

Regular Meeting #19 - 2020
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
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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, Mark Conrad, and Innerphase Video. Joining via teleconference were Tom Lininger, Tiffany Nash, Dana Moore, Jon Kochis, Chief Lape, and Amy Brown-Thompson.

- Welcome

Mr. Davis welcomed everyone and thanked Innerphase video for streaming the meetings for the public. He is hopeful in the coming days to have the County's protocol evolve to hopefully operate in a more public friendly way.

- COVID-19 Update

Mr. Davis discussed the Commission's desire to get some populations of the employment base screened or tested (for those in confined environments) for COVID-19 antibodies. He stated he appreciated what Mr. Kochis has done so far to help accomplish that goal. The Commission has seen in the news what has happened in Marion, Pickaway County, and many other jail systems in the country where the virus has gotten loose. He asked if there was any news on Mr. Kochis' end from FEMA relating to this issue.

Mr. Kochis replied there was nothing new. The request for information has been provided to the FEMA headquarters. The answer to the policy question that was received yesterday was from Regional V. While it could be changed, at this point, the costs are not seen as eligible costs for disaster relief reimbursement.

Mr. Davis reviewed his discussions with federal legislatures regarding the denial of this as a COVID-19 eligible expense.

Mr. Levacy thanked Mr. Kochis for everything he and his staff are doing. He asked about the potential of false positives for the antibody testing.

Mr. Kochis replied that they actually received false negatives because the body takes time to produce antibodies as it fights the virus. He mentioned that the antibody testing does not use critical supplies and is through a private provider. This is using fewer resources that would be available to the health community and is a way to figure out who has had the virus and how prevalent the virus is in the community.

Mr. Davis asked how is it that testing is being increased but they cannot get the tests for everyone?

Mr. Kochis replied that he thinks it's an education issue of the medical provider issue. Once the testing is increased, they will be able to test more individuals.

Mr. Fix asked how many people were working in vulnerable populations for the county.

Mr. Davis stated he didn't think there was a number yet identified.

Dr. Brown replied there were about 318 employees in county departments and an additional 50 or so employees working in related agencies.

Mr. Fix added that these tests are available, and the question is who will pay for them.

Dr. Brown stated the test was about \$189 and if two tests were planned, just over \$120,000 would be expended for county employees without a reimbursement.

Mr. Fix suggested the county pay \$120,000 and fight for the reimbursement since the results are considered so useful.

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Mr. Davis discussed the budget worries and added he believes the virus is already in the jail as asymptomatic cases.

Mr. Hanna believes the antibody testing is a great idea as the county is exploring it. The Health Commissioner's concern was the reliability of the test. He believes if the county waits a week or two, a very reliable test will be available. If they did the testing right now, it would give certain snapshots and there would be a need to repeat the test.

Mr. Davis stated the only reason why the Commission is having this discussion is because of the great failure of having testing as a whole.

Ms. Nash reminded everyone there are two different issues with the testing. The first one being that active testing is limited. She also believes they are not releasing the active testing qualifications until after the testing is available. She then stated there was another issues in that with an increase in testing, there will be more required quarantines.

Mr. Davis asked if the county was better off not knowing if they have asymptomatic cases right now.

Mr. Hanna replied that if 2/3 of the tests come back as positive, you'd be quarantining a lot of your workforce.

Mr. Kochis stated that if you just look at the state's 5-15% for the inmate population, there would be 17 inmates that would require isolation. Similarly, they'd lose 8 corrections officers to quarantine. Mr. Kochis stated that this is a scenario that if you go looking for it you will find it. Mr. Kochis stated that it was not that you don't want to know, but that you must be prepared for the steps needed once you know.

Mr. Fix asked why we would not do that.

Mr. Kochis stated there was not a reason to not do it as he believes either way it goes that it can be managed but we need to know what to expect if we test.

Mr. Davis stated he spoke to Mr. Janoso last night who believes this is the right thing to do.

Mr. Levacy stated if this were free, they would be doing all kinds of testing. He stated there was also a second test to see if they have the disease or are going through it.

