Regular Meeting #17 - 2018
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
April 24, 2018

Review

The Commissioners met at 9:02 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Josh Horacek, Amy Brown-Thompson, Michael Kaper, Jon Kochis, Tony Vogel, Todd McCullough, Dennis Keller, Loudan Klein, David Miller, Jeff Barron, Chief Alex Lape, Jeff Porter, Lisa Reade, Jeff Fix, Aundrea Cordle, and Ed Laramee.

Welcome

Commissioner Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked County Administrator Carri Brown and her staff for the preparation of the State of the County Address.

Legal Update

Mr. Horacek reported that effective on June 30, 2018, with the Coroner’s resignation, the Republic Central Committee will appoint the new Coroner within 5-45 days. The Board of Commissioners can proactively appoint the Interim Coroner at any time contingent on the resignation.

Ms. Brown reported she will be meeting with Chief Lape on May 1st to discuss the options for the physician services contract.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Commission does not have a pre-ordained decision about the physician services. He encouraged the research that will be done by Ms. Brown and Chief Lape.

Administration and Budget Update/Carri’s List

A. Announcements and Date Reminders

Ms. Brown made the following announcements:

- The next lunch -n- learn session is with the County Sheriff, May 1 at 11:30 am.
- On May 1st, the Review Meeting will be at 1 pm, with the Regular Meeting to follow at 1:30 pm. This is to accommodate the MCJDC annual meeting.
- The next elected official and department head roundtable meeting is May 17th at 8:30 am.
- The date for the Economic and Workforce Development Summit has been changed from May 9th to June 13th.

B. Highlights of Resolutions

Ms. Brown provided highlights of resolutions proposed for the voting agenda.

We proposed a resolution to award the DACO parking lot project to Good Builders after the competitive bidding process was concluded and as discussed in open meeting.

The County Engineer proposed to approve a notice to commence and award the resurfacing project in 2018, for the Shelly Company. The County Engineer also proposed to approve advertising for the Fosnaugh Road project and the Lake Road culvert projects.

There were financial resolutions to approve, such as:

- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for the Sheriff and EMA (non-general fund transactions);
- Account to account transfers of appropriations to properly classify expenditures for the DACO parking lot project (moving from unanticipated because the bid was more than the Engineer’s estimate), DR Court (two resolutions), and Juvenile Court;
- An advance for JFS for a new grant fund and for MCU for a grant renewal;
- A fund to fund transfer (and appropriations from unappropriated funds) for the County Prosecutor (relating to grants) and for the County Auditor (relating to unclaimed funds);
• Movement of levy funds by operation of law for JFS (Child Protective Services);
• Planned allocations for the Soil and Water Conservation District;
• The payment of bills as needed.

During the State of the County Address a resolution to approve the "go forward decision" to support the analysis and evaluation of an Arts Consortium to benefit economic growth and community vitality will be proposed.

Commissioner Davis reported that many years ago he was involved in discussions relating to the support of performing arts. At that time, he was not interested. The budget was $10 million. During recent discussions, the support of an Arts Consortium seems more doable. He looks forward in trying to be helpful in the future. Commissioner Levacy stated that he was very enthusiastic in supporting the Arts Consortium.

Ms. Brown added that next week, we will have proposed a memo of understanding with Columbia Gas Transmission relating to the Columbia B system and County Utilities ($150,000 to the County Utilities Department).

Commissioner Davis expressed his appreciation to Tony Vogel & TransCanada (Columbia Gas) for their quickly handling the memo of understanding.

C. Administrative Approvals & Budget Update

Ms. Brown provided an administrative update and a budget update.

Administrative Approvals

Ms. Brown stated the administrative approvals for the week were summarized in the review packet and asked if there were any questions. None were posed. She went on with additional updates.

Budget Update

Ms. Brown reported that during the State of the County Address today, there will be several displays about county services and projects. We appreciate the effort that has been taken to prepare the displays. One of the displays includes a five-year plan for facilities improvements. The estimates included in the five-year plan change as more information is known.

For example, we are still gathering market information about Baldwin (the Facilities and Emergency Management Center) and Chestnut (the Records and Training Center). The information about Chestnut seems most volatile now, as we have uncertainty about the costs of materials and construction. We do know that building these two buildings for public purposes would cost about $15 Million and overall costs to obtain and remodel the existing buildings will be about $5.5 Million, which makes the strategies cost effective choices. We will update records as more information is known. The good news is that we are not in crisis management mode and will still be able to meet our 2019 targets for completion for these two buildings.

Commissioner Davis stated that both buildings have proven to be financially beneficial and commented on the costs of renting space for storage of records, which might not be known to everyone as they think about the purpose of the new building on Chestnut.

D. Roundtable Meeting – May 17

A draft agenda for the May 17th roundtable was included in the review packet.

E. Bravo!

• Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to prepare for the State of the County Address. The displays from the address will be at the Administrative Courthouse for
those who cannot attend the address. We will also send links for the video globally for employees.

