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Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
April 19, 2016**

Review

The Commissioners met at 9:04 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 Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin, Spencer Remoquillo, Michael Kaper, Scott Zody, Rick Szabrak, Tony Vogel, Ray Stemen, Chief Perrigo, Dave Burgei, Angel Sanderson, Dennis Keller, and Holly Mattei.

- Legal Update

Mr. Dolin stated he had reviewed the Baldwin deed and it looks fairly clean. He does have a few follow up suggestions but overall thought it was ok.

Mr. Davis will forward Mr. Horacek language he drafted for another entity in relation to the Columbia settlement.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Highlights of Resolutions

Ms. Brown reported on the proposed resolutions.

Last week, she met with Judge Berens and Angel Sanderson with the Common Pleas Court. Judge Berens and his team are supportive of the Stepping Up effort, a national initiative to answer the call to action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails. There was a resolution (and supporting documents) added for the Board of Commissioners to join the Stepping Up effort and form a work group for the county. Once the work group is formed, there are tools available to assist the county in the Stepping Up objectives. The Fairfield County Common Pleas Court was proposed as the lead department to bring together stakeholders. The work group will include stakeholders of multiple disciplines and will be committed to sharing lessons learned with other counties across the country to support the national initiative. All county officials, employees, and residents will be encouraged to participate in Stepping Up. As the assessment tools are utilized and the work group progresses, leaders of the Common Pleas Court will provide regular progress reports to the County Administrator and the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Sanderson added that they are seeing an increase number of individuals with mental illness and want to make sure they have the right resources to keep them out of jail. There is no funding from the state. They are looking at a mental health specialized docket for those with mental illnesses.

JFS proposed the approval of a contract for child protective placement with Pomegranate Health.

The County Engineer proposed approval of the award of contracts for bridge replacement projects in Amanda and Bloom Townships; approval of drawings and advertising for the 2016 resurfacing project; approval of advertising for liquid asphalt; and approval of a contract for services to perform a passing zone study.

After review from multiple subject matter experts, it was proposed to approve the annexation of 15.407+/- Acres, more or less, of Bloom Township into the Village of Lithopolis, Pursuant to ORC 709.023, Expedited Type 2 Petition, Annexation of Land by John H. Rodgers,

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Trustee, Authorized Member, The J.M. Muggs Ltd.; Matthew A. LaBuhn, Trustee, Authorized Member, Bushwood Holdings Ltd.; Nancy E. Wright; Bonnie S. Butterbaugh, Trustee, Alan N. Butterbaugh and Bonnie S. Butterbaugh Trust; Alan N. Butterbaugh, Trustee, Alan N. Butterbaugh and Bonnie S. Butterbaugh Trust; Bonnie Butterbaugh, Trustee, Virginia A. Behrens Trust.

There were financial resolutions to approve, such as:

- The creation of a new fund for proper accounting of special elections;
- JFS related reimbursements to the PA fund from WWK, CPS, APS, CSEA, and WIOA;
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for the Amanda bridge replacement project and a fund to fund transfer for Bloom bridge project;
- Accounting adjustments and appropriations from unappropriated funds within the general fund for \$5,000 for the purchase of the "Baldwin" building on April 28 (there was an additional amount needed to meet the estimated closing costs – the purchase price remains the negotiated \$490,000);
- Accounting for the health insurance administrative fee and movement from the trust fund to the general fund for unclaimed items;
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds to correct an overpayment (and receipt) of interest income within the general fund; for Juvenile/Probate Court for the IV-E special revenue fund; and for the Major Crimes Unit (along with a fund balance cash adjustment); and

The traditional bill list and/or "then and now" related approvals.

Next week, we anticipate seeing the Allen Road waterline project contracts for approval. We may also see the settlement for Columbia.

b. Administrative Approvals & Budget Update

The review packet contained a list of administrative approvals for the week. There were no questions posed following the quarterly budget update last week. There were no questions following the distribution of the 2017 parameters and guidance.

The sales tax receipt and casino revenue reports were reviewed, and there were no suggestions for changes.

