

Regular Meeting #18 - 2020
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
April 21, 2020

Review

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, and Innerphase Video. Joining via teleconference were Amy Brown-Thompson and Jon Kochis

- Welcome

Mr. Davis welcomed everyone, and the Commissioners and County Administrator spoke of their found memories of former Commissioner Allan Reid.

- Moment of Silence for the family of Allan Reid

Former Commissioner Allan Reid passed away on Friday, April 17. We send our heartfelt condolences to his wife, Gloria, and all of their family. Allan served as County Commissioner from 1995 – 2002. He was also a longtime Amanda Township Trustee and a member of the Board of Elections. The community will miss him, and we are grateful for his many years of service. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of his family.

Friends may make memorial contributions to:

FairHoPe Hospice, 282 Sells Rd., Lancaster, OH 43130.

- COVID-19 Update

Jon Kochis, EMA Director updated the group by phone.

Mr. Kochis stated that as of yesterday, Fairfield County experienced no new positive cases for the sixth day in a row. This relates to testing at FMC. Ohio continues to see a plateau in intensive care cases across central Ohio.

Mr. Kochis went on to report that the PPE that was ordered by the Commissioners will arrive later in the day. They will be picking up the antibacterial shipment later in the day too.

Also, we will be receiving the reusable fabric masks by the end of this week or early next week. The vendor is from Carroll, Ohio. They hope to include the county logo on the fabric masks.

Mr. Davis returned to the comment about the experience of the sixth day in a row without positive tests at FMC. He presumes that means they could still have Fairfield County residents testing positive who did not obtain their test from FMC.

Mr. Kochis replied that was correct. Yesterday the county cases went up by one and that cases from the Columbus health region. Three health regions cover Fairfield County.

Mr. Davis asked if over that six-day period there was an indication of the volume of tests performed?

Mr. Kochis replied they were at almost 80 tests before the fifth day, and the volume today is at 100.

Mr. Davis asked if there is still a significant lag in testing.

Mr. Kochis replied the turnaround for a test is now around 24 hours. The private labs have also caught up. There are now at least four different labs that have same day results in Central Ohio.

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Mr. Kochis stated they are putting the finishing touches on some support for Southeast Correctional Institute on how the county can help to test quickly if needed. The average population is around 1,200 to 1,400 inmates at SCI.

Mr. Levacy is happy to see the testing results turn around so quickly.

Mr. Kochis agreed that testing is really going to ramp up.

Mr. Fix stated that Jack Janoso had fears that individuals would spend time with family and friends over the Easter Weekend. He asked if they would have seen anything from that yet.

Mr. Kochis stated they are almost outside of the window of Easter. He expects to see an increase in positives as people become more lenient with stay at home orders and recommendations. Positive test results will increase. It is inevitable.

Mr. Davis asked what the frame of reference was for a reported "low surge" capacity.

Mr. Kochis replied they look at that as an average. He can speak that they are about 40% in their surge capability. There are 2,700 ICU beds in Central Ohio, and they are averaging 1,200 individuals in those beds. The most interesting tracker is the airborne isolation. There are 257 isolation beds in Central Ohio that are airborne isolation. 60-70% of those beds are full, and that number is growing.

Dr. Brown mentioned an article she read in the media that highlighted there were three subgroups making up half or more of the positive cases in Ohio: nursing homes, health care providers, and inmates. She asked if there was any data at the county level. She also surmised this statistic in itself shows some success in controlling community spread.

Mr. Kochis replied the Health Department would have that information. He stated that Ohio has done a good job reducing community spread, but it is almost impossible to stop the spread in confined living areas such as nursing homes and prisons.

Mr. Davis stated he had spoken to many people who believe they may have had the virus. It seems to him a fairly large number of people may have had the virus, but they are not aware of it.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Kochis for his work.

- Legal Update

Ms. Brown-Thompson did not have a legal update.

