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Review

The Commissioners met at 9:05 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Ron Osgood, Mary Beth Lane, Chief Perrigo, Jim Bahnsen, Ray Stemen, Todd McCullough, Michael Kaper, Mike Miller, Corey Clark, Don Sherman, Lisa Notestone, Carl Burnett, Danni Vandergiff, Jon Kochis, Dennis Keller, Bob Clark, David Miller, and Jon Slater.

- Legal Update

Mr. Dolin did not have a legal update.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

Ms. Brown thanked Mr. Dolin for forwarding a construction bulletin. She will review it and make sure that the legal counsel working on the jail project has it as well.

- a. Highlights of Resolutions/Proclamations

Ms. Brown provided highlights of the resolutions.

JFS proposes the renewal of a contract for maintenance services with Northwoods.

Regional Planning proposes the approval of Violet Meadows Section 3 Replat for Lots 83 and 84.

There are several financial resolutions, including an advance for the AIMS related local government innovation fund, appropriations for enterprise and special revenue funds, appropriations relating to the Developmental Disabilities building debt service, and account to account transfers of appropriations.

The Law Library proposes to dispose of obsolete books, books with no value.

Veteran Services proposes a vehicle purchase. (Older vehicles that they are no longer using have been donated to other departments.)

Sewer assessments for December and January are proposed.

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The Engineer proposes financial resolutions, two bridge projects, a contract approval with DLZ for engineering consulting services, and the 2015 Liquid Asphalt project.

There are "then and now" items to approve for payment.

b. Administrative Approvals

The review packet contained a list of administrative approvals for the week. There were no questions about the approved items which were the payment of bills.

c. Public Safety Facility and Financing Update

Ms. Brown reported that administrative staff continues to meet with subject matter experts and independent contractors. The concept of a construction management at risk delivery method has been under review and the request for qualifications was issued. It is posted on the website. There is a statutory 30 day period for RFQ. If there are any questions about the RFQ, either Ms. Brown or Mr. Keller can answer them.

Mr. Keller added that he recently received a letter of approval from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction for phase three of the project which gets to the point of the construction. Building plans can now be finalized. There are two more phases; however those phases take place during construction.

d. Fairfield County Energy Project – Savings

Ms. Brown reported that the current savings with the energy project is \$95,896.38, above the projected savings of \$89,397.33. The review packet contains a summary.

In addition, Ms. Brown reported that Palmer Energy is to refresh the bids for electricity purchase later in the day. The agreements can be ratified by Board of Commissioner resolution next week in accordance with an approved motion made in February that authorized her signature for the agreements.

Mr. Davis asked if other entities can still join the county wide energy aggregation program.

Ms. Brown stated that they could within the process for doing so and that Mr. Bradish would be speaking at the RPC meeting in May. For those

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interested in joining the aggregation, they will have an opportunity to ask questions, such as the ballot process.

e. 2016 Budget Parameters – Draft Communications

Ms. Brown reported that the review packet contains a draft communication for April 8. April 8 is the first day that formally marks the beginning of the 2016 budget activities. The parameters are the same as they were last year: generally speaking, the parameters are a 2% increase in salaries, no new employees, no other increases, and an opportunity for a voluntary budget hearing. Please review the letter and offer any suggestions for changes. It will be sent by email on April 8.

Ms. Brown reported that she provided the letter in advance to Commission department heads. One suggestion is to note how she should be notified if there is a grant in progress that requires a match. She is going to add a sentence about that topic.

f. March 24 – State of the County Address – Debriefing

The State of the County Address was held March 24th at Liberty Center. The Board discussed the event.

Mr. Davis felt that while the number of attendees was up it was not only due to the Buckeye Lake State Park news but also due to the Northwest corner of the county's increased interest.

Mr. Levacy stated that he felt as if the event was very well organized and flowed very well. Mr. Kiger agreed and mentioned some technical difficulties with the microphones early on in the event.

g. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month. Everyone should wear blue to work on April 8 for awareness. Rachel Elsea will send email to invite people to take a picture with us, and we can tweet that picture. April 23 is the Candlelight Walk and is Circus Night. A press release was issued, and it is in the review packet. The Commissioners and County Administrator will be attending a breakfast with JFS on April 8. A proclamation is prepared for April 7 and will be presented on April 8.