Mr. Zody stated that the media reported the past quarter has been the best quarter for the four casinos; it is unknown if it is a blimp or not.

c. Jail and Public Safety facility Update

Granger continues to progress very well. The construction manager's report was in the review packet. There were no problems to report with the project. It is ahead of schedule and within budget. We are nearing the major milestone of having the foundations completed.

Last week, we held a planning meeting to review plans for furniture and fixtures. An anticipated \$500,000 will be spent in 2017 to accommodate furniture and fixtures, including 911 console equipment and shelving. There are plans in development to ensure no interruption of services.

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Also, last week, the Bureau of Adult Detention toured the construction site as part of their normal processes. Our architect led the discussion with the Bureau.

The jail population is now 220.

Mr. Keller added they will complete pouring the floor slab in area C this week (areas D and C are inmate housing). They are moving quickly.

Mr. Davis asked Chief Perrigo if the new jail would bring the county in compliance with the Bureau of Adult Detention.

Chief Perrigo replied that he hoped so and that he didn't think they would be allowed to move in if it didn't.

d. State of the County Address

The State of the County Address is today, April 19th, during County Awareness Month. The theme is "Safe and Secure Fairfield County" which highlights Fairfield County as our home. There is a video in progress to include with the address. The State of the County Address will be at Liberty Center. We will have displays for the new county logo.

The Chamber reports enthusiastic registration for the event.

e. State Capital Bill – Reese Peters House/DACO

We anticipate approval of \$60,000 for improvements at the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio, the Reese Peters House. We are very appreciative of these capital improvement opportunities to improve safety and access.

f. Bravos

- Bravo to JFS Protective Services staff for the excellent presentations at the child abuse prevention awareness breakfast held last week. Thank you to Marea Jones, Cara Finney, Casie Stanton, Danielle DiMatteo, Elyssa Wanosik, Carrie Williams, Heather Funk, Heidi Llewellyn-Walker, Janet Stout, Jenny Ruff, Kari Akins, Mindy VanBibber, Sarah Fortner, Shilo Miller, Stacey Bergstrom, Stefanie Valdez, Stephanie Jackson, and Tish Enright for their planning and participation. Thank you to Commissioner Levacy, Commissioner Kiger, and Carri Brown for their presentation of a proclamation and their remarks at the breakfast.
- Bravo to Mark Conrad for preparing an edited version of the "records" slide show. This edited version will be used at the leadership conference.
- The Common Pleas Court is experiencing good results from their recent reorganization. In particular, the probation officers are doing an excellent job in the field with strategies that result in appropriate sanctions and help to avoid jail overcrowding.
- Bravo to Todd McCullough, Dog Warden, and his team for their collaborations surrounding Earth Day: The Dog Adoption Center and Shelter is promoting dog adoptions. Individuals are supporting the community gardens at Ohio University-Lancaster, donations to Foundation Dinners, and landscaping efforts on public grounds.
- Bravo to Rachel Elsea, David Miller, Randy Carter, and all members of the transparency work group for their work with the online checkbook

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implementation. Thank you to LeAnna Schaeffer for her coordination of this effort for Juvenile Court.

- From Commissioner Levacy: Thank you to Carri Brown, Holly Mattei, and Dennis Keller for their work in obtaining state support to improve the parking lot and access at the Reese Peters House, the Decorative Arts Center.

g. Employee Training & Survey Update

- Ethics Training is offered by CCAO as a webinar on May 11.
- The review packet contained email communication from Jeff Porter. This email was sent to inform everyone of training scheduled on May 18th. Attorney Marc Fishel will present a program titled, The Supervisor Toolkit. The training will focus on performance management, disciplinary actions, and unlawful harassment. There is plenty of room at Liberty Center for the training, and RSVP'ing is easy with the link provided in the email. There is no charge for this training.
- On May 31, HR is sponsoring a team building training. We are aware that four members of the Prosecutor's Office plan to attend. Because there is room for 30 participants, we are opening the training to other departments. There will be communication about how to register for this training as the time draws near. There will be no charge to the departments for the training.
- The survey on health insurance benefits has been distributed to employees. It will help us identify what employees value in terms of health insurance.

h. Energy Savings/Room Reservation Program

The review packet contained a summary of the energy savings from our energy conservation project. The overall projected savings to date was \$221,493.33, and the project has saved \$221,972.89. This is from July 2014-March 2016. The savings from July 2015 – March 2016 was \$76,976.99.