Mr. Davis asked Ms. Brown-Thompson to have Mr. Horacek circle back with him regarding a question he posed to him.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Announcements & Date Reminders

Email Questions to Carri.Brown@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov

Text Questions to 1.740.777.8552

Date Reminders and Calendar Review

- May 5 – Wear Orange for Supervised Visitation Awareness
 - May 25 – Memorial Day Holiday – Offices are Closed for Business

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We received information about the Heritage District Tours being canceled for 2020. We look forward to the 2021 tours.

b. Highlights of Resolutions

Dr. Brown highlighted 15 resolutions for the voting meeting.

We had a resolution to amend the EDA Revolving Loan program. This is to encourage the economic resiliency of local and regional markets and business cycles. Thank you to Rick Szabrak, Economic and Workforce Development Director, for designing the amendments.

The plan will allow for RLF committee approved payment deferrals and emergency financing. The duration of this emergency clause is one (1)-year.

The Revolving Loan Fund Committee will review all actions prior to the Board of Commissioners, as has been their pattern. The review packet will contain a summary.

The County Engineer had six resolutions to approve contracts with (and notices of commencement) for:

- The Shelly Company for 33A resurfacing
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- J&J Bridge Company, Inc. for Coonpath Road culvert replacement

There were *financial and grant related resolutions* to approve, such as:

- Budget reductions for the county general revenue fund;
- An account to account transfer of appropriations for IT;
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for Common Pleas Court (tech grant), County Engineer, FCFACF Council, Utilities, and EMA (five resolutions); and
- A transfer by operation of law to reimburse the PA Fund by the CSEA.

The budget reduction resolution was one measure to address the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. There will be \$700,579 of the general fund being reduced with the passage of the resolution.

Those reductions include:

- The elimination of the Records Center liaison position (\$49,479)
- Reduction of the 2020 Port Authority Allocation (\$35,000)
- Reduction of Workforce Center Investment (\$200,000)
- Omission of the remainder of 2020 Multi-System Youth Allocation (\$100,000)
- Reduction of Capital Outlay for Facilities Management (\$300,000)
- Lancaster Festival Allocation for 2020 (\$10,300)
- Certain administrative fees (\$2,000)

There were additional financial and contracting resolutions in queue.

Mr. Davis stated the budget reduction is a first approach at addressing a substantial decrease in revenues. It's not nearly enough, but it's a start. The County is trying to be careful in their approach to solving the multi-million-dollar revenue reduction they predict for this year as a result of the pandemic. The Commission has been in touch with federal and state representatives regarding assistance. These conversations have been polite and ineffective. They have been told they will be included in CARES 3 and weren't and have been told it would be in CARES 4, but

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they cannot assume they will. This \$700,000 reduction is the first of many that will be deep in order to not raid the cash reserves. This is a result of the lack of concern from the state and federal level regarding local services.

Mr. Levacy believes it is prudent to plan for the loss of revenue, but it is very important to note the important work of Fairfield County continues. He applauded the Engineer and JFS for their continued work.

Mr. Fix shares Mr. Davis and Mr. Levacy's frustrations that the county government has not received any support. He also agrees with the concept of preparing for a void of any government assistance. He still has some level of optimism that the federal government will do the right thing.

Mr. Davis appreciated the comments and noted how the federal government botched the testing needs which required the governor to shut down the state as a result. He stated he was not being critical, but locally, they must plan that the calvary is not coming.

c. Administrative Approvals, Program, & Budget Update

Administrative & Program Updates

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contained a list of administrative approvals. There were no questions posed.

Real Estate Offices at 108 N. High Street

Last week, we reported on the Real Estate Offices at 108 N. High Street. When the time is right, there will be ribbon-cutting celebrations. Parking lot paving will be part of the project.

As the offices open, we will move employees out of the mezzanines.

Thanks to Jon Slater, Dennis Keller, Dave Burgei, Mark Conrad, Randy Carter, and many others who have worked hard on this project.

Here is a recent picture of the building.