- Bravo to the JFS Circus Night planning team for another successful event for the community.

- Bravo to Juvenile Court for its community programs. One of the boys’ mentor groups includes a highway cleanup module in a 10-week series. The group is responsible for a 2-mile strip on 158 between Lancaster and Baltimore. The Vineyard Church is a faith-based partner in the effort. We shared a picture of the group who keeps the highway clean (which is a good follow-up to the environmental stewardship group discussions of last week.)

**Old Business**

Commissioner Davis reported that he spoke with Commissioner Kiger’s wife, Alma. Commissioner Kiger has returned to the hospital. The Commission will continue under prior guidance given through the Prosecutor’s Office and the Attorney General’s Office.

**New Business (none)**

**General Correspondence Received**

We received a link for a YouTube video honoring Colonel (Ret.) Tom Moe who recently received a Hanoi Hilton memorial brick:

https://youtu.be/nr1hc5e8kew

**Calendar Review/Invitations Received**

a. Pickerington Comic Fest on Saturday, May 5 from 10am to 5pm – Location: Pickerington Public Library, 201 Opportunity Way, Pickerington

b. Combined Lancaster Burial Squad on Friday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m. – Location: AMVETS Post 1985, 700 S. Maple St, Lancaster *(RSVP needed)*

   *Commissioner Levacy will attend.*

c. Bremen Chamber of Commerce Meeting on Thursday, May 24 at noon – Location: Bremen-Bethel Presbyterian Church *(RSVP needed)*

**FYI**

Ms. Brown reported the following information.

- The jail population is now 295.
- The US Postal Service is conducting a food bank drive on May 12th. We already have a case of canned corn to donate.
- We received information about Issue 1 from the Secretary of State.
- We received a newsletter from the Pickerington Senior Center.

**Issues Bin – Two Items**

No updates were available on the following items, which will remain in the issues bin:

- Obtaining information from ODNR
- Interest in County Owned Property (Informational Item)
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Review of Video Honoring Col. Tom Moe

The Commission and those in attendance watched the YouTube video honoring Colonel (Ret.) Tom Moe. Commissioner Davis stated that Colonel Moe is considered by everyone to be a friend of Fairfield County. Commissioner Levacy stated that he attended the memorial event for Colonel Moe. He has known Colonel Moe for 20 years. It was a privilege to attend.

Recess

Commissioner Davis stated at 9:41 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the voting meeting.

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Lisa Reade, Josh Horacek, Amy Brown-Thompson, Jon Kochis, Tony Vogel, Todd McCullough, Jeff Porter, Andrea Cordle, Jon Slater, Jr., David Miller, Jeff Barron, Chief Alex Lape, Jeff Fix, Ed Laramee, and Dennis Keller.

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.

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

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

There were no public comments given.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, April 17, 2018

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, April 17, 2018 Regular Meeting.

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

Approval of the Auditor's Office Resolution

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

2018-04.24.a A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer. Auditor – Fund 1080 [Auditor- Finance]

Discussion: Auditor Jon Slater, Jr., stated that this was the annual unclaimed funds transfer to the General Fund.

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

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners’ Office Resolutions:

2018-04.24.b A resolution approving an account to account transfer in major expense categories- Fairfield County Commissioners/Maintenance

2018-04.24.c A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer for the 2nd half 2018 Allocation for Soil & Water -Fairfield County Commissioners

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

Approval of the Domestic Relations Court Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Domestic Relations Court Resolutions:

2018-04.24.d A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer for the adjustment of Fringe Benefits.

2018-04.24.e A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer for the adjustment of Fringe Benefits.

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

Approval of the Emergency Management Agency Resolutions

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

2018-04.24.f A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer for EMA Fund 2090 EMA General Fund Subfunds [EMA]

2018-04.24.g A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category EMA 2090 Emergency Management Agency Fund

Discussion: Mr. Kochis stated that he is happy to switch to the new county logo. These resolutions will proper classify the expenditures.

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

Approval of the Engineer’s Office Resolutions

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

2018-04.24.h A Resolution to Approve the Contract with The Shelly Company for the FAI-CR12/16/90 Resurfacing Project. [Engineer]

2018-04.24.i A Resolution to Approve the Notice to Commence for the FAI-CR12/16/90 Resurfacing Project [Engineer]

2018-04.24.j A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the FAI-CR60-5,223 Lake Road Culvert Replacement Project. [Engineer]

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2018-04.24.k A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the AMA-22, FAI-CR4-5.086 Fosnaugh School Road Bridge Replacement Project. [Engineer]

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

Approval of the Facilities Resolution

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

2018-04.24.l A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Contract Bid Award for the Construction of an ADA Compliant Parking Area for DACO [Facilities]

Discussion: Mr. Keller reported that there were two bids received at the public bid opening. The bids were $200 apart. He is pleased to move forward with Good Builders.