In addition, the use of the room scheduling program has been very useful. This week, several people from the courts have commented how efficient the process for room reservations has become.

i. Fairfield County Records Center

After the thorough investigation of property located on Baldwin Drive in Lancaster, Ohio, the County will be closing on its purchase on April 28. This is the future site of the Fairfield County Records Center. A press release is available. We thank Branden Meyer, Clerk of Courts, for his partnership with the project. Initially, the building will be used for records storage for his office.

j. Online Checkbook – Transparency Efforts

On Friday, the transparency effort for the online checkbook will come to fruition with the unveiling of the online checkbook. A meeting will be held in the hearing room at 1:45 p.m.

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The accounts payable expenditures for 2015 will be displayed with the online checkbook.

At the county level, additional transparency efforts include the focus on public access of records and updates to the website.

Further, the review packet contained communication from State Treasurer Josh Mandel. Ohio has earned the #1 ranking for transparency.

k. **Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act Request for Proposals**

Ms. Brown reported that there is a press release in the review packet for the requests for proposals issued relating to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. As discussed in several review sessions, a big part of our economic development focus is our new role as the administrative and fiscal agents for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act for a five – county region. This program helps prepare youth and others that are trying to [re]enter the workplace. Providing opportunities for these future employees of local businesses is important to our future economic growth. We need everyone contributing to this economic machine that is Fairfield County. In addition, Rick Szabrak, Economic Development Director, recently provided an overview of the connections between economic development and workforce development to the Columbus 20/20 group.

Commissioner Davis stated at 9:30 a.m. that the Commission would take a brief recess.

Review Continued

The Commissioners met at 9:43 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 and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin, Spencer Remoquillo, Michael Kaper, Scott Zody, Rick Szabrak, Tony Vogel, Ray Stemen, Chief Perrigo, Dave Burgei, Angel Sanderson, Dennis Keller, John Rogers, and Holly Mattei.

- **Old Business**

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

Ms. Brown reported that \$61 million is anticipated to be approved within the state capital bill. \$250,000 is anticipated for improvements for the Millersport and Buckeye Lake area corridor.

- **New Business** (none)

- **General Correspondence Received** (none)

- **Calendar Review/Invitations Received**

- a. **TID Board Meeting – Monday, April 25th at 8:30 a.m.**

- b. **Bremen Chamber Lunch – Tuesday, April 26th (Engineer's Viewing Day)**

- c. **Company Wrench Bicycle Repair Day – Saturday, April 30th**

Mr. Davis commended Brad and Company Wrench for their dedication to the Mitthoff building and downtown Lancaster.

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- d. Fairfield County Stand Down Event, Wednesday, May 25th – 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. – Fairgrounds
- e. Ohio Police and Fire Games Celebration – Sunday, June 12th from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds
- FYI
 - a. One Annexation Pending – Liberty to Baltimore
 - b. Petitions to change Township Boundaries (Jason is working with City Prosecutor)
 - c. 4-H Thank You
 - d. United Way Tax Prep – 1,700 returns filed
 - e. Fairfield County CERT Training Flyer
- Issues Bin (none)
- Open Items (none)

Commissioner Davis stated at 9:47 a.m. the Commission would be in recess until the Regular Meeting.

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin, Spencer Remoquillo, Jeremiah Upp, Scott Zody, Dave Burgei, John Rogers, Ray Stemen, Angel Sanderson, Holly Mattei, Jon Slater, and Rick Szabrak.

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 a resolution for the Stepping Up initiative had been added.

Mr. Davis added that the Commissioners' thoughts and condolences were with the family of Columbus SWAT Officer Steven Smith.

Public Comment

Commissioner Davis asked if anyone from the public who would like to speak or offer comments. There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, April 12, 2016

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, April 12, 2016.

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

Approval of the Auditor's Office Resolutions

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Auditor's Office resolutions:

2016-04.19.a A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer. Auditor – Fund 1080 [Auditor- Finance]

2016-04.19.b A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer for the General Fund 2% administration fee for managing the county insurance program, Fund# 7671 TO GENERAL #1001 – Fairfield County Auditor [Auditor- Finance]

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

Approval of the Board of Elections Resolution

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Board of Elections resolution to authorize the establishment of a new special revenue find 2828 called "Special Elections" – Fairfield County Board of Elections; see resolution 2016-04.19.c

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

Approval of the Commissioners Office Resolutions

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners Office resolutions:

2016-04.19.d A resolution to approve the conversion of prior year 2015 encumbrance to current year appropriation, appropriate from unappropriated for the Record Assets Fund # 3827 [Commissioners]

2016-04.19.e A resolution approving to appropriate from unappropriated into major object categories and fund to fund transfer – Fairfield County Commissioners – General Fund# 1001 & Records/Assets Capital Project Fund# 3827 [Commissioners]

2016-04.19.f A resolution to approve the annexation of 15.407+/- Acres, more or less, of Bloom Township into the Village of Lithopolis, Pursuant to ORC 709.023, Expedited Type 2 Petition, Annexation of Land by John H. Rodgers, Trustee, Authorized Member, The J.M. Muggs Ltd.; Matthew A. LaBuhn, Trustee, Authorized Member, Bushwood Holdings Ltd.; Nancy E. Wright; Bonnie S. Butterbaugh, Trustee, Alan N. Butterbaugh and Bonnie S. Butterbaugh Trust; Alan N. Butterbaugh, Trustee, Alan N. Butterbaugh and Bonnie S. Butterbaugh Trust; Bonnie Butterbaugh, Trustee, Virginia A. Behrens Trust. [Commissioners]

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

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Absent: Dave Levacy

Approval of the Engineer's Office Resolutions

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

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| 2016-04.19.g | A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the Purchase of Liquid Asphalt. [Engineer] |
| 2016-04.19.h | A resolution to approve a Contract for Services with ADN Safety Solutions, LLC. [Engineer] |
| 2016-04.19.i | A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for the BLO-08, FAI-CR23-3.86 Winchester Road Bridge Replacement Project. [Engineer] |
| 2016-04.19.j | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2362-LEVY for AMA-11 bridge replacement [Engineer] |
| 2016-04.19.k | A Resolution to Approve the Construction Drawings for the FAI-CR17/41/46 Resurfacing Project. [Engineer] |
| 2016-04.19.l | A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the FAI-CR17/41/46 Resurfacing Project. [Engineer] |
| 2016-04.19.m | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated, account to account transfer, and fund to fund transfer for BLO-08 bridge replacement [Engineer] |
| 2016-04.19.n | A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for the AMA-11, FAI-CR16-2.878 Amanda-Northern Road over Muddy Praire Run Bridge Replacement Project. [Engineer] |

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

Approval of the JFS Resolutions

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

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| 2016-04.19.o | A resolution regarding Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Pomegranate Health Systems of Central Ohio and Job and Family Services, Child Protective Services Department [JFS] |
| 2016-04.19.p | A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2758 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS] |
| 2016-04.19.q | A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2599 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS] |
| 2016-04.19.r | A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Sub Fund 8056 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS] |

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- 2016-04.19.s A resolution to approve a memo receipt and memo expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services' Children Services Fund and Protective Service Levy Fund, respectively [JFS]
- 2016-04.19.t A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2072 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]
- 2016-04.19.u A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2015 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]

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

Approval of the Juvenile/Probate Court Resolution

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Juvenile/Probate Court resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category – Juvenile Court – Fund #2641 Title IV-E Fund; see resolution 2016-04.19.v.

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

Approval of the Major Crimes Unit Resolution

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Major Crimes Unit resolution to appropriate from unappropriated, fund to fund transfer, and fund balance cash adjustment; see resolution 2016-04.19.w.

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

Approval of the Treasurer's Office Resolution

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Treasurer's Office resolution to appropriate from unappropriated fund in a major category expense for other, general fund #1001; see resolution 2016-04.19.x.

Discussion: Ms. Brown noted that in order to make an adjustment to the 2015 overpayment of interest, they needed to account for that as an expense.

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

Approval of Payment of Bills Resolutions

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

- 2016-04.19.y A resolution to approve the payment of vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders for all Departments that are approved by the Commissioners [Auditor- Finance]

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2016-04.19.z A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval [Commissioners]

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

Approval of the Commissioners' Office Resolution

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Commissioners Office resolution to commit to efforts to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails, joining the national initiative known as Stepping Up; see resolution 2016-04.19.aa.

Discussion: Ms. Brown stated that several counties had already joined this initiative and that it was a pleasure for Fairfield County to join as well. County leaders are encouraged by the opportunity. Ms. Sanderson added that the Courts were excited and appreciative of the support. This is one more step to ensuring the proper treatment for those with mental illness.

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

Ms. Elsea announced that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Davis stated at 10:11 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the State of the County Address at 11:30 a.m.

2016 State of the County Address

The Commissioners met at 11:30 a.m. to present the 2016 State of the County Address. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were county employees and Fairfield County stakeholders.

Carri Brown, County Administrator, thanked county leaders for the essential roles they play in keeping our community safe and secure. Those roles involve ensuring public safety, preserving well-being, and promoting the local economy. Fairfield County is our home – and leaders work hard to help keep it a safe and secure home. During this address, there were highlights of major initiatives of the county, with many of initiatives designed with safety and security in mind. The state of the county is strong - thriving amid changing physical, social, and economic conditions.

The first focus is public safety. Annually, we invest half of the county general fund budget, or more than \$20 million in justice and public safety from our general fund. Public safety is the top priority. We thank our leaders who patrol the streets, protect our children and elderly, operate and maintain county jail and detention facilities, and serve in the courts and judicial systems. We also thank those who manage preparedness, as well as response and recovery from emergencies.

A second focus is public well-being. County agencies provide behavioral and mental health services to those in need. Veteran Services officers and social service providers address community needs and offer vital services.

A third focus is promoting local economies. Strong county economies are the foundations of safety and security. Our residents' well-being is directly connected to the county's economy. That is why we invest in economic development and are committed to helping residents obtain skills to compete in the marketplace. We are investing in

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transportation, utilities, infrastructure, and workforce development – the critical components of financial security.

Speaking of financial security, the county financial position is strong. With a \$10 Million carryover fund balance posted at the end of 2015 and a strong collaborative focus on maintaining conservative budget parameters, the county general fund is healthy. The county has a bond rating of Aa2, which means we have excellent credit and can meet our debt payments. The sales tax rate at 6.75% remains the lowest in the ten county region of Central Ohio. The property tax rates remain the 2nd lowest in the region. County unemployment is low at 5%, below state and national averages. The county wide adjusted gross income of \$57,209 slates Fairfield County as the 18th wealthiest county in Ohio. The population continues to grow, and we are the 20th largest county in Ohio by population. However, our population is an aging population and we face challenges that are faced by multiple communities in our nation and the world. Together, we need to continue to analyze and evaluate financial and demographic factors. There is a common theme, though: Fairfield County is a great place to call home – we want to keep it that way.

We are here to serve, connect, and protect. That by-line is the center of our new logo, which was highlighted in the state of the county address. We thank Martin Barker for his professional assistance in designing our logo, which symbolizes all sectors of Fairfield County, from multiple political subdivisions to agriculture to private industry and recreation and tourism. This is your home, and you have it all here in Fairfield County. Commissioner Kiger highlighted some initiatives of the county that help keep your home safe and secure. A major priority of the Fairfield County Commission is public safety. Public Safety is always a priority of our government, and we appreciate the work of our Sheriff Deputies on the front line. Last year, one of our County Sheriff Deputies was injured in the line of duty. We are happy to report that Officer Campbell is recovering from the accident that resulted in a lengthy hospital stay for him. Thank you, Officer Campbell, for your service, and we look forward to seeing you back in our public meetings soon.

At the Hall of Justice, we recently installed the new x-ray security machine at the entrance to the building. This new machine cost \$30,000, and it replaced an old, fully depreciated machine. We were fortunate that the old machine lasted as long as it did, and the new machine is a necessity – not a luxury. The machine comes with software which supports law enforcement officers in identifying potential security risks. Working with the recommendations of our security committee, we have also updated the doors at the Hall of Justice and have upgraded cameras inside and around the Hall of Justice and other county buildings.

In addition, our Emergency Management Agency recently outfitted the dive team for water rescue needs. EMA also updated mitigation and preparedness plans with the input of county and community leaders. EMA continues to communicate with multiple jurisdictional leaders to plan and prepare our county for possible disasters. The agency educates and prepares special teams to assist families and neighborhoods in times of needs.

Further, the County Engineer, Jeremiah Upp, helps make sure our roads, bridges, and culverts are safe and secure. We appreciate his team for their dedication to safety and diligence in seeking grants to further county projects.

Our Dog Adoption Center and Shelter is now in compliance with the Association of Shelter Veterinarians Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters. The Shelter has expanded their vaccination and medical protocols. All supervisors of the Center are nationally certified animal control officers and certified humane agents. The Shelter addressed 900 calls and 60 dog bite investigations last year, and the staff is working hard to help maintain a safe, healthy community.

We also appreciate our Facilities Management Team. Thank you to Dennis Keller and his team for their leadership and for their guidance. They recently implemented new

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procedures to help keep the administrative courthouse safe at its entrance. Finally, thank you to Sheriff Phalen and all of his staff for their protection and collaboration in the community.

Commissioner Davis provided details about the major public safety project, the project to build a new public safety facility and jail. Most know the major priority of the Board of Commissioners and our county leaders is the construction of the new jail and public safety facility. The Fairfield County Sheriff's Department operates out of several smaller facilities, including three separate, aging detention facilities. The new facility will combine most of the Sheriff's operations into one new facility to enhance efficiency, institute the latest technology, and redevelop property in our county seat, Lancaster.

As we look to the future and to the completion of the jail project, we will continue to monitor the construction. We will do all that we can to make sure that the project stays on budget.

Commissioner Davis provided highlights of the video for the address (which was played in the beginning of the address), and he gave personal examples of what the video meant to him, especially because he had lived in other places and is so happy to call Fairfield County his home.

Another project that is a major concern for our county and that is a standing agenda item in our public meetings is the project to build a new dam at the Buckeye Lake State Park. This state project is promoted for its improvement to public safety, and Commissioner Levacy shared some details about this project and other projects.

First, we are aware of grant and loan assistance programs available for businesses that have experienced revenue reduction during the Buckeye Lake dam construction. Businesses can apply for both a loan and grant, and they can receive one of these assistance programs. These programs can be of tremendous help to the area businesses, and our website includes the press release relating to the state programs. We are thankful to Representative Tim Schaffer in his sponsorship of these programs. Thank you to Congressman Stivers and Senator Portman. We are also thankful to Senator Troy Balderson who has been supportive of the efforts to assist residents and businesses at Buckeye Lake, including the effort relating to capital improvements, which resulted in an anticipated \$250,000 for improvements to the Millersport corridor and Buckeye Lake. With the state capital bill, we also anticipate \$60,000 for improvements at the Decorative Arts Center of Ohio, the Reese Peters House. We are very appreciative of these capital improvement opportunities.