Mr. Kochis stated there is a live virus test that is being done now everywhere and then the new antibody test is being used to see if someone has had it.

Dr. Brown stated the resolution before the Commissioners today is to establish a protocol. She has reached out to departments to discuss the process initially.

Mr. Davis asked if there was any opposition to the resolution to set a protocol.

Mr Hanna replied he did not have a position one way or another, but that Mr. Davis explained his reasoning behind it very well.

Ms. Nash did not have any opposition.

Superintendent Moore stated she was definitely in favor of the testing process and definitely wants to know more information. They want to know what is in the system and want to be proactive.

Chief Lape replied he has no opposition to the resolution or testing, but his cause for concern has been the discussion relating to the state prison facilities. There is a huge difference between a prison and a county jail. At the prison level, the transient population are the corrections officers as the inmates are not going anywhere. At county jails, the inmates come and go, but the inmates are the transient population. He believes the

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deputies would have shown symptoms if they had the virus. Procedures are in place to quarantine the inmates that are coming in and out. At this date and time, he thinks they have controlled the issue, but comparing state prisons to local jails is comparing an apple to an orange.

Mr. Davis asked, cost aside, would the Chief rather know or not know if the corrections officers had the virus.

Chief Lape replied he is not against the testing, but there is still another population in the jail that could be conveying it in an asymptomatic fashion.

The Commissioners discussed their final thoughts on the idea of testing.

Dr. Brown reported that the resolution points out the importance of maintaining the workplace precautions even if antibody testing was positive. She stated that as the protocol is outlined, we can continue to review costs and benefits.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Hanna and Ms. Nash for the work of the Health Department.

Mr. Kochis clarified that the county has always been able to test symptomatic individuals regardless of their location. They have done over 600 tests alone at FMC and have tests in stock.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Kochis if there was any additional COVID-19 information.

Mr. Kochis replied the continue to see a plateau on all the critical indicators including the new for critical care units. They continue to see work done locally and are currently working on a plan for the homeless population. They continue to receive the equipment needed. A good amount of what was just received will go to FMC so they can continue their procedures.

Mr. Levacy thanked everyone in the county in particular the Health Department and EMA for their terrific job.

Mr. Fix stated that he, like most, is leery of this, but he remains proud of the work Fairfield County does. He is impressed with how employees are responding to the changes.

Dr. Brown stated the county is well prepared and has been well prepared for any announcement from the state or federal government. Cloth and physical barriers have been ordered for all employees. We are sharing things with other political subdivisions as well.

- Legal Update

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Lininger who the leaders of the Republican and Democrat parties could consult regarding their reorganizational meetings and the manner in which those meetings should be conducted. Mr. Lininger replied he would look into a good contact and how to conduct that meeting without meeting in person. Mr. Davis requested that Mr. Lininger update Mr. Fix on this question.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Announcements & Date Reminders

Anyone can email or text a question anytime:
Carri.Brown@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov
(740) 777-8552

Date Reminders

- May 5 – Wear Orange for Supervised Visitation Awareness

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- May 25 – Memorial Day Holiday – Offices are Closed for Business

b. Highlights of Resolutions

Dr. Brown highlighted 17 resolutions for the voting meeting.

We had a resolution approving the “go forward decision” to establish a protocol for COVID-19 antibody testing for certain employees of Fairfield County. This was discussed at length earlier in the meeting.

We had a contract for protective placement in network.

The County Engineer proposed:

- A resolution to approve an LPA Federal Project Agreement with ODOT for the CR7-1.94 Refugee Road Intersection Safety Improvements Project.
- A resolution to approve the contract bid award for the WAL-38, FAI-TR473-00.57 South Bank Road over a Tributary to Buckeye Lake Bridge Replacement Project.

The Soil and Water Conservation District proposed a resolution approving signing of deeds of agricultural easement relating to the Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program for the Shady Maple Farms, Inc. Farm and the Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Inc. Farm. The resolution provides for any individual commissioner or the county administrator to sign.

The Dog Shelter proposed destruction of obsolete, defunct assets, removing the gear from the asset control list.

The Sheriff proposed approval of a contract for medical services with Premier Services, a renewal of a contract following a competitive bidding process.