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

Approval of the Job and Family Services Resolutions

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

2018-04.24.m 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]

2018-04.24.n A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to Enhancing Permanency In Children and Families (EPIC) sub-fund #8182 org. 12207218. Fairfield County JFS. [JFS]

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

Approval of the Juvenile/Probate Court Resolution

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

2018-04.24.o A resolution approving an account to account transfer[#2641 Title IV-E Fund - Juvenile Court] [Juvenile/Probate Court]

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

Approval of the Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit Resolution

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

2018-04.24.p A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to Federal Equitable Sharing Fund -7619 and Project Income 7594[Major Crimes Unit] [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]
Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy and Steve Davis
Absent: Mike Kiger

Approval of the Prosecutor Resolution

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

2018-04.24.q A resolution approving a Fund to Fund transfer and Appropriations from Unappropriated funds in a major expenditure object category; Prosecutor 2100 (790213 Allocation-Prosecutor) to Prosecutor VOCA 2784/ Sub Fund 8102 (526000 Workers Comp)

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

Approval of the Sheriff's Office Resolution

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

2018-04.24.r A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Sheriff's Office Fund 2711 Continuous Professional Training [Sheriff]

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

Approval of the Payment of Bills Resolutions

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

2018-04.24.s A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval

2018-04.24.t A resolution to approve the payment of vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders for all Departments that are approved by the Commissioners [Audit- Finance]

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

Ms. Kaisley stated that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 1:30 P.M. Review Session starts at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center Joint Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m.

Recess

Commissioner Davis stated at 10:10 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the State of the County Address. Lunch is at 11:30 a.m. The Address is at noon.
2018 State of the County Address

The Commissioners met at noon to present the 2018 State of the County Address. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Commissioner Kiger was absent. Also present were Staci Knisley, Carri Brown, Sharlene Bails, Christina Foster, Bob Holland, many county employees, Elected Officials, and Fairfield County stakeholders.

The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners held its annual State of the County Address on Tuesday, April 24th at the Crossroads Ministry Center. Ms. Brown, Commissioner Levacy, and Commissioner Davis spoke about the state of Fairfield County. The theme of this year’s address was “Serving the Underserved” - #CountOnUs!

The work of multiple county departments was featured. The Lancaster-Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce hosted the event. The slide show for the event, along with handout materials, will be attached to the minutes. In addition, the slide show and video (with music) will be posted to the website.

See the link below for the video presentation:

https://youtu.be/ISIEUhnjSK

Approval of the “go forward decision” to support the analysis and evaluation of an Arts Consortium to benefit economic growth and community vitality resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners’ Office Resolution:

2018-04.24.u A resolution approving the “go forward decision” to support the analysis and evaluation of an Arts Consortium to benefit economic growth and community vitality [Commissioners]

Discussion:

Ms. Brown commented that research from multiple universities, including Princeton University, demonstrates the arts impact communities in a positive way, including positive economic influences. There are evidence-based strategies for how the arts can improve health, mental well-being, cognitive functioning, creative abilities, and academic performance. This community has a proven track record of offering cultural programs and events, such as music festivals, museum exhibits, art classes and performances. There have been multiple community discussions about the importance of the performing arts and a desire to contribute to economic and community vitality. The Commission and its leadership team often collaborate to help support community projects. She stated we are ready to support a review, analysis, and evaluation for an Arts Consortium to benefit economic growth and community vitality.

Commissioner Davis added the Commission supports getting behind the analysis and evaluation of an Arts Consortium.

Commissioner Levacy stated that the Arts Consortium will be an attraction for Fairfield County residents and businesses.

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

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Dave Levacy and a second of Steve Davis the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 1:11 p.m.
PLEASE READ

PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PLANNING FOR A COMMUNITY CENTER

Violet Township has engaged Moody – Nolan and Rockmill Financial to conduct a feasibility study and financing / funding options for a Community Center to be built in our Community!

This project has been discussed many times over the years, and the time has come to move this project forward.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

WHAT? We will be hosting a Public Meeting to discuss this project and begin to solicit feedback and input from you!!

WHEN? The first meeting will be held on May 10, 2018, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE? Violet Baptist Church, 8345 Blacklick-Eastern Rd. (State Route 204)

Please plan to attend – it is a great opportunity to be part of a legacy project for our entire community!!

We hope to see you there!!
A resolution approving the "go forward decision" to support the analysis and evaluation of a Lancaster Performing Arts Center Consortium to benefit economic growth and community vitality

WHEREAS, from 2012 to the present, there have been multiple discussions about the importance of performing arts to the economic growth and community vitality of Fairfield County;

WHEREAS, research studies have shown that arts and cultural programs offer multiple benefits to individuals and communities;

WHEREAS, the community has a proven track record of offering exceptional cultural programs and events, such as music festivals, museum exhibits, art classes, and theatre performances;

WHEREAS, the arts have been said to improve health, mental well-being, cognitive functioning, creative ability and academic performance;

WHEREAS, there is a group of community leaders exploring the potential of a cultural gathering place and performing arts center in Lancaster, referring to a consortium known as the Lancaster Performing Arts Center Arts Consortium;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, its county administrator, department heads and county subject matter experts often collaborate to help support projects to improve the quality of life in Fairfield County;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners authorizes the "go forward decision" to support the analysis and evaluation of a Lancaster Performing Arts Center Consortium to benefit economic growth and community vitality.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners pledges the participation of its staff to help conduct the analysis and evaluation, which should include public participation and multiple perspectives.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners seek an evidence-based conclusion on how the consortium will enhance access to the arts; improve culture within the county; support economic growth and community vitality; and contribute to the common good or quality of life in Fairfield County.
We'll handle it from here.