With Buckeye Lake State Park, right now, the project is focused on the installation of the embankment stability berm and the seepage cut-off wall. The berm serves as a construction platform for the deep soil mixing equipment, which mixes grout (water and cement) with the surrounding soils to create a seepage barrier to a depth of approximately 40 feet. There are three deep soil mixing machines onsite to construct the cut-off wall from three different starting points. Two of the machines use mixing paddles or "augers" driven into the ground horizontally and mix the injected grout along the full depth of the wall. The third machine is a "Dewind One-Pass Trencher" that uses a 50-foot cutting boom that looks like an oversized chain saw to cut the trench while also vertically mixing the injected grout. Current plans anticipate this machine to be in operation for two 12-hour shifts, up to seven days a week until completion of the cut-off wall in June. The construction is quite impressive.

As the state continues with its construction, collaborators in all three counties are working on grants and strategies to help maintain and grow business in the area. Our economic development department took the lead on a Buckeye Lake impact study, which provided data and analysis for the economic stability of the region. Along with these analyses and opportunities, the county has a revolving loan fund for businesses throughout the county. These loans are essential to small business development in our county.

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As we think about our business health, we know that our infrastructure in our communities needs to be safe and secure. New Community Development Block Grant projects include an Amanda Street improvement project, Pleasantville sidewalk improvements, Baltimore utility rehabilitation, and Fairfield Beach street rehabilitation. We look forward to these projects as they progress.

Of course, we will continue to support the development of U.S. 33, allowing for transportation and safety improvements. An estimated 38,000 vehicles travel through U.S. 33 at Carroll every day. The interchange will help relieve traffic congestion. The U.S. 33 interchange is a prioritized transportation project. Further, we in Fairfield County are in the process of updating our land use plan, and we will be collaborating with all townships, villages, and cities to be involved in that effort.

We often collaborate with state and local agencies, such as with the collaboration with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to construct a new waterline at Allen Road. This approximate \$4 million dollar project will be funded by a loan from the OEPA, with 50% loan forgiveness. This project will provide opportunities for homes in the area to connect to county water utility services, and it improves the safety of drinking water in the area.

As we think about collaboration, we highlight our Job and Family Services. JFS has implemented domestic violence screening protocols for new applicants in the Parenting Time Opportunities for Children program. Protective Services has a department wide focus on services to families where domestic violence is a contributing factor to the overall safety and well-being of children. JFS is actively involved in the National Council for Behavioral Health as part of a Trauma-Informed Care Learning Community. Also, many people do not know that Protective Services addresses more than 5,000 calls annually about potential abuse of children. The agency provides critical services to help keep our children and families safe. Further, JFS has a contract with the Sheriff for building security at one of our buildings, the Government Services Center.

We have 33 county buildings, and we work hard to keep them safe and secure. Along with our buildings, we manage property for its best use. We are working with the Parks District to further a project to extend the sensory trail and bike path near the Forest Rose School. Also, we participate with the Land Bank to help improve properties and build economic strength.

Further, as we think about how we connect, serve, and protect, let us remember the importance of our records and data. We have led transparency initiatives that present our data online, in an accessible manner for the public. We respond quickly to public records requests. This month, we are undertaking a project to begin remodeling a building on Baldwin Avenue in order to create a long term records center for the county. We will close on the property on Baldwin Avenue in the next few weeks, and we will begin renovations and technology improvements. We thank Branden Meyer, Clerk of Courts, for his partnership and leadership in this effort. There was a press release about the acquisition of the property for the records center.

The financial health of the county is strong. The services provided by your county leaders are top notch - with accuracy and courtesy. Businesses are meeting challenges. Parks in the county are quite an asset. Your home is right here. You have it all in Fairfield County. This is where you live, work, and play. Let us keep Fairfield County safe and secure!

At the conclusion of the state of the county address, there video about Fairfield County and services provided to keep the county safe and secure was played. It will be on the county website.

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Steve Davis and a second of Dave Levacy the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 12:47 p.m.

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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by:

Seconded by:

that the April 19, 2016, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: SD, MK

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

Abstained

*Approved on April 26, 2016



Steven A. Davis
Commissioner



Dave Levacy
Commissioner



Mike Kiger
Commissioner



Rachel A. Elsea, Clerk