Culture of Care and Qualitative Data

Last week, we discussed quantitative data and demonstrated how work was increasing during the pandemic in many areas. The quantitative data showed the culture of care in Fairfield County.

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This week, there are responses to questions (qualitative data) that reflect the organizational culture, as well.

- Employees have commented on how swiftly we in Fairfield County move to solve problems.
- Employees also commented that they have learned that as barriers are removed during a crisis, it is important to continue to build more collaboration. In addition, the mission of Fairfield County to Serve. Connect. Protect is cited.
- There is recognition of the importance of planning.
- There is recognition of a need to continue teleworking and use technology in providing services.
- There is reflection on how people adapt to change readily when needed.
- There are concerns about the ongoing need to build interpersonal relationships and stay connected.
- There are plenty of comments about the appreciation of state and local leadership, our community, and co-workers.
- There is a collective desire to see the anxiety dissipate – and to be able to be physically close to family and friends again.
- There is also a reflection on how some will have few problems with the crisis - while others will struggle mightily.
- There are comments about how these times highlight how much we need one another, and we should remember that.

Responses were included in the review packet for insight and reflection.

Ways You Can Help During COVID-19

1. You can donate online to the **Pickerington Food Pantry** by PayPal at <https://pickeringtonfoodpantry.org/>
2. Did you know that there are 71 elder adults who are wards with the **Guardianship Services Board**? That means you have 71 opportunities to create a card or letter – or even have children draw a picture! **Please send a card, letter, or picture to: Janet Stout, Guardianship Services Supervisor.** She will make sure these good wishes get to a ward. Employees can send them by Interoffice Mail to the Records Center. Everyone can mail them to Janet at 224 East Main St, Room 308, in Lancaster.
3. **The Guardianship Services staff is also going to collect donations through the United Way to purchase some seeds, potting soil, and cups.** The staff will help residents plant the seeds. The flowers can later be planted outside as a reminder that there is hope after the storm.

If anyone would like to help with that, you can donate in any denomination to the United Way online for this purpose: <http://igfn.us/form/m9WgBw>

Thinking about Services Post May 1

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The Governor has indicated in press conferences that there will be state guidelines post May 1.

The Governor has listed several requirements that Ohio can expect to see when guidelines are released. These include following social distancing requirements; wearing masks; installing barriers where appropriate; sanitizing and cleaning surfaces frequently; requiring employees to wear gloves; providing ample opportunity to employees and customers to wash and sanitize their hands; staggering employee arrival times and lunches; checking temperatures of employees; and limiting the number of people allowed in a place of business.

Additionally, employees who can work from home will continue working from home, according to early reports. The governor is encouraging industries to come up with best practices.

Federal guidelines include now more than 10 people in a group meeting. In thinking about this, much of what we are now doing will not change dramatically in terms of practices relating to how we are addressing COVID-19, at least initially.

We are in the process of purchasing masks and additional supplies. Yesterday, we emailed globally to employees about these masks and supplies. People were very appreciative.

Mr. Davis stated should things continue to follow the current trajectory the Commission looks forward to moving meetings to the Baldwin facility as soon as May 5th allowing the public to attend the meetings if they desire. He is hopeful they can take that first step to a return to what will be a new normal.

He also mentioned an awareness that the Commission is in receipt of over 100 spam emails demanding things not be reopened and things stay closed. The emails are complimentary to the governor with a lot of the emails coming from Bexley. While he appreciates the input, it is a little pointless as the Commission will follow the consistent written guidance from the federal and state government.

Budget Update

Dr. Brown reported that for some, it is hard to understand how the general fund departments are suffering more than other funded departments. This is based on resources and the experience of reduction of revenues. Other funds, such as grant or special revenue funds, may suffer at a later point in time – and based on all that we are seeing now, there will be additional cuts across other funds.

For the county, as discussed in the past, initial parameters for 2021 are flat parameters, with the exception of insurance, for which a 2% increase is anticipated. This will be for “level one” of the process to prepare a Tax Budget. We will continue to communicate with departments. There are other reductions under review at this time.

