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Review

The Commissioners met at 9:01 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, Jeff Porter, Chief Perrigo, Jim Bahnsen, Michael Kaper, Todd McCullough, Staci Knisley, Dennis Keller, Branden Meyer, Aunie Cordle, and Bob Clark.

- Legal Update

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

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Highlights of Resolutions/Proclamations

Ms. Brown provided highlights of resolutions and proclamations.

There was a proclamation proposed to recognize Chief Bailey for his public service. This proclamation can be presented at his retirement celebration on Thursday.

The Clerk of Courts proposed the use of a credit card for fuel purchases for his two departments. There were two resolutions based on how expenditures are made from two funds, the general fund and the certificate of title fund. Fuel expenditures are allowable types of expenditures with a credit card. The Clerk of Courts has already completed the required forms with the County Auditor's Office.

There were account to account transfers of appropriations proposed for Human Resources, the Engineer, the Auditor, and Juvenile Court.

The Engineer proposed advertisement for a bridge replacement project.

The Veteran Services Commission proposed the purchase of two replacement vehicles following a competitive bidding process.

There was a resolution to transfer unclaimed funds to the general fund, as is the traditional process.

JFS proposed a IV-D (Child Support) contract for security with the County Sheriff. There is also proposed a contract for child support location services as part of a group contract with CCAO and OCDA.

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The Law Library proposed a resolution to join a consortium for operational needs.

Finally, there were the traditional bill list and "then and now" items proposed for approval.

Mr. Levacy stated that the new state budget bill included a \$20 million grant program for public safety facilities and suggested the county look into it once the state budget bill is passed.

b. Administrative Approvals

Ms. Brown reported that review packet contained a list of administrative approvals for the week. One of the items approved administratively was the landscaping contract previously discussed. There were no questions raised about the administrative approvals.

c. Public Safety Facility and Financing Update

Administrative staff continues to communicate with subject matter experts and contractors. We are aware that the monitoring wells are in place and the baseline testing has begun. Dennis Keller, Facilities Manager, has conducted numerous meetings with the Sheriff's representatives to ensure details of the construction process are in place. We will be resubmitting the site work plans as soon as possible. As far as the option to purchase the furniture is concerned, there is some additional surveying inside of the building needed, and the owner has requested that such surveying occur the second week of May, and that is okay.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Keller how the jail project was progressing.

Mr. Keller replied that it was coming together. Bennett & Williams is wrapping up their information to submit to the city (which could happen as early as this week). The city will then have a review period.

Mr. Davis asked if they were still on track for their bid timeline.

Mr. Keller replied that drawings would be submitted to the city within the next few weeks. They will then hire a project manager and request bids in June or July. Drawings will be set with bid alternates in order to keep in line with the budget. The project manager will really be useful in that aspect.

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Mr. Davis appreciates Mr. Keller's work on the project. He added that the Commissioners' two main concerns of the project are the budget and possible delays.

Mr. Keller added that he is working with the Sheriff to move the impound lot and evidence.

Chief Perrigo stated that he was looking forward to moving the stuff to the new location so they could continue work on the jail project. He added that things were moving along.

d. Budgeting

Ms. Brown provided an update of budget items.

Last week, we reported on how the 2016 budget parameters had been formally communicated by email to all elected officials and department heads, as well as to all financial officers. As more information is known, it will be shared.

Last year, the Board approved the cash balance policy which included a target of unassigned fund balance in the general fund equal to no less than two months' worth of revenues or expenditures. This year, the targets were met, and there is no additional evaluation of budget strategies needed based on the policy targets. Each year the GAAP related balances will be compared about this time of year, and on an ongoing basis, the cash balance will be reviewed for operational purposes. If there are additional evaluative actions needed, we will address them.

In thinking about the concept of proper public purpose, there are expenditures associated with food reimbursement connected with training and business meetings, such as with the leadership conference and HR trainings, and such expenditures have historically been approved and have been de minimis. Ms. Brown will prepare a draft resolution to prospectively document such expenditures as a category in the future. These expenditures are relatively minor, but it is good to document the approval.