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h. BRAVOS!

- Ms. Brown offered positive feedback as follows:
 - Thanks to Staci Knisley for serving as Acting Clerk while Rachel Elsea was on Family Leave. Also, thanks to Christina Foster and Theresa Hayes for the teamwork. Welcome back to Rachel Elsea!
 - Congratulations to Todd McCullough and his team at the Fairfield County Dog Adoption Center and Shelter for earning Heart Safe Accreditation!
 - The Financial Transaction Devices Request for Proposals has been posted on our website. This is a follow up to the Board of Commissioners resolution passed earlier. The concept was also discussed at the Leadership Conference last year. Thanks to the work group for their hard work in organizing the RFP.
 - Bravo to Branden Meyer, Clerk of Courts, for offering a roundtable meeting for title examiners and attorneys. This is a good example of reaching out to help increase understanding of county processes.
- Mr. Kiger thanked Dennis Keller and his team for patching some of the potholes in the alley. It was thought that the responsibility was that of the City of Lancaster, but it is nice that Mr. Keller and his team took the initiative.

- Old Business

a. Buckeye Lake State Park Dam

John Wisse was scheduled to meet with the Board of Commissioners at 11 am. He is the point of contact assigned by ODNR to Fairfield County.

There is a teleconference planned on April 1 to discuss the potential of an economic study for the region of the Buckeye Lake State Park.

Mr. Kochis added that FEMA Region V was currently assessing the flood zones and expect their report to take a few months for completion.

Mr. Levacy stated that the second dredge was delivered and there were questions among the residents regarding this.

Mr. Kochis added that the state has asked for a voluntary evacuation drill on April 25th which will be part of the longer planning process.

Mr. Davis asked if Mr. Kochis needed any help with this drill.

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Mr. Kochis stated he had everything he needed.

Ms. Brown stated that Mr. Clark was arranging a conference call for April 1st to discuss a potential study on the economic impact surrounding the Buckeye Lake State Park region. Ms. Brown will join the call.

Mr. Clark stated that Perry County was on board with the study and that he was still trying to confirm Licking County's interest.

Mr. Davis stated that Commissioner Flowers in Licking County informed him they would be participating as well.

- New Business

- a. Worthington Industries

Ms. Brown reported that Worthington Industries announced it was laying off 80 workers from its Bremen Oil and Gas Equipment location as part of a companywide reduction in workforce plan. JFS personnel are engaged in the Rapid Response component of serving the workers. Notification from ODJFS indicated that there were reductions in worker in Wooster (35) and in other locations for a total of 245 workers being affected. The reduction is reportedly due to the falling prices of gas. We have a summary of the WARN process from the Department of Labor.

Corey Clark from FCJFS was available to discuss the steps we are taking locally to be of help. There is a "Rapid Response" effort planned. Corey Clark provided a packet of information that was being prepared for the workers.

Bob Clark added that there was a company at Canal Point which may be able to hire several welders later this year and that they were forwarding the information to Worthington Industries' HR department. Worthington Industries does not expect to rehire within the next 18 months due to the economic outlook.

Mr. Miller reported he was in daily contact with Worthington Industries and ODJFS.

Commissioner Davis stated the Commissioners would help out in any way they can.

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b. Letter from Fairfield Heritage Foundation

Ms. Brown reported that a letter was received from the foundation encouraging the Commissioners to conserve historic properties. Ms. Brown has scheduled a meeting with Dennis Keller and Jon Slater regarding the Veteran Services building. That meeting is to take place on April 21, and she will report back to the Board of Commissioners.

c. Email Dialogue with Carol Phillips regarding CFLP related equipment

Ms. Brown or Ms. Phillips will be sending email to public entities regarding obsolete playground equipment available for public purposes. The equipment is expected to be provided on a "first come" basis. Mr. Davis stated that this was fine. Mr. Levacy and Mr. Kiger agreed.

Pre-Audit Meeting with the State Auditor

On the motion of Steve Davis and second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session – Meeting with the State Auditor – Annual Pre-Audit Financial at 9:37 a.m. Discussion: Commissioner Davis stated that the following be present: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Levacy and Commissioner Kiger, Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin, Jon Slater, Rachel Elsea, Lisa Notestone, David Miller, Ed Laramée, Brian Bibler, Tim Kraft, and Judy Story.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

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

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

Roll call on the motion as follows:

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

Review Continued

The Commissioners met at 9:47 a.m. to continue review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Ed Laramée, Ray Stemen, Jon Slater, and Jim Bahnsen.

- **General Correspondence Received**

- a. Liquor Permit for Cardos Pizza.

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The Sheriff's Office reported that there were no major concerns as most of the runs were minor in nature. Ms. Elsea will also forward the information to Prevention Works.

- b. Request from Mr. William Hines to be added to Sheriff's towing rotation.

This request was forwarded to the Sheriff's Office for a response. It was requested that the Commissioners be copied on the response.

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- a. OU-L Annual Student Art Show – Thursday, April 9th from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. in the Raymond S. Wilkes Gallery for the Visual Arts

No Commissioners plan to attend.

- b. Canal Winchester Business Excellence Awards – Friday, April 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Wagnall's Memorial Library

- Bob Clark will attend.

- c. Congressman Steve Stivers Job Fair – Monday, May 11th from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center in Columbus.

- Mike Miller is to attend.

- FYI (No items reported)

- Issues Bin

- a. Sensory Trail & Park – Ms. Brown reported that there was no news regarding this topic. We await information from the Parks District as to how the proposal presented by Mr. Keller works. We have also let the Soil and Water Conservation District officials and Friends of Sensory Trail know that we will be cooperative with the indemnity agreement if work is to proceed prior to any potential transfer of property.

- Open Items

Mr. Levacy stated he would be having lunch with Congressman Stivers on Friday and planned on discussing the 33 Interchange and Buckeye Lake State Park Dam.

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Recess

Commissioner Davis stated at 9:52 a.m. that the Commission would take a recess until the 10:00 regular meeting.

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 beginning at 10:03 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin, Jeff Porter, Carl Burnett, Mary Beth Lane, Ed Laramée, Michael Kaper, Park Russell, Dennis Keller, Don Sherman, Ray Stemen, Jim Bahnsen, Jon Slater, Jon Kochis, and Branden Meyer.

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. Elsea stated that Park Russell with Veterans Services asked to table resolution 2014-03.31.v as they need to purchase two vehicles instead of one.

Public Comment

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

No comments were made.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, March 24, 2015, Regular Meeting

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, March 24, 2015 Regular Meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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Approval of the Commissioners' Office Resolutions

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

- 2015-03.31.a A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to the AIMS/LGI Fund # 3815 [Commissioners]
- 2015-03.31.b A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to the Fairfield County Airport Fuel Fund # 5786 [Commissioners]
- 2015-03.31.c A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in major expenditure object category – Fairfield County Commissioners Debt Service Fund# 4794, DD Pickerington Regional Office [Commissioners]
- 2015-03.31.d A resolution authorizing the County Auditor to assess and place on the tax duplicate delinquent sewer rentals for the Buckeye Lake Sewer System for the dates of December 15, 2014 through January 15, 2015 [Commissioners]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Engineer's Office resolutions

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

- 2015-03.31.e A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for salt purchases and supplies [Engineer]
- 2015-03.31.f A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for facility and fuel pump repairs [Engineer]
- 2015-03.31.g A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce membership fees for 2015 [Engineer]
- 2015-03.31.h A resolution to approve the Agreement between Fairfield County and DLZ Ohio, Inc. to provide a safety study. [Engineer]

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- 2015-03.31.i A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for the 2015 Purchase of Liquid Asphalt. [Engineer]
- 2015-03.31.j A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for the Sale of Scrap Metal & Aluminum. [Engineer]
- 2015-03.31.k A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for the MAD-33, FAI-CR24-5.22 Clearport Road Bridge Replacement Project. [Engineer]
- 2015-03.31.l A Resolution to Approve the Contract with BUD's, Inc. for the AMA-04, FAI-CR57-3.762 Rock Mill Road over Sand Run Bridge Replacement Project. [Engineer]
- 2015-03.31.m A Resolution to Approve the Notice to Commence [Engineer]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Family, Adult, and Children First Council Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Family, Adult, and Children First Council's resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category for Fairfield County Family, Adult, and Children First Council Fund; see resolution 2015-03.31.n.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Job & Family Services Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Job & Family Services resolution regarding a Software Support Agreement between Northwoods Consulting Partners, Inc. and Job & Family Services; see resolution 2015-03.31.o.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Juvenile/Probate Court Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Juvenile/Probate Court resolutions:

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- 2015-03.31.p A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category – Juvenile Court Fund #2317 Juvenile Computer Fund [Juvenile/Probate Court]
- 2015-03.31.q A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category – Probate Court, #2316 Probate Computer Fund [Probate Court] [Juvenile/Probate Court]
- 2015-03.31.r A resolution approving an account to account transfer Juvenile Court [Juvenile/Probate Court]

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

Approval of the Law Library Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Law Library resolution regarding the disposal of obsolete books in the Fairfield County Law Library; see resolution 2015-03.31.s.

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

Approval of the Regional Planning Commission Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Regional Planning Commission resolution to approve a Re-Plat of Lots 83 and 84 of the Violet Meadows Section 3 Subdivision; see resolution 2015-03.31.t.

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

Approval of the Utilities Office Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Utilities Office resolution to appropriate from unappropriated, fund transfer, amend the certificate, update receipt line item request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts for funds 5044, 5046, 5818, and 5823; see resolution 2015-03.31.u.

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

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Tabling of the Veterans Service Commission Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger the Board of Commissioners voted to table the Veterans Service Commission resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2014 Chrysler Town & Country Van; see resolution 2015-03.31.v.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting to table the resolution: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger, and Steve Davis

Approval of Payment of Bills Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Payment of Bills resolution to approve the payment of vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders for all Departments that are approved by the Commissioners; see resolution 2015-03.31.w.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Ms. Elsea announced that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

At 10:11 a.m. Commissioner Davis stated the Commissioners would take a 10 minute recess followed by the continuation of review.

Meeting with Chelsea Faulkner, Secretary of State

The Commissioners met at 10:25 a.m. to meet with Chelsea Faulkner, a representative from the Secretary of State's Office. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Ray Stemen, Jon Kochis, Todd McCullough, Carl Burnett, Chelsea Faulkner, Jason Dolin, Jim Bahnsen, and Bob Clark.

Mr. Davis welcomed Ms. Faulkner.

Ms. Faulkner stated she was working on meeting all elected officials in Fairfield County and was hoping to provide feedback to the Secretary of State as to what is happening in Fairfield County.

Mr. Davis replied that with the upcoming election some precincts would not have any issues which would mean those precincts would not open.

Ms. Faulkner stated that was correct and was the case for many areas in Ohio.

Mr. Davis asked what kind of concerns Ms. Faulkner heard from other Commissioners.

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Ms. Faulkner replied that most asked where the money would be coming from for new voting machines in 2016. Legislation is currently being drafted to address this issue and the OAEO (association of election officers) is currently working with the legislature.

Mr. Levacy asked what the new voting machine requirements would be.

Ms. Faulkner replied that the legislature is still working on the bill, but there was no clear answer yet just many rumors.

Mr. Kiger asked why they couldn't just upgrade the machines they have.

Ms. Faulkner replied that the decision would be up to the legislature.

Mr. Davis stated he appreciated the visit and asked if Ms. Faulkner needed anything from the Commissioners.

Ms. Faulkner stated she liked to stay in touch and learn the backgrounds of the counties in order to report back to the Secretary of State.

Mr. Davis replied that Fairfield County has a good working relationship with the Board of Elections and that the major issues the county is facing are not of the election nature. Major issues include construction of the jail and dealing with issues relating to the Buckeye Lake State Park.