In addition, level one access to budget entry with MUNIS on April 27. We will be looking at this level carefully.

Budget reductions for 2020 have occurred. We are in a general hiring freeze, have asked for all departments to delay expenditures if they can, and are planning for no rate increases in 2021.

A press release will be in the review packet.

It is not known if and how the state may share CARES Act funding with entities that have populations of under \$500,000. In other words, we do not have any word

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from the state of Ohio that they will share CARES Act funding with Fairfield County to help with the losses to the general fund.

Letters to our Congressional Representatives were sent on April 15th encouraging funding (in an additional round) for smaller entities experiencing burdens of services based on COVID-19. The letters were in the review packet.

In addition, emails were sent on Saturday, April 18th, and phone calls were made on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, to encourage passage of the COVID "stimulus 3.5" which included funding for counties based on population. The Commissioners called our Congressional delegation. We also tweeted on the matter.

We will continue to communicate relating to the 4th round.

Funding for the counties helps the local economy, and we encouraged the bipartisan passage of a proposal to fund counties directly.

The NACO press release from April 18, 2020, was in the review packet.

d. BRAVOs

Bravo to Common Pleas Court and Domestic Relations Court for earning "Tech Grants" – they join the Commissioners in earning a state grant for technology purposes.

Thank you to JFS for hosting the drive-in and drop off food pantry donation for Salvation Army on April 15th.

Thank you to everyone who has sent well wishes to Fairfield Medical Center during this time.

The videos of the Commissioners continue to receive positive feedback, especially from other Commissioners (such as with Muskingum County and others with CCAO).

Great job to Rick Szabrak and team and stakeholders for 133 LHS students graduating with career readiness endorsement in 2020!

Thank you to Carri Brown, Dennis Keller, Jeff Porter, Rick Szabrak, Christina Foster, and Rachel Elsea for serving on the Board of Revision as Commission representation for 2020. If there are evening hearings, Carri Brown will serve as the representative.

Bravo to Tammy Smith for creating great plexiglass guards for the county to use at the Title Office and other areas.

Bravo to Fairfield County employees for working so hard and for keeping your spirits and those of others high as you provide critical, essential services.

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2020 beginning at 10:03 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, and Innerphase Video. Also joining via teleconference was Amy Brown-Thompson and Jon Kochis.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Davis led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

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Announcements

Commissioner Davis asked if there were any announcements.

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

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

No public comments were received through the web application.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, April 14, 2020

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Thursday, April 14, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Auditor's Office Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Auditor's Office resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major expenditure object categories for General Fund #1001 – Fairfield County Auditor/Information Technology; see resolution 2020-04.21.a.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Commissioners' Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Commissioners' Office resolution authorizing the reduction of appropriations in major expenditure object categories for the General Fund #1001; see resolution 2020-04.21.b.

Discussion: Mr. Fix thanked Dr. Brown for digging through the budget to see what can be reduced now. Mr. Davis reiterated this was the first pass at reducing the budget. He apologized to employees and the public who will be experience a reduction in services in the coming months as the county reduces more expenditures.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Common Pleas Court Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Common Pleas Court resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund #2422, TECH Grant; see resolution 2020-04.21.c.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Economic Development Resolutions

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Economic Development resolution to approve an amendment to the Fairfield County EDA RLF Plan; see resolution 2020-04.21.d.

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Discussion: Mr. Fix commended Mr. Szabrak for his creativity to help the small business community.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Emergency Management Agency Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Emergency Management Agency resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category EMA 2090 Emergency Management Agency Fund; see resolution 2020-04.21.e.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Engineer's Resolutions

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

2020-04.21.f A Resolution to Approve the Contract with The Shelly Company for the FAI-CR33A-0.000 Resurfacing Project. [Engineer]

2020-04.21.g A Resolution to Approve the Notice to Commence for the FAI-CR33A-0.000 Resurfacing Project [Engineer]

2020-04.21.h A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for repairs and maintenance and services [Engineer]