Thank you.

Special Announcement - Pine Grove Land Fill - Republic Services
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MILLER BUILDING?

Join us to find out!
May 11, 2018 at 11am
1587 Granville Pike, Lancaster

Refreshments to be Served
Mini Tours

Habitat for Humanity of Fairfield County, Ohio
Fact Sheet for the Clarence E. Miller Building
April 2018

• The Fairfield County Land Bank has transferred the Clarence E. Miller Building to Habitat for Humanity of Fairfield County.

• Habitat for Humanity plans to repurpose the building as a center for artists in residence, a gallery, and a Halloween Haunt.

• The Habitat Humanity proposal to the Land Bank included community support and volunteers for the project.

• The shared mission of the groups is to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope.

• The Clarence E. Miller Building was originally transferred from the Board of County Commissioners to the Land Bank on January 19, 2016, after three requests for proposals failed to produce viable options for the excess property.

• The Clarence E. Miller building once housed the County Health Department and other county agencies after it was no longer used as a county infirmary.

• Since January 19, 2016, the Land Bank has been accomplishing necessary maintenance of the building in partnership with Fairfield County while it reviewed proposals and options for the building.

• We are encouraged with the transfer of the Clarence E. Miller Building to Habitat for Humanity because we believe they can repurpose the property and provide for a community benefit.

• Habitat for Humanity has been creative in their proposal, and they have community support to bolster their efforts.

*A summary of the History of the Clarence E. Miller Building is attached.*
Historical Overview
of the
THE CLARENCE E. MILLER BUILDING
(formerly County Infirmary and County Home)

Prepared by Dennis R. Keller, Fairfield County Facilities Manager

1826 Fairfield County purchased an 80 Acre farm approximately 2.5 miles north of the County Seat along Granville Pike from John & Catherine Creed for $1500, to establish a County infirmary for the poor and aged. This farm included land on both sides of Rt. 37 at that time, and a working farm was established where OU-L currently sits. The first wood framed County building was built immediately after 1826 to serve as the Infirmary for County residents.

1828 The first brick structure was built in 1828, and the Infirmary was also referred to as the "Poor House" during these times.

1837 On June 7, 1837 the County Commissioners purchased an additional 20 acres west of the original property from Elizabeth Weaver for $220, increasing the size of the property to 100 acres making the home and working farm as self-sufficient as possible.

1848 In 1848 a brick addition was added to the south end of the first brick structure, increasing the capacity of the Infirmary to serve both children and adults.

1865 A second brick addition to the front and north were added to the County Home, which were believed to serve as administrative areas. The home housed as many as 90 residents and was self-supporting with the working farm supplying necessary food. The out-buildings served as a smoke house where they butchered and processed their own meat, a root cellar, a spring house, and a carpentry shop. The County provided a superintendent, caretakers and staff, along with necessary funding to operate the home.

1868 On August 31, 1868 the County purchased another tract of 70 acres west of the property from George W. & Sarah E. Cruit for $5600, increasing the size of the County Home farmland to a total of 170 acres.

1886 During this time, a cemetery was established on the property to serve the deceased residents from the County Home and was called "Paupers Cemetery" by historical accounts. It is not known for sure how many bodies are buried there, since there are very few grave markers present. There is one large monument dated 1886 that bears the inscription "To the Memory of Our Dead".

1905 On May 12, 1905 the County Commissioners purchased 40 acres north of the original property and along Granville Pike from Frederick J. Buschemeyer for $3800, increasing the size of the farm to 210 acres.

1912 Historical accounts for this year indicated that the County Home and farm were located on 210 acres north of the City. According to the Superintendents Journal, the expenses for maintaining 69 charges, or residents, was $9,775.54 that year and the net cost of maintaining each inmate was reported to be $102.21.

1985 The last 16 residents were removed from the County Home in 1985 and relocated to nursing homes and foster homes. The County Home was closed for good by the County Commissioners in March of that year.

1986 A major renovation of the building was made adding an elevator, sprinkler system, and many other updates to prepare the building for use as County offices including Human Resources, the Health Department, County Extension Offices, and Children's Services. The building was renamed the Clarence E. Miller Health and Human Resources building.

2000 The building continued to serve as the home to the Fairfield Department of Health after all other County Departments had been moved to other facilities.