Ms. Brown added that with respect to the support of elections and the work that the Board of Elections does, the county is encouraging county employees to work as poll workers. The Board of Commissioners passed a resolution relatively recently to be supportive of the effort to encourage civic duties in participating in elections as election works. The county also encouraged voter registration.

Ms. Faulkner thanked the Commissioners for meeting with her and stated that their office is also interested in the licensing requirements that the Secretary of State accomplishes. Ms. Brown reported that she has made several referrals to the Secretary of State's website, which is a good resource.

Review Continued

The Commissioners met at 10:36 a.m. to continue review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Ray Stemen, Jon Kochis, Todd McCullough, Carl Burnett, Chelsea Faulkner, Jason Dolin, Jim Bahnsen, and Bob Clark.

Mr. Kiger reminded the elected officials that their financial filings were due by April 15th.

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Meeting with John Wisse, ODNR Representative

The Commissioners met at 11:03 a.m. to with John Wisse, a representative from ODNR. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin, Ray Stemen, Ed Laramée, Jon Kochis, Carl Burnett, Todd McCullough, Dennis Keller, Jim Bahnsen, Branden Meyer, Ron Craig, Trudy Craig, Jon Slater, Michael Kaper, and John Wisse.

Mr. Davis welcomed Mr. Wisse and stated the Commissioners had a few questions and were looking forward to Mr. Wisse's update.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Wisse if, while at the winter pool levels, there is still a risk for loss of life while the lake is in use.

Ms. Wisse replied that the reduction of the lake pool substantially reduces the risks of loss of life; however a percentage cannot be placed on the risk that is reduced. Completely draining the lake is the only way to completely eliminate the risk, but complete drainage is not an option. Winter pool levels are set at 888.75 feet about sea level and summer pool levels are 891.75 feet. The Army Corps has stated that keeping the lake at winter pool significantly lowers the change of a dam failure.

Mr. Davis asked if there was a way to quantify this, given there were quantifiable factor in the Army Corps' report.

Mr. Wisse replied that at winter pool levels the surface area decreases 16% while the volume of the lake decreases by about 60% therefore significantly lowering the likelihood of a failure. The lake is not flood controlled so resolving high levels can be more challenging.

Mr. Davis asked if the 3-5 year timeframe included a litigation window, such as a built in period of time added to construction to account for potential litigation.

Mr. Wisse replied that he would follow up on that question.

Mr. Wisse went on to say that the Army Corps' report included six alternatives and that ODNR is leaning towards replacing the dam. This would not involve taking land from the owners, but instead building out from the current structure. Some of the other options presented (such as relocating those in the flood plain and rerouting incoming water) were not feasible. The state has posted its RFQ with an April 10th deadline for engineering consultants who want to work on the project. This RFQ will cover many aspects of the project (soil borings, designs, etc.)

Commissioner Davis left the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

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Mr. Levacy stated that he has seen changes through the years including changes involving Sellers Spill Way. Buckeye Lake State Park is Ohio's first state park and preservation is very important. This project will have a huge economic impact. Mr. Levacy has spoken to many business owners and homeowners. He appreciates the Governor moving forward with this project.

Mr. Levacy asked if there was enough water to float the current dredge.

Ms. Wisse stated he has spoken with the individual coordinating the dredge operations. They are dredging in areas they can operate in. The second dredge is being brought in from Grand Lake Saint Mary's. They will try to address the concerns of business owners and those with homes on the islands. He did not have specifics on the second dredge.

Mr. Levacy offered to help provide any advice needed due to his familiarity with the area. He also has concerns with the water quality as the nutrients are more concentrated at winter pool levels which could mean an increase in the Blue Green Algae as well as an increase in fish kill.

Mr. Wisse agreed that algae was a concern and stated they were working with the EPA to address that issue. The Division of Wildlife is working on the fish kill concern but stated that the fish are already acclimated to a shallow environment (6-8 feet) and do not feel it will impact the fish dramatically (however, they will continue to monitor the situation). Fish kill is very normal in Ohio due to the climate. They further understand this is a very emotional issue.

Mr. Levacy stated there were also concerns with the cranberry bog.