2020-04.21.i A Resolution to Approve the Contract with Axis Civil Construction, LLC for the BER-34, FAI-CR154-0.698 Sugar Grove Road over the Hocking River Guardrail Improvement Project. [Engineer]

2020-04.21.j A Resolution to Approve the Notice to Commence for the BER-34 Guardrail Improvement Project [Engineer]

2020-04.21.k A Resolution to Approve the Contract with J&J Bridge Company, Inc. for the FAI-CR31-9.708 Coonpath Road Culvert Replacement Project. [Engineer]

2020-04.21.l A Resolution to Approve the Notice to Commence for the FAI-CR31-9.708 Coonpath Road Culvert Replacement Project [Engineer]

Discussion: Mr. Levacy stated the Engineer is going to see a huge decrease in revenue in the gas tax but is doing a great job with limited resources.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Family, Adult, and Children First Council resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major category expense for the Fund #7521, subfund #8232; see resolution 2020-04.21.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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Approval of the Job and Family Service Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Job and Family Services resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services; see resolution 2020-04.21.n

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Utilities Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Utilities resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Utilities Fund 5854 Lift Station; see resolution 2020-04.21.o.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Review (continued)

The Commissioners met at 10:12 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, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, and Innerphase Video. Joining via teleconference were Amy Brown-Thompson and Jon Kochis

- **Old Business**

- a. **Fairfield Medical Center**

Mr. Davis stated hospitals are unique in Ohio as the Governor was proactive in preparing for a surge that hasn't come.

Mr. Levacy thinks it important to note that FMC was in front of what was happening. He thinks the federal government, especially the state, is still catching up.

Mr. Fix thinks Fairfield County was ahead of this largely due to Mr. Davis and his relationship with Mr. Janoso. He thanked Mr. Davis for his leadership and thanked Mr. Janoso, as well.

Mr. Davis noted that the immediate situation seems to be under control, and they look forward to the leaders at the federal and state governments not forgetting about this experience.

Dr. Brown recalled that on April 15, 2020, Governor DeWine asked the Ohio Hospital Association to begin developing a plan to resume treating patients who have had non-COVID-19 elective procedures were delayed or deferred due to the ongoing pandemic. Governor DeWine requested that the plan be completed within one week. This was one of the first signs of Ohio "reopening" during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We should hear more about this particular plan soon.

Dr. Brown added that many at the federal level have commented on how hospitals are important based on how they are top employers in a community. It is a good reminder for federal leaders to also think of local governments in this same way; we are top employers, although we have not grown in numbers over the years. While we do not have more than 2,000 employees (as the hospital does), we do have about 900, and that is a large number of people who contribute to the local economy.

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b. Attorney Fees and the Ohio Public Defender Commission

In an administrative meeting, Commissioner Davis spoke with Charles Elsea and Jason Price. The attorneys understood reasoning behind tabling any additional proposed increase in attorney fees for indigent cases during this time and look forward to renewed discussion once economic recovery is underway.

Carri Brown reviewed the recent OPD memo which included an option for intermittent reimbursements (prior to a case being closed) which is already in place with Fairfield County.

c. Payroll Protection Program

Commissioner Davis provided observations from several teleconferences. The 10-day time limit for closure of the loans presents a problem for many, and we anticipate some accommodation, albeit informal accommodation, from the US Treasury.

Mr. Levacy spoke of his conversations with those who successfully obtained a loan and those who did not.

Dr. Brown commented on how the large volume of applications for this program is just one indication of the turbulence in the market right now.

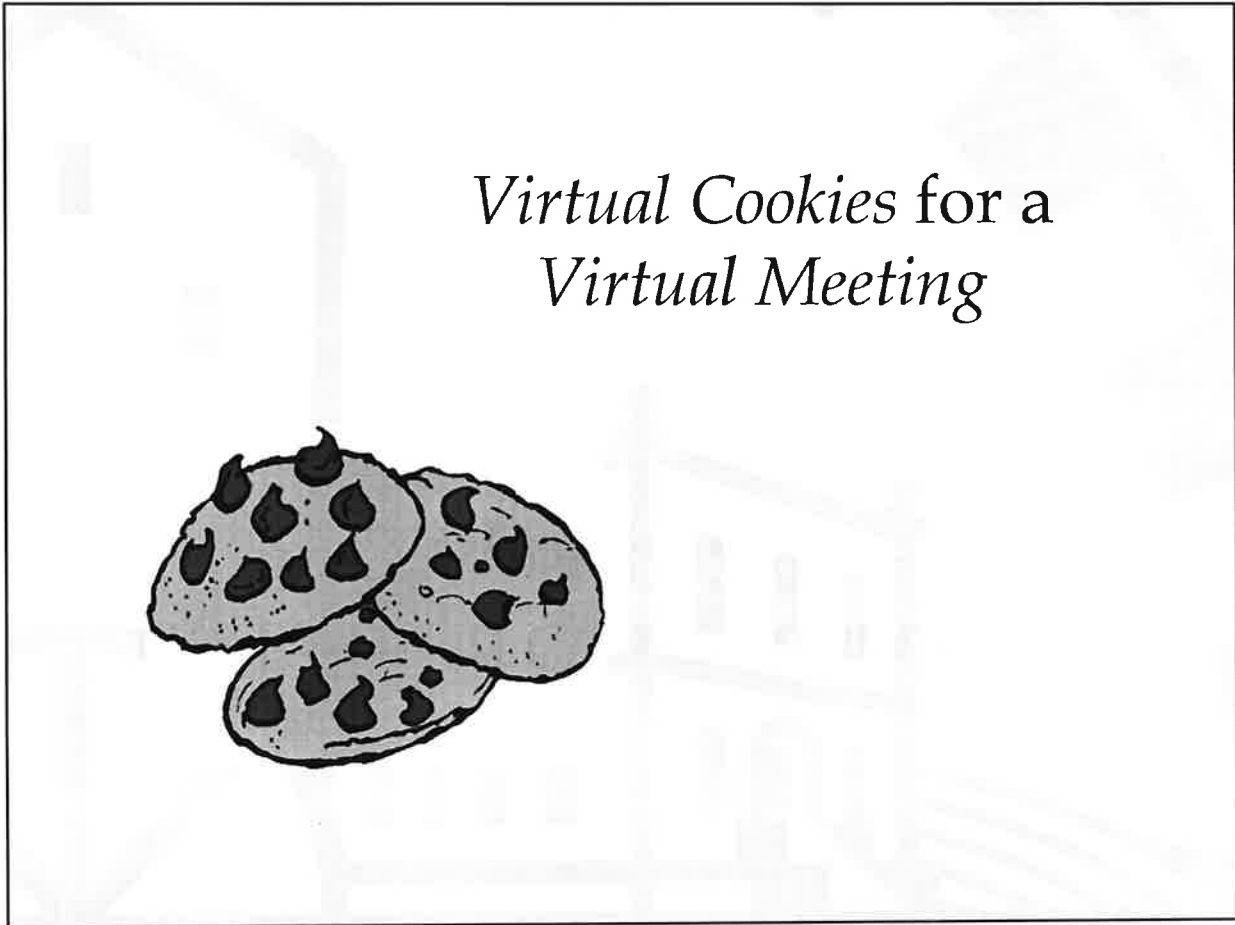
- New Business (none)
- General Correspondence Received (none)
- Calendar Review/Invitations Received
 - a. Commissioners Levacy and Fix intend to be on teleconferences with Senators Brown and Portman on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- FYI
 - a. We have forecasted the May Meetings to be held at 240 Baldwin Drive in Lancaster.
 - b. Jail Population – 189 – Thanks to everyone working hard to keep the jail population down.
 - c. Congratulations to Spencer and Remo Remoquillo on the arrival of Dottie Lane.
 - d. Earth Day is on Wednesday. A proclamation was passed last week. It will be shared globally.
 - e. Anytime, a public records request or a question can be posed to Rachel.Elsea@fairfieldcountyohio.gov or [Carri. Brown@fairfieldcountyohio.gov](mailto:Carri.Brown@fairfieldcountyohio.gov)
- Open Items

Mr. Levacy looks forward to all this ending, be it slowly, and looks forward to the future.