2013 The Fairfield Department of Health was relocated to its new offices in a leased space at 1550 Sheridan Drive.
The Clarence E. Miller (CEM) building was at one time the County Infirmary. The first buildings were erected in 1828. In 1840, a two story brick building was placed on the site. The dimensions of the new “poor-house” were then sufficient to accommodate the county poor, as well as provide a residence for the superintendent and an addition was built in the early 1860s. From time-to-time thereafter, out-buildings were erected, the main building enlarged, and various accessories provided. At some point over the years, the CEM building was used as the County Home. February 21, 1985 the County Commissioner announced that they would be moving the remaining 16 residents of the County Home to other facilities. It was decided the CEM building would become the new Health and Human Services complex. All county offices that related to health and human services would be moved to the CEM building.

On May 10, 1985, the Fairfield County Health Department was informed that they would be housed in the CEM building at 1587 Granville Pike in Lancaster. The actual move to the new location took place on December 5, 1985. The building had been remodeled to house offices and an elevator was installed. Several county offices were housed in the CEM building over the years; including: Lancaster City Health Department; Metropolitan Housing, Children Services, Ohio Cooperative Extension; Board of Education; Teenage Pregnancy Program and Big Brothers and Big Sisters. As agencies moved out of the CEM building, the County Health Department moved into the vacated space and eventually took over the entire building. Over the years, the condition of the building began to deteriorate and eventually, it was too costly to keep up with all of the necessary repairs. The County Commissioners decided to move the health department to 1550 Sheridan Drive, Suite 100 in Lancaster in November of 2013.
Mission: To capitalize on growth opportunities in our urbanized areas while maintaining the natural resources required for our County's long-term sustainability.

Development Strategy and Land Use Plan

A long-term plan for Fairfield County has been developed to guide growth, revitalization, and preservation efforts. The Land Use Plan is a necessary step to take advantage of future growth expected in the Central Ohio region.

The Land Use Plan (officially referred to as the Update to the 2002 Development Strategy and Land Use Plan) was created with input and feedback from the public and stakeholders representing multiple disciplines. The plan demonstrates the desire for revitalization and preservation of rural areas while recognizing opportunities for growth along major corridors and in incorporated areas.

PLAN BREAKDOWN:

- EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
- POPULATION AND DEMOGRAPHICS
- CONNECTIVITY
- GROWTH MANAGEMENT
- PROSPERITY
- PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

VIEW THE PLAN:
The plan can be viewed at www.co.fairfield.oh.us/rpc or by contacting our office at 740-852-7110.

Trends

- Columbus MSA Population Growth: 18.9%
- Fairfield Co. Population Growth: 22.6%

Since 2010, over $53M in utility investments and over $50M in transportation investments have been applied throughout Fairfield County.
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A Guest Article for Revitalization News by Carri L. Brown.

Note from Storm Cunningham: Too often, local and state and federal government agencies build new facilities without any thought for how the project might affect downtown revitalization efforts. Witness all the post offices that the U.S. Postal Service (not actually a government agency, granted) helped kill hundreds of downtowns over the past few decades by moving post offices from downtown locations to the suburbs. When Fairfield County, Ohio needed a new jail, they were determined to fulfill that goal in a way that supported—rather than undermined—their downtown revitalization efforts. In the process, they reused an existing site and improved public safety. Here’s how they did it:

Planning a major project to build a jail and public safety facility comes with challenges. Those challenges, though, do not prevent the integration of downtown revitalization into overall strategies for a community. Experienced public administrators might think attempting such integration might be a recipe for disaster, but it can be done. Here is an example from Fairfield County, Ohio, where a downtown site was redeveloped to improve public safety services and support downtown revitalization.
Building a New Jail and Public Safety Facility Sparked Controversy

From 1999 to 2013, there were lively debates in Fairfield County, Ohio, about building a new public safety facility and jail. The decision to move forward was a complex one, and there was no progress on the project for 14 years.

Part of the complexity of the project was that there lacked consensus on the new location of the facility. The image of what a new jail would look like was grounded in the past, with razor wire fences and foreboding appearances. People simply were not very eager for this type of facility near their homes or businesses.

There was consensus, however, on the need for an upgraded facility based on ongoing reports from the County Sheriff, law enforcement professionals, and other stakeholders. The overarching problem was that operations of three jails and a detective bureau were unsustainable in the long run. Further, failed state inspections of the jails added to the pressure to change. The decision to build a new jail was important for public safety: it was also important to revitalization of the community.

Two of the three old jail locations were in downtown (or downtown adjacent) sites of Lancaster, the county seat. These two locations were sorely overcrowded, outdated, and dilapidated. The detective bureau was also located in downtown Lancaster, while the third jail was located miles away in a leased, state facility.

For the new construction, Fairfield County owned two suitable sites. One was in a downtown area, while the other was not. After thoughtful consideration, county leaders decided to construct a $35 Million, 384-bed facility in the downtown area, repurposing an existing jail site. Adapting the existing site, though, was not without problems, including environmental concerns.