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

- A new fund for MCU (for a grant).
- Account to account transfers of appropriations to properly classify Engineer, Recorder, Auditor/IT, and Clerk of Courts expenditures (four resolutions);
- Reduction of appropriations for the capital improvement fund;
- Repayment of an advance by Juvenile Court;
- New appropriations for the County Engineer and for DR Court (non-general fund expenditures, two resolutions); and
- The payment of bills over \$100,000.

There were additional financial and contracting resolutions in queue.

c. Administrative Approvals, Program, & Budget Update

Administrative & Program Updates

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contained a list of *administrative approvals*. There were no questions about the approvals.

Memos about Operations – Beginning May 1

The review packet contained three memos and a flyer about operations in May. We talked about this briefly last week. We will send the memos and flyer to all employees and to the media. Information will be on our website.

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We are providing critical services in a safe manner. Most services will be by appointment so that we can all manage physical distancing requirements.

Teleworking (which has been effective) will continue. This is effective May 1. We are:

- maintaining teleworking and alternate scheduling whenever possible.
- scheduling meetings, hearings, and appointments in ways that will help us maintain physical distancing.
- preparing our workplace with masks, cleaning supplies, and plexiglass barriers.
- using technology for services whenever possible.
- maintaining a high degree of service for the public.
- following current guidance of the Governor's Office and the federal government.

We will monitor all guidance (from state and federal agencies) -and- we will review this plan often. While the documents were under review, there was positive feedback about the guidance on work practices. The guidance includes the key aspects of distancing from one another, disinfecting the workplace, and using masks (and barriers).

Masks have been ordered, and they will be here for May 1. As we think about plexiglass barriers, below is a picture of some barriers in place.

Thanks to Tammy Smith, Facilities Supervisor, and her team for these precautions. She has received multiple expressions of thanks for her diligence in getting barriers for every office who has requested them. There was email sent to all elected officials and department heads asking if there were additional barriers requested; all requests have been addressed appropriately.



Ways You Can Help During COVID-19

We continue to highlight ways to help during the pandemic.

1. Text-to-give donations can be made to Fairfield Medical Center by texting "FMC" to 855-735-2437.
2. Call 5 of your co-workers and friends this week. As you learn about how people are being affected and what the needs are, share that information—and tell people what you are doing to make a difference. For example, one way to help is to buy a gift card or order carry-out from a local business.

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3. Donate to the Salvation Army at
<https://www.salvationarmyusa.org/usn/ways-to-give/>

April Idea Box & Follow-Up Communication

We had two new ideas for April (for electronic signatures and plexiglass barriers), and we had already addressed both of those ideas. We previously sent summaries to employees.

37 ideas have been received in the electronic idea box. 35 of those ideas have been implemented and/or addressed in detail. Multiple communication has been sent to employees by email.

Two ideas remain under review:

- A recommendation from April 2019 is under review with the County Auditor who has been working with Tyler Technologies on the recommendation, which was to include a memo item on County Auditor warrants (checks) for efficient communication with vendors.
- A recommendation from January 2020 was presented to IT and to the Data Board. This is under review by IT, who will report back to the Data Board. The recommendation related to password processes.

Survey Under Review

We sent a survey to non-profit organizations and political subdivisions about anticipated CDBG funding relating to COVID-19. We understand the state will be focusing on public service projects in the areas of public health, senior services, and homelessness. We do not know how much grant funding we will receive, but the areas to address (public health, senior services, and homelessness) have been identified in an email. We will be reviewing the summary and will be receiving guidance from the state about these anticipated funds soon. We sent the survey to help us prepare for the administration of these grants.

Potential MCU and JFS Grant Partnership

We are open to a potential partnership with MCU and JFS to add grant supported services for additional peer counseling, potential services for mothers, and telemedicine in connection with Project FORT. We will know more in the coming months. Thanks to MCU, JFS (Child Protective Services), and others for exploring this opportunity.