Mr. Davis stated he had done some reading related to the Spanish Flu of 1918. He is aware of the second wave that occurred then and that there could be another wave with this pandemic. While people may believe they have seen the economic impact of this pandemic, they have not.



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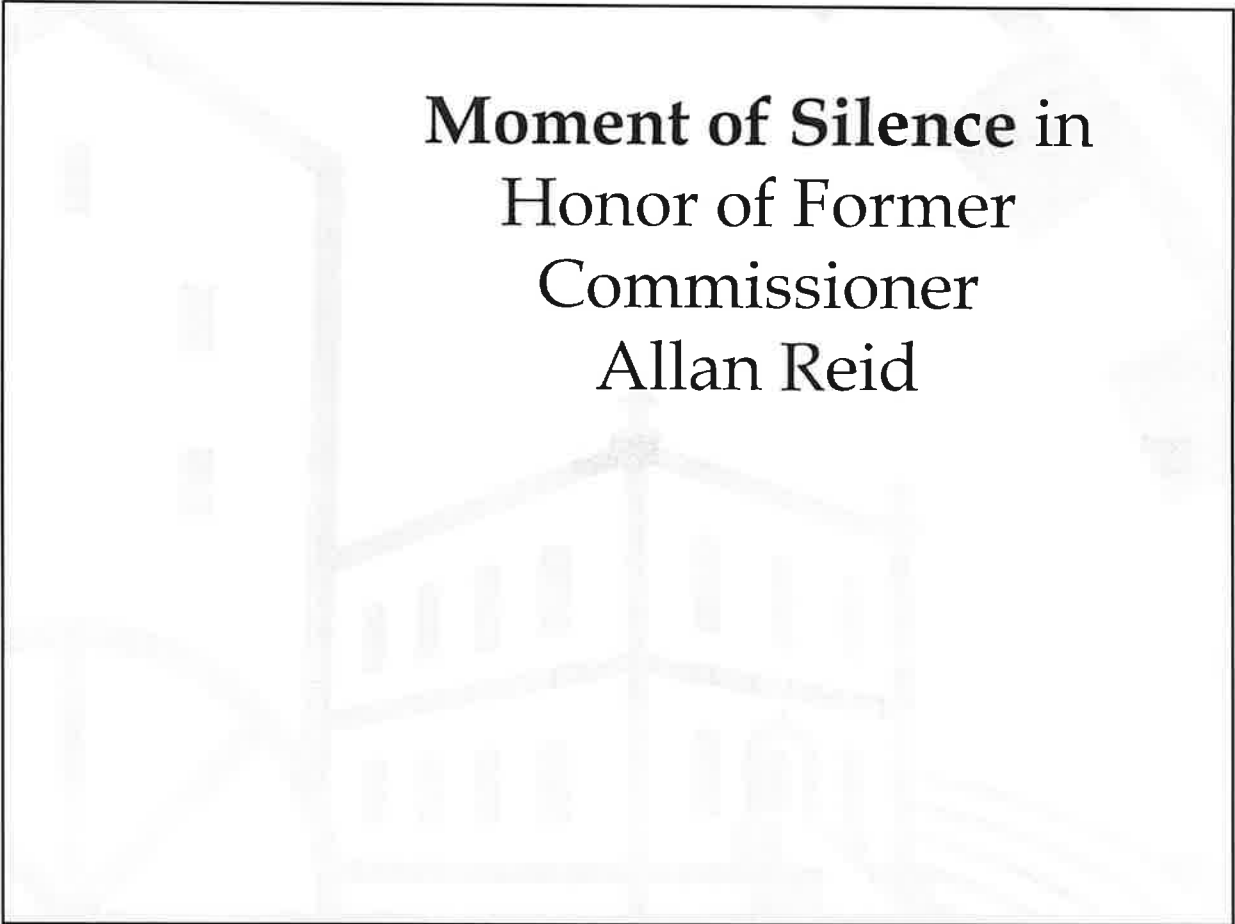
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COVID 19 Update
Jon Kochis, EMA Director








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County Administrator Update

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Administrative Approvals



- Administrative Approvals – in packet



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<https://pickeringtonfoodpantry.org>

Flyer sent to all
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Donate to the
Guardianship Services
Board

Send letter to the GSB:
Janet Stout
224 E. Main, Room 308
Lancaster, OH

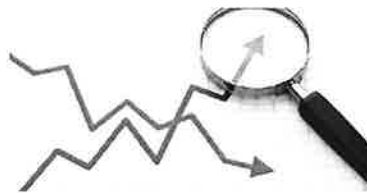


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Planning for 2021 – First Level

The parameters envisioned now are flat parameters in all categories, except for insurance at a 2% increase.

Allocations will be held flat, except for the negotiated decrease with MCJDC.



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Budget Update

- 2021 parameters
- April 27 – first look
- Budget reduction in 2020 – press release
- CARES Act

Federal Proposal - April 18, 2020

Letters/Calls to Congressional Delegation

Press Release from NACO

Tweets – Multiple Sources



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Federal Proposal

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BRAVO!

- Great job to Rick Szabrak and team and stakeholders for 133 LHS students graduating with career readiness endorsement in 2020!
- Thank you to Carri Brown, Dennis Keller, Jeff Porter, Rick Szabrak, Christina Foster, and Rachel Elsea for serving on the Board of Revision as Commission representation for 2020. If there are evening hearings, Carri Brown will serve as the representative.
- Bravo to Tammy Smith for creating great plexiglass guards for the county to use at the Title Office and other areas.
- Bravo to Fairfield County employees for working so hard and for keeping your spirits and those of others high as you provide critical, essential services. #Serve.Connect.Protect



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Old Business

- Fairfield Medical Center
- Attorney Fees
- Paycheck Protection Program




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New Business


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Invitations



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Quick FYI

- Jail population



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Quick FYI

- Congratulations to Remo and Spencer Remoquillo on the arrival of baby Dottie Lane.







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Great job to the Fairfield County Community!

thank you!



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Thank You – Elected Officials

- Commissioner Steve Davis
- Commissioner Jeff Fix
- Commissioner Dave Levacy
- Auditor Jon Slater
- Clerk of Courts Branden Meyer
- Coroner Dr. Varney
- Engineer Jeremiah Upp
- Judge Richard Berens
- Judge David Trimmer
- Judge Terre Vandervoort
- Judge Laura Smith
- Prosecutor Kyle Witt
- Recorder Gene Wood
- Sheriff Dave Phalen
- Treasurer Jim Bahnsen



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Thank You – Appointed Officials & Department Heads

- County Administrator-
Dr. Carri Brown
- Human Resources -Jeff Porter
- JFS – Aunie Cordle
- Facilities – Dennis Keller
- Economic/Workforce
Development – Rick Szabrak
- IT – Mark Conrad
- GIS – Dave Burgei
- Dog Shelter – Todd
McCullough
- EMA – Jon Kochis
- Board of Elections – Jane
Hanley
- Utilities – Tony Vogel
- ADAMH – Rhonda Myers
- Board of DD – Jon Pekar
- Veterans Services – Park Russell
- Airport Board –Dr. Glenn Burns
- Visitation Center – Mandi Crist



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Commissioners’ Administration Team

- **Rachel Elsea** – *Clerk to the Board of Commissioners*
- **Staci Knisley** – *Budget Officer*
- **Christina Foster** – *Payroll Officer*
- **Shar Bails** – *Account Clerk*
- **Christy Barker** – *Mail Clerk*



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