The Reuse of the Existing Site Came with Unique Challenges

Conflicts arose throughout the site reuse process. Some stakeholders were concerned about the reuse of the existing site, claiming the project could endanger the water supply from the aquifer below the construction site.

Environmental stewardship is an important goal of Fairfield County, and there was significant investment made to ensure City regulations were met and to ensure confidence in the safety of the project.

For example, environmental consultants, Bennett and Williams, were brought into the project during the early phases of construction because of the unique challenges presented at the site. In the early 1900s, the site was used in part to dispose of foundry sand generated by a nearby foundry, Allen’s Foundry. The site had poor soil compaction and a potential for waste to be carried into the aquifer.

Fairfield County was dedicated to ensuring that the City’s wellfield would not be impacted and proposed voluntary measures designed to minimize any impact to the aquifer both during and after construction. These measures included “casing off” the fill materials as part of the construction of the auger cast piles, minimizing the downward transport of fill materials into the aquifer.

Fairfield County took extensive precautions during the investigation, preparation, and construction phases of the project. In the end, analyses demonstrated there was no increased risk to the wellfield, as some people had feared. Rather, the measures decreased the inconsequential risk posed and improved the impact to the environment. Results of a leaching model showed (under both pre-construction and post-construction conditions) none of the hazardous constituents present in on-site fill will leach to groundwater in 100 years, the standard period used in leaching assessments.

In fact, the model—which used the most conservative input parameters—showed the construction elements would result in slower leaching of constituents than what was expected previously. Linda Aller, Principal Geologist with Bennett and Williams, stated, "The work of the construction project decreased the minimal risk the site posed to the wellfield, improving wellfield protection and access to safe drinking water." The innovative use of "cased-off" auger cast pilings for the foundation added costs to the project but allowed for environmental stewardship within the reuse process.

The Aim of the Reuse Process Was to Improve Services While Promoting Revitalization

The existing site in the downtown area was chosen to improve public services. The proximity to the downtown courthouses was important to stakeholders, such as the judiciary, County Sheriff, County Prosecutor, law enforcement professionals, and the legal community. They favored a location close to the courts to improve transportation, safety, and efficiency; in addition, making use of the existing downtown location provided an opportunity for downtown revitalization.

Dennis Keller, Fairfield County Facilities Manager, stated, "We took action to improve a desolate, blighted city block. We began with building foundation remnants and an old concrete parking lot from former department stores; we ended with a modern, attractive professional building. It is highly functional and improves services while promoting revitalization." There were few, if any, other options available for redevelopment at the selected site. Improving the site could help support the local economy, and this aspect required the government to pay attention to details promoting the visual appeal of the facility.

In 2014, architects for the building, Wachtel & McAnally, were charged with creating a facility that coordinated well with the look of the historic downtown area. The building was designed with the appearance of an office building or government administrative building. The facility utilized the latest technology for staffing efficiencies, and the secure perimeter was contained within the building. This meant there was no fence (razor wire or other type) surrounding the building.

Gary McAnally, Principal Architect, stated, "We dedicated ourselves to making sure the building looked like a commercial building, as opposed to a correctional facility. We used materials you would expect to see in commercial buildings, and the design complemented the look of buildings in the neighborhood. The stepped elevation of the building, the placement of the jail portion, and the exterior design all contributed to the commercial look of the building."

The construction management firm, Granger, Inc., joined the project in August of 2015, once complete financing for the new building had been secured. Granger coordinated with county staff and initiated weekly project management meetings to clarify and identify goals and objectives, keeping the project on time and on budget. A stated goal was to assure the building was integrated with the City of Lancaster and the downtown area. The collaboration with the public officials, architect, and construction manager worked well to further this goal.

In August of 2017, the construction was completed. Previous overcrowded, inefficient conditions were replaced with a new jail and public safety facility consisting of 384 beds, administrative offices, a 9-1-1 dispatch center, and training areas. The building now includes housing, intake services, visitation spaces, classrooms, outdoor recreation areas, a full-service kitchen, sallyport, and other support spaces. The facility is 110,000 square feet, combining Sheriff's operations into one location from the previous four locations. The project provided efficiency for the public and repurposed property to improve the economic outlook.

Local businessman Jeff Jones, of Jones and Company, LLC, stated, "The commercial look of the new jail blends in well with the downtown. It was a dramatic improvement for the community. After the construction was completed, it was interesting in how a new jail contributed to a positive economic outlook." The new jail and public safety facility improved the visual appeal of the downtown area.

The Project Contributed to Additional Downtown Revitalization

Along with the opening of the new jail and public safety facility, the community experienced encouraging growth and development. Certainly, the improvements of the facility and economic development should not be thought of as a cause and effect relationship.

However, the new facility, with its attractive façade and improvements it afforded the area, is a factor in how people viewed the future of the downtown. The community is working on its ability to attract and retain people and businesses, while nurturing an appealing look of the city.

Less than a block away from the new public safety facility and jail, there is the much-anticipated development of an historic hotel, the Mithoff, which is nearly 200 years old. A local businessman is investing $3 – $4 million in the redevelopment of the Mithoff. In Spring of 2018, there will be new retail spaces in the lower area of the Mithoff, with a wine shop and wine tasting room.

In addition, in the downtown (or near downtown) area, there will be a new pub, restaurant, movie production studio, micro-brewery, and event space opening within the year. The private sector is experiencing growth, and the public sector, too, is continuing its efforts to support downtown revitalization.

The historic building that formerly housed the detective bureau (now located in the new jail and public safety facility) will be the new location of the County Auditor’s Real Estate Assessment Offices. County leadership has pledged to maintain the historic significance of the building, which was originally constructed in the 1830s.

Early renderings of the $2 million project are available. Construction is expected to begin in late 2018. Historical preservation of the building is integral to planning in the area because it furthers economic vitality and environmental stewardship. The preservation will acknowledge and sustain a community and cultural asset.

Further, a new records center is planned a block away from Main Street. That property includes a 16,320-square foot office building, which will be used for office space relating to the records center. Initially, the new records center will house records from the County Clerk of Courts. Over time, all county departments will be able to use the records center. The centralized location will allow easier public access to stored records for multiple departments and agencies.

The target date for the opening of the records center is 2019. Branden Meyer, Clerk of Courts, stated, "The new records center on Chestnut Street will include modern conference space that we intend to use for training, which will bring more people downtown." Fairfield County is adapting additional buildings while keeping downtown revitalization efforts in mind.

The Reuse of Buildings Is Part of the Story – How Lives Are Affected is Most Important

With the construction of the jail and public safety facility, the reuse of an existing site and the potential of downtown revitalization was one part of the story. However, the way redevelopment would allow for better services for people in Fairfield County was most important.

Prior overcrowded conditions, which often presented behavior issues at the jail, have been addressed. Medical services for those incarcerated have improved with contracted, trained medical service providers who have better medical facilities at the jail. As the reuse process unfolded, there was ongoing consideration for how lives
systems and for all members of society.

During the design phases of construction, consideration was given to social services that could be provided at the jail. One improvement was the inclusion of conference space for programming. There is now an ability to hold additional counseling sessions and training sessions. Volunteers from faith-based and community groups provide counseling services for inmates, and additional options are under review for the provision of mental health services.

Further, video visitation services, held through live video at the cells, are now available for the public. Previously, visitation with families and friends was often unavailable because old, outdated visitation equipment needed repair, and it was difficult to obtain replacement parts. The new system allows for safe visits, and video visitation services have been met with positive feedback from the public. The process has a potential to expand inmates’ access to visits from families and friends.

In addition, the Sheriff’s Office now includes a Reentry Coalition with a Reentry Coordinator reporting to the Jail Commander. With the Reentry Coalition under the leadership of the Sheriff’s Office, there is greater opportunity for inmates to access community services as they prepare for release from incarceration. The Reentry Coalition convenes local service providers and reentry specialists, reaching more than 70 stakeholders on a regular basis. With the Reentry Coalition, there is a community roundtable to broadcast available resources. Informational sessions improve coordination and awareness between the participating organizations, including the parole authority, social service providers, faith-based groups, reentrants, and others.

Providing reentry related services prior to release is a major benefit of the program. For example, while employment is a key goal, many reentrants need other services before they can succeed in a job. The Reentry Coordinator at the jail conducts risk assessments and directly provides case management by developing connections to mental health services, alcohol and drug abuse counseling, housing referrals, and pre-release training. Community partners are now working together to begin a database to track outcomes. Improved services for the public, whether engaged in the criminal justice system or not, are made possible with the new facility.

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FAIRFIELD
COUNTY · OHIO
Welcome to the 2018 State of the County Address
The state of Fairfield County remains STRONG — financially & programmatically.
Healthy Financial Position

- Aa2 Bond Rating
- Highest Financial Indicator Rating
- Cash Carry Over - Exceeded Target – 5 yrs
- Conservative Budgeting Parameters
Population Growth

- Columbus Metropolitan Statistical Area - 2.1 M - 9% increase
- 5th Fastest Growing County in Ohio
- 5.7% growth since 2010
Fairfield County is a great place to live!