Mr. Wisse replied that experts have reviewed the bog and have no concerns. Experts also state that the bog will actually fare better at winter pool levels, as compared to higher water levels. The bog will be less impacted by erosion, and if there was a dam failure, the bog would be a complete loss.

Mr. Levacy stated he reviewed the RFQ and noticed the construction date was January 2017. He asked if this could be moved up.

Mr. Wise replied that the department averages 6-8 months from the issuance of a RFQ to the signing of a contract. After the contract is signed the final design is expected to take a year. At the earliest, if everything is expedited and no problems arise, they could start in late 2016.

Mr. Levacy stated he had a personal friend who stated the project could be furthered by incentivizing the companies and by working on multiple locations of the dam at once. He also offered to help with any conversations needed with the US Senators and Representatives.

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Mr. Wisse thanked Mr. Levacy and added he would share that information with the director.

Mr. Craig asked if there would be boating this summer.

Mr. Wisse replied they were reviewing the issue and the surrounding issues of the docks. ODNR officials expect to make a decision and announcement in the very near future. He has no idea what that decision will be.

Mr. Craig asked when the docks would be removed and if there was an option for individuals to remove their own docks.

Mr. Wisse replied that there was no decision on those issues yet.

Mr. Levacy asked if the new dam property would be given to the home owners.

Mr. Wisse replied that previous discussions leaned toward the property belonging to the State as the existing dam is also state property; however this has not been finalized.

Mr. Craig stated that currently residents from Leibs Island to Mudd Island do not have people walking in front of their property and would like this to remain the case.

Mr. Wisse replied he would take these concerns back to the director and the department will be reaching out to the stakeholders again during the final design phase.

Mr. Kiger asked Mr. Wisse if he had any new information to present.

Mr. Wisse stated he did not have any new information at the time and that ODNR is continuing to evaluate the report and focus on the list of risk reduction factors provided by the Army Corps' report.

Mr. Kiger asked if the depth of the lake affected the dam more than the surface area.

Mr. Wisse replied that the volume of the lake had an effect on the dam, as compared to the surface area.

Mr. Wisse stated that www.engineering.ohiodnr.gov has up to date information and announcements about the Buckeye Lake State Park dam project.

Mr. Kiger suggested they use double or triple shifts to decrease the construction time. He added that the primary three questions of those attending the meeting on March 17th were addressed by ODNR. People wanted to know about the water levels, if the dam would be replaced, and how long the project would take.

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Ms. Brown asked if there were specific areas that ODNR wanted to have stakeholder input for the department's decision making.

Mr. Wisse stated that due to the diverse nature of the issues they would be accepting any and all input.

Ms. Brown asked if there would be a webpage available for public stakeholders or citizens to provide input.

Mr. Wisse stated they were working on the technical aspect of this page and would announce when it is set up. They are currently working on security and staffing concerns.

Ms. Brown added that even if two way communication was not feasible, there is value of one way communication in accepting stakeholder input, which could then be categorized and analyzed to help further the project.

Mr. Levacy asked if the dredge from Grand Lake Saint Mary's was the third dredge.

Mr. Wisse replied that he believed it was the second dredge as the third dredge would be arriving later in the year.

Mr. Levacy added that it was the sediment, not the runoff, causing the blue green algae issues. He added that many lives and jobs are at stake and that the Commission wanted to be helpful in any way it can. Mr. Levacy is against the concept of litigation as it would slow the project down.

Mr. Kochis state that he appreciated the communication from ODNR.

Mr. Levacy added that Fairfield County would be exploring the potential of an economic impact study, along with Perry and Licking counties. All three counties are working cooperatively.

Mr. Wisse stated ODNR is committed to expediting all aspects of the project.

Mr. Slater stated that the Auditor's Office is in the normal cycle of acquiring imagery and intends to do LIDAR pictures around the lake. They will share their information with ODNR.

Mr. Laramée asked if the dam would need to be constructed higher due to the overtopping concerns mentioned in the report.

Mr. Wisse replied that it would be addressed in the final design and that no issues would be left off the table.