Looking at the information about sales tax prepared by the County Auditor, Mr. Davis asked what the Commissioners had targeted for the sales tax.

Ms. Knisley stated they planned for \$19.6 million (budgeting at 3% increase). The current experience exceeds targets.

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e. BRAVOS!

Thanks to the HR Team for organizing the Unlawful Harassment and FMLA leave management training last week.

- Old Business

- a. Buckeye Lake State Park Dam

Mr. Davis reported that he and the other Commissioners had attended the Buckeye Lake Area Civic Association dinner on April 15th. The dinner was very well attended. The Buckeye Lake Chamber of Commerce is commissioning its own study of the dam's integrity. The legislature is working on funding for construction. Mr. Davis is dissuading everyone from filing lawsuits as that would delay construction of the dam. His suggestions to everyone at the dinner were pretty well received.

Mr. Davis was disappointed that representatives from Perry and Licking counties were not in attendance given the context of the meeting. He was pleased all three Fairfield County Commissioners were able to attend. The meeting was very informative and helpful for all officials to understand what's happening.

The review packet included a copy of a letter from Gary Obermiller, Chief, Division of Parks and Recreation, with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

The state budget bill now includes a \$10 million capital appropriation to begin work on the rehabilitation of the Buckeye Lake State Park Dam. The contracts are to include incentives for early completion. Also, there are appropriations in the bill to promote tourism in the region.

There is an emergency exercise planned for April 25. The review packet contained a press release about this exercise.

Mr. Levacy congratulated Mr. Kochis on his work during this time. He added that they are a lot of individuals who are trying to be helpful (including Director Obermiller). He added that the current water levels are below winter pool.

Mr. Kiger suggested asking the Auditor to review properties in late summer and discourage property owners from filing with BOR.

Mr. Davis stated he knew the county auditors were looking at options, and added that Spring 2017 would be a more appropriate time to look back.

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Mr. Levacy added that it was helpful that all three county auditors were working together.

Mr. Davis stated that Mr. Dolin had mentioned the possibility of doing a business promotion similar to the one done downtown when Main Street was closed. The Buckeye Lake Chamber is working on this, and Mr. Davis thought the Commissioners could be helpful once it is better organized.

Mr. Levacy stated he had discussions with Representative Schafer regarding the tourism aspects of the state budget bill. Representative Schafer stated there were not many strings attached so the money could be easily accessed. The best bang for the buck would be to invest that in the restaurant businesses.

Mr. Davis stated it was fair to say that Representative Schafer had really hit his stride and was trying to be as responsive as possible. His efforts are to be applauded.

Commissioner Davis left the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Clark stated he was working to get information to the consultants for the study. Results should be available in 3-5 weeks.

Mr. Levacy stated that Representative Schafer suggested the possibility of using funding from the bill to pay for consultants.

b. Additional Information about the State Budget Bill

Ms Brown reported that the Commissioners passed a resolution and drafted communication to support the state provision to increase the indigent defense reimbursement to 50%. This priority has been included in the House version of the budget bill. There are several other amendments included in the bill that align with county programs.

ADAMH Update

The Commissioners met at 9:35 a.m. to receive an update from ADAMH. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Jeff Porter, Chief Perrigo, Jim Bahnsen, Michael Kaper, Todd McCullough, Staci Knisley, Dennis Keller, Branden Meyer, Aunie Cordle, Rhonda Meyers, and Bob Clark.

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Ms. Myers thanked the Commissioners for their support of the ADAMH levy as well as Mr. Dolin, Ms. Brown, and Ms. Elsea. They are currently hiring a new director of finance. This is posted on their website.

Ms. Myers reported they are working on a new contract with New Horizons (which was previously with DD and ADAMH) which will need the Board's approval. The suggested term is July 1, 2014- June 30, 2019, but they are still in negotiations.

She went on to report that May is Mental Health Month and ADAMH will be asking the Commissioners to pass a resolution for that in the next few weeks. The Annual ADAMH dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 19th at the Liberty Center. ADAMH appreciates the Commissioners' participation.