Update on Potential CDBG Partnership with Community Action and the City of Lancaster

We received word that the City of Lancaster has decided to not partner with Community Action for CDBG administration. An increase in funding is not available (the City of Lancaster is an entitlement city for CDBG). There is no change in the process for the county. Previously, a potential for a partnership was announced. Carri Brown received email from Community Action Director Davis reporting that the City of Lancaster had decided to keep things as they are.

Patriotic Mural at Amstutz

Now that there have been all of the proper approvals for the project (going back several months, as the planning began in 2019), we are refining the design, establishing milestones, and planning for the project to begin. More information will be coming soon. We plan to communicate with all employees well in advance

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of any parking restrictions. Also, we will post the design on the website as soon as it is refined.

Budget Update

Dr. Brown highlighted how we have been communicating the 2021 parameters. 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. The deadline for the first level was April 27. We will give a couple more days based on everyone's tumultuous schedule.

We previously reported that for the first quarter of 2020, as compared to the previous year first quarter, our general fund revenues in the aggregate were up 13%. Sales tax receipts were up 6%, and property taxes were up 18%. Expenditures were relatively flat, up .13%.

The sales tax receipts of April 2020 were \$1.66 M, about a 7.8% increase over the prior April receipts. The four-month total for the year is about \$7.87 M, or nearly a 7% increase over the previous year's four months, which is a helpful thing given the drop in revenue surely to come.

The April sales tax receipts will not reflect the COVID-19 loss yet based on how the state sends these receipts three months after the retail period. There is also true-up period with the state where those submitting receipts based on estimates true-up the amounts against actual sales.

Also, from the revenue side, we know the BWC dividend is on its way, and the County Auditor will process this as usual based on payments made. The dividend appears to be net of rebates from 2018, so it is estimated at about \$150,000 (formerly estimated at about \$200,000) for the general fund, but the exact amount is not yet known or calculated. We do know it has been approved and is in progress. State officials have reported upon the dividend in the media.

When it comes to attorney fee reimbursements, the reimbursements from the state for January and February are expected to be at 85% of approved costs. We are uncertain about state cuts for the coming months.

As we look forward, we will be examining all options from revenue and expenditure viewpoints. There is more information needed. We do know that we will solve the problem together like we solve every other problem.

We have communicated with employees to be transparent and encouraging during the crisis of COVID-19. While we know there will be tough conversations in the future, we are not there yet.

While we have talked about ***uncertainty*** about state and federal support, we also have uncertainty about state and federal budget cuts. And nothing is in the estimates for the outcome of the Franklin County case, the opioid litigation, or major changes with union contracts.

We are in regular communication with state and federal partners. The review packet contained multiple copies of emails and a summary from the US Treasury. The summary indicated that federal relief funding could only be used for expenditures relating to the COVID-19 crisis. (It cannot be used for revenue losses.)

On April 15, we sent letters to our Congressional delegation. These were in the review packet last week and were in the review packet again. Also, in the review packet was this April 21 letter from Senator Portman and Senator Brown to Secretary of the Treasury Mnuchin:

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<https://www.portman.senate.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/4.21.2020%20Portman-Brown%20Letter%20to%20Mnuchin%20re%20CARES%20Act%20State%20and%20Local%20Funding.pdf>

The letter showed support for additional funding – and specifically mentioned the importance of funding for local governments with populations under 500,000.

We have also continued to communicate by phone in multiple conferences and in more personal ways. The purpose of the letters and calls was to request support for county general fund resources to replace lost revenue based on the COVID-19 pandemic.

There is no certainty about federal or state support.

We will continue to advocate for the county.

Mr. Davis thinks Dr. Brown is correct that today is not the day to figure out all the budget issues as there are several unknowns at this time.

Mr. Fix asked what the timeline was for the short-term and long-term decisions.

Mr. Davis stated that he believes that Governor DeWine has smartly chosen to forecast what is to come. Mr. Davis believes next week the Commissioners will be in a position to forecast some changes. The implementation schedule would be likely be June and July.

d. BRAVOs

Thank you to everyone for their hard work in continually preparing the workplace for safe practices.

Thank you for the many kind emails of encouragement that are circulating. People appreciate the ongoing, transparent communication.

We appreciate the coordinated efforts to improve Executime for 24/7 operations. (There was a resