON SHORT TERM GOALS IN THE NEXT 2-3 YEARS**

- ▼ **CONTINUALLY ANALYZE MID AND LONG TERM GOALS EACH YEAR**