Ms. Brown asked to highlight the pending lease a bit more. She stated that the Board of Commissioners would be involved with the lease as they are the property owners. Previously, this lease was executed between DD and ADAMH and New Horizons involvement. At present, the ADAMH Board and New Horizons are negotiating elements of the lease, such as the in kind contributions for services. The contract will not be for more than five years, as this is the limit for the Board of Commissioners. While previous leases did not come before the Commissioners, they will from now on based on discussions she has had previously with Ms. Myers.

Review Continued

The Commissioners met at 9:40 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Jeff Porter, Chief Perrigo, Jim Bahnsen, Michael Kaper, Todd McCullough, Staci Knisley, Dennis Keller, Branden Meyer, Aunie Cordle, and Bob Clark.

- **Old Business (continued)**

- c. Electronic Transactions for Multiple Departments, RFP issued

- Mr. Bahnsen reported that the work group has issued RFPs for credit card processing with the proposals due back on May 15th. They will then make recommendations to the Board. They are on track time wise. The transaction fees will be paid for by the consumers. They will be no cost to the county and will look at which providers are best for each participating department.

- Mr. Meyer added that some systems are tailored for specific departmental needs, hence the possibility of having multiple vendors.

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- New Business

- a. CEM Building Code Violations

Ms. Brown reported we had received information about code violations associated with the CEM building, and the documentation indicated that there was a seven day period to correct the items. While work is in progress to correct the items, it may take a bit longer than seven days. She received a phone call from Chief Dave Ward who indicated that as long as progress was demonstrated the timeframe was flexible. She stated that Chief Ward was very helpful. Five of the six violations are somewhat minor, but there is one relating to wiring that will require the staff to obtain quotes on costs. In addition, there is the possibility they will issue an additional RFP to see if there is any interested buyers in the building at this time. There were no respondents to the RFP when it was issued earlier.

- General Correspondence Received

- a. Liquor Permit for Jeffery Peters (sent to Sheriff and Prevention Works)

Prevention Works and the Sheriff have no concern. The Chief appreciates the heads up. 90% of the time there are no concerns, but occasionally they have a red flag.

- b. Memo from ODHFS re: County Financial Participation Rate for JFS Programs in state fiscal year 2016

Ms. Brown stated this memo is regarding the county participation rate and state mandated share. Ms. Cordle added it would be roughly a \$6,000 reduction.

- c. CFLP Financial Statement

Ms. Brown mentioned that the next CFLP meeting would be in May and that Ms. Elsea had compiled a spreadsheet of playground items as well as those entities interested in them so that the board could make one motion to donate the equipment. The equipment is now at the Lancaster City Schools and cannot be used in the new buildings. We are encouraged that the equipment can be used in other publicly accessible spaces.

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d. 256 Construction in Pickerington

Ms. Brown stated an email was received from the Pickerington City Manager informing everyone that 200 trees would be removed from Right of Way on 256 and replaced with 400 trees as a beautification measure.

e. Correspondence from Mr. Phillips

Mr. Phillips sent Mr. Kiger an email advocating for a stop sign or light at Feldon Court. Mr. Upp has been in contact with Mr. Phillips and stated that data does not support the need for a light or sign. Ms. Brown will ask Mr. Upp to contact Mr. Phillips to give him more details as to what that data collection entails. While the decision involves ODOT, the data is collected and analyzed by the Engineer.

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received (no items)

- a. Bremen Chamber Lunch – Tuesday, April 28th at 11:30 a.m.

Commissioner Kiger will attend.

- b. ADAMH Annual Dinner – Tuesday, May 19th at 6:30 p.m. at the Liberty Center

Commissioners Levacy and Kiger will attend.

- c. Fairfield County CPS Foster Parent Recognition Event - Friday, May 22, 2015 at the Pickerington Church of the Nazarene

Commissioner Levacy will attend. We sent correspondence to Secretary of State Husted inviting him to the event. Ms. Brown will not be able to attend this year.

- FYI

- a. Permissive Sales and Use Tax

- Issues Bin

- a. Sensory Trail & Park – A face to face meeting is planned for next week. Ms. Brown will report back.

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- **Open Items**

- a. Disposal of Obsolete Items

Ms. Brown stated that the Fairgrounds did not have an open date for the County to have an auction this year. However, there are other ways to dispose of obsolete county property in an appropriate manner. For example, with a Board of Commissioners resolution items with a value below \$2,500 can be sold for salvage, which has occurred several times in the past. There are options with GovDeals and the Fixed Asset Disposal program. Chief Perrigo added they were preparing a list of cars and property room items.

Recess

Commissioner Levacy stated at 9:58 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, April 21, 2015 beginning at 10:04 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Park Russell, Todd McCullough, Jeff Camechis, Jeff Porter, Jim Bahnsen, Branden Meyer, Michael Kaper, Jason Dolin, Dennis Keller, and Aunie Cordle.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

Commissioner Levacy asked if there were any announcements.

Public Comment

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

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, April 14, 2015 Regular Meeting

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, April 7, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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

Approval of the Auditor's Office Resolutions

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

- 2015-04.21.a A resolution approving an account to account transfer into a major expense category – Fairfield Co. Auditor Fund #3688 [Auditor-Admin]
- 2015-04.21.b A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer. Auditor – Fund 1080 [Auditor- Finance]

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

Approval of the Clerk of Courts – Legal Resolution

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Clerk of Courts – Legal resolution authorizing the use of a Visa Credit Card between Elan Financial Services and Clerk of Courts Legal Department for fuel purchases; see resolution 2015-04.21.c.

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

Approval of the Clerk of Courts – Title Resolution

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Clerk of Courts – Title resolution authorizing the use of a Visa Credit Card between Elan Financial Services and Clerk of Courts Title Department for fuel purchases; see resolution 2015-04.21.d.

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

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Approval of the Commissioners' Office Resolutions

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

- 2015-04.21.e A resolution authorizing the approval of a proclamation recognizing Chief David Bailey for his longtime service to Fairfield County.
[Commissioners]
- 2015-04.21.f A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category – Fairfield County Commissioners/Human Resources [Commissioners]

Discussion: Mr. Levacy stated the community would truly miss Chief Bailey in his role as the Chief of Police for Lancaster. Mr. Kiger agreed and added that he wished him all the best.

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

Approval of the Engineer's Office resolutions

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

- 2015-04.21.g A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for training [Engineer]
- 2015-04.21.h A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the MAD-34, FAI-CR78-2.43 Landis Road over Clear Creek Bridge Replacement Project.
[Engineer]
- 2015-04.21.i A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for equipment purchases [Engineer]
- 2015-04.21.j A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for CORSA invoice from accident on Bauman Hill [Engineer]

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

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Approval of the Job & Family Services Resolutions

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

2015-04.21.k A resolution regarding a Purchase of a Title IV-D Contract between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Agency and Fairfield County Sheriff Department [JFS]

2015-04.21.l A resolution regarding approval of a Participation Agreement with County Commissioners Association of Ohio Service Corporation (CCAOSC) and Ohio CSEA Director's Association (OCDA) [JFS]

Discussion: Ms. Cordle stated that she was encouraged with the IV-D contract to provide security.

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

Approval of the Juvenile/Probate Court Resolution

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Dave Levacy, 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 #2317 Juvenile Court Computer Fund; see resolution 2015-04.21.m.

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

Approval of the Law Library Resolution

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Law Library resolution to approve the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding from the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resource Board for the Fairfield County Law Library; see resolution 2015-04.21.n.

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

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Approval of the Prosecutor's Office Resolutions

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Veterans Service Commission resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2014 Chrysler Town & Country Van and a 2015 Chrysler Town & Country Van; see resolution 2015-04.21.o.

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

Approval of Payment of Bills Resolutions

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

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| 2015-04.21.p | A resolution to approve the payment of a vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders for all Departments that are approved by the Commissioners [Auditor- Finance] |
| 2015-04.21.q | 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 Dave Levacy
Absent: Steve Davis

Ms. Elsea announced that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

At 10:12 a.m. Commissioner Levacy stated the Commissioners would be in recess followed by the CORSA update.

Review Continued

The Commissioners met at 10:22 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Jeff Porter, Staci Knisley, Dennis Keller, Todd McCullough, and Aunie Cordle.

Ms. Brown reported that during the recess she talked with Mr. Camechis with the County Engineer's Office. Mr. Camechis will take the information from Mr. Phillips back to Mr. Upp for an additional follow up. He confirmed that there was additional

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information to take into consideration (other than just accident numbers) when deciding where to place a stop sign or light. He will research the specific question surrounding Feldon Court.

CORSA Update

The Commissioners met at 10:24 a.m. to receive a CORSA update from HR Director Jeff Porter. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Jeff Porter, Staci Knisley, Dennis Keller, Todd McCullough, Julie Noyes, and Aunie Cordle.

Mr. Porter presented information on Worker's Comp, CORSA Liability Insurance Participation Renewal, and FMLA (attached). He added that the workers comp renewal resolution would be coming in the next few weeks.

Mr. Porter thanked JFS for their help with the Unlawful Harassment and Leave Management Training.

Further, Mr. Porter reported that many people were very excited about the potential third party FMLA administrator. Staff would likely be more willing to work with a third party as opposed to a supervisor when it comes to health matters.

Mr. Levacy agreed.

Mr. Kiger asked how the third part administrator would be paid.

Mr. Porter stated they would use CORSA renewal savings for the first year and would look at potential charge backs in the future. They should be able to absorb the costs as annual costs are less than \$35,000. Overall, this will save the county time and money. The process will be more efficient.

Mr. Levacy supports the decision and added it was good insight.

Review Continued

The Commissioners met at 10:42 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Jeff Porter, Staci Knisley, Dennis Keller, Todd McCullough, and Aunie Cordle.

Ms. Brown provided some background information on the upcoming meeting with Mr. Schoonover. He previously came to the board for permission to build in 2011 and was granted that permission.

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With this being a new board and so much time having passed, they thought they would revisit the issue again to have current information about the plans for construction.

Meeting with Corey Schoonover

The Commissioners met at 10:50 a.m. with Corey Schoonover. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Todd McCullough, Corey Schoonover, and Dennis Keller.

Mr. Schoonover stated the FCAHS has always needed a larger building and are finally in a place where they feel comfortable moving forward with construction. The new building would be a quarantine building to house sick dogs and would not have public access. This approach allows them to move the cat quarantine to the new building and create a private adoption room. It would also create a garage. The new building would be 1,700 square feet (36x48) and the drive around would remain in place. They took in almost 900 animals last year; half of those being cats, and will have fixed 750 stray cats by July.

Mr. Kiger asked how long rabies shots last.

Mr. Schoonover replied 1-3 years.

Mr. Schoonover went on to state that the construction project would cost the FCAHS \$50,000. They would need a 4 inch concrete pad and would build with a kit from Menards.

Ms. Brown asked if the previous cost was \$150,000.

Mr. Schoonover stated that was correct, but that they had scaled down the project. This new building would look very similar to the dog shelter. They would also like to add a matching tin roof to the top of the existing kennel runs. They plan on having volunteers assemble the kit and need the building so they can separate their quarantine and cruelty cases from the public.

Mr. Levacy suggested asking Menards corporate for a discount as they are a non-profit. He supports the project 100%.

Mr. Kiger asked if Mr. Mitchell (the land owner behind the property) was aware of the project.

Mr. Schoonover stated that he was not.

Mr. Kiger thought he should be informed and asked if any trees would be cut down this time.

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Mr. Schoonover stated they would not be cutting down any trees and that the new structure would not be visible from the Mitchell's house. He will, however, contact them.

Mr. Dolin stated he needed to review the lease to see if it spoke to permission to build.

Ms. Brown asked if the FCAHS would maintain the building.

Mr. Schoonover stated they would just as they are for the current building.

Mr. Keller asked if there were utilities hookups.

Mr. Schoonover stated there were tie-ins.

Mr. Levacy stated that as long as there were not going to be trees cut down, he didn't think the building would be an issue with anyone.

Mr. Schoonover stated it would actually clean up the back of the property as they would be consolidating space.

Mr. Levacy asked Mr. Keller and Mr. Schoonover to work together on the utilities issues.

Mr. Schoonover added that he would also like to get the lot paved and asked to be put on the county's list.

Ms. Brown stated they would consider how to add them to the phased in program and the capital improvement project list. Right now, there are more paving projects to do than can be done in one year, which is why there are multiple phases.

Mr. Schoonover asked what needed to be done next for the construction and added that he wanted to have the project completed by the fall.

Ms. Brown stated that Ms. Elsea would email the lease to Mr. Schoonover, Mr. Dolin, and administrative staff. Once Mr. Dolin has reviewed the lease and once there is confidence that no changes need to be made, there can be a motion or additional discussion next week in review. There should be no problem with a quick answer to work with Mr. Schoonover's timeline.

Meeting with Steven Brown, Representative from Senator Portman's Office

The Commissioners met at 11:34 a.m. with Steven Brown, a representative from Senator Portman's Office. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Bob Clark, Dennis Keller, Branden Meyer, and Steven White.

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Mr. Levacy welcomed Mr. White and explained he had three things they were working on with Congressman Stivers regarding Buckeye Lake that he'd like Senator Portman to participate in: helping business through the SBA, expediting the processes of the EPA, and expediting processes with the Army Corps.

Mr. White stated they were coordinating with Congressman Stivers and asked if they had any sense that the Army Corps would require permitting.

Mr. Levacy stated they believed so as previous plans required this.

Mr. Levacy went on to state that there are other issues with the state they are working on, such as getting funding for the project upfront. Representative Schafer has been very helpful with this. If they cannot get funding upfront they would like to have bonding authority. Contractors have told Mr. Levacy that the project could be completed in one year if funding is in place and incentives are added. The state is saying it will take 5+ years which is unacceptable. There has been some pushback from the state on speeding up the construction process.

Mr. Levacy reported on the economic impact study, with results available in the upcoming weeks. Also, the Buckeye Lake Chamber of Commerce has commissioned an independent review of the dam as a second opinion. This study should be completed by May 13th, and it expected to be delivered to the governor for additional information about the dam.

Mr. White stated he was impressed with the public meeting the Commissioners held and added it was the largest single issue public meeting he has attended. He asked what the Commissioners felt the overwhelming concern was that was discussed at the meeting.

Mr. Levacy stated it was the timeframe and ambiguity of a completion date.

Mr. Clark added that the shorter the timeframe, the better it was for the businesses.

Mr. Levacy asked if there was any way to expand unemployment options.

Mr. Clark stated it was worth looking into the coordination that came together when DHL pulled out of Wilmington. The DHL downturn had a huge economic impact on that area, and Mr. Clark knew there were several significant resources coordinated to address the concern at the time.

Mr. White indicated that was a good idea. He asked if there were other things on the minds on the Commissioners.

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Mr. Kiger added the Commissioners were building a new public safety facility and could use some funding for that project.

Mr. White stated he was working with Tyler's Light in Pickerington as well as other drug prevention advocates. Mr. Levacy recommended he reach out to Prevention Works as well. Ms. Brown will connect Mr. White with Ms. Ashton, the director of Prevention Works.

Mr. White added that Senator Portman's fear about legalizing marijuana is that you are opening the door for other drugs as it is a gateway drug. He will meet with Ms. Ashton as well as with the Sheriff.

Mr. White added that he also wanted to stay in touch regarding Anchor Hocking and making sure he is up to date on that issue as it is still a priority. Ms. Brown added that there would be a Rapid Response event on May 6th at OU-L for Worthington Industries.

Mr. White thanked the Commissioners for their time.

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Mike Kiger and a second of Dave Levacy the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 12:01 p.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy

The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by:

Seconded by:

that the April 21, 2015, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:

ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on April 28, 2015


NAYS: None



Steven A. Davis
Commissioner



Rachel A. Elsea, Clerk



Dave Levacy
Commissioner



Mike Kiger
Commissioner