- Proximity to Franklin County
- Friendliness
- Services
- Schools
- Parks
- Residences
- Civic Groups
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Businesses
- Arts
- Entertainment
Focus on Priorities that Make Fairfield County Great

- Exceptional Service, Friendliness
- Improve the Quality of Life
- Support Business
- Protect Citizens
- Plan for the Future
Serving the Underserved

• National Theme for County Government Awareness
Job & Family Services

- Protective Services
- Community Services
- Child Support Enforcement
- Workforce Development
Video – *Serving the Underserved*

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ocOsqZ0c-E4
Thank you to the voters

- 8 of 10 kids in placement are impacted by parental substance abuse
- Kids are in placement longer as parents recover from addiction
- 65% if elder abuse involves substance abuse and mental illness
We are grateful to the community

The people of Fairfield County support us to:

- Meet responsibilities to investigate
- Expand interventions & treatment
- Increase partnerships

#CountOnUs
ADAMH

- Recovery oriented systems of care
- Strategies with community input and feedback
FORT

- Fairfield County
- Overdose
- Response
- Team
Common Pleas Court
Adult Probation

DRUG COURT
A Program of Substance Abuse and Personal Responsibility

CRIMINAL CONDUCT
RESPONSIBLE LIFESTYLE

SERVE • CONNECT • PROTECT
Common Pleas Court
Adult Probation
Community Services Program
Domestic Relations Court - Supervised Visitation
Juvenile Court

• Developmental approaches so that youth can become productive members of society
Child, Adult, and Family First

- Parenting education
- Safety training
- Early intervention strategies
Community Action

- Homelessness prevention
- Clothing assistance
- Heating and utility assistance
- Food pantry
Early Head Start
More than 1200 individuals & their families are served

Bringing about a VIBRANT community where people lead FULFILLING lives and make MEANINGFUL contributions.
Serving the Underserved

• Meals on Wheels
  – 228,000 meals
  – 5,000 hours of in-home care

• Veteran Services
  – More than 6,600 veterans
  – employment and general assistance
Serving the Underserved

- Workforce Investment Board
  - Connection of Workforce and Economic Development
  - Manufacturing Day
Serving the Underserved

- EMA
  - Preparedness and planning for those in long-term care

- Health Department
  - WIC at Tussing Road in Pickerington
Reentry Program
Coalition of Services/ Stepping Up
Dog Adoption Center & Shelter

- Photo Wall
- Impressive Partnerships
- Call 687-DOGS
Fairfield County is leading the way.
The new jail & public safety facility

Revitalization News

Reusing an Existing Site Improves Public Safety and Supports Downtown Revitalization in Fairfield County, Ohio

https://revitalizationnews.com
Focus on Public Safety - MARCS

Multi-Agency
Radio
Communication
System
Continuing Revitalization Efforts
2018/2019 Projects

- Demolish the former Main Street jail and the old maintenance garage on Lincoln Avenue
- Remodel 108 N. High for Real Estate Assessment Offices
- Remodel Chestnut Records / Training Center
- Remodel Baldwin Emergency and Facilities Management Center
Special Announcement - Pine Grove Land Fill - Republic Services

We'll handle it from here.
Special Announcement

Clarence E. Miller Building
Special Announcement

We present the key to the Clarence E. Miller building to Habitat for Humanity!
May 11th Event

• At Clarence E. Miller Building
• 11:00 AM
Ohio's very first state park
Beautiful Buckeye Lake State Park
Buckeye Lake State Park
Future Representation

Docks in rendering are representational only.
Positive Results Come From Collaboration

Thanks to Congressman Stivers, Senator Troy Balderson, Senator Jay Hottinger, Representative Tim Schaffer, Representative Larry Householder, Representative Scott Ryan, and the Commissioners in Fairfield, Perry, and Licking Counties.
What is the vision for Buckeye Lake?
State Support for Future Projects
"BL 2030"

- 3,900 – 6,300 new jobs
- $11-$17 million tax revenues
- $240-$390 million lodging revenues/visitor spending
- 200% - 400% growth in the regional economy
Critical Infrastructure Grant

- $300,000 – Baltimore, Ohio
- Bridge Replacement
- Waterline Relocation
Land Use Plan

Balances the need to develop for future success with the desire to maintain our agricultural base

www.co.fairfield.oh.us/rpc
Fairfield County Airport

- Alternative to busier airports
- Close to Lancaster and Hocking Hills
US 33 Alliance

- Great place to start a business
- Fast growing area of the Midwest
- Connections with the Port Authority
What's New with Utilities?

• Greenfield Water and Sewer District
• Wellfield expansion
• Managing new developments
Geographical Information Systems

- Zane Trace
- Buckeye Lake Flood Depths
- County Current Agricultural Use Value Program
Importance of Customer Service

Customer Service Awards
- Josh Horacek, Assistant Prosecutor
- Amy Brown-Thompson, Assistant Prosecutor
- Branden Meyers, Clerk of Courts, & his staff
#CountOnUS

- Model the way
- Inspire shared vision
- Challenge processes
- Enable others to act
- Encourage one another
Violet Township Community Center

The Board of Commissioners wants to be helpful and supportive.

May 10 – Public Meeting
Fairfield County is a great place to live
Thank you for joining us today!

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

Motion by: Dave Levacy  Seconded by: Steve Davis

that the April 24, 2018 minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Levacy, Davis
ABSTENTIONS: None
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mike Kiger

*Approved on May 1, 2018

Steven A. Davis  Dave Levacy  Mike Kiger
Commissioner  Commissioner  Commissioner

Stael A. Knisley, Acting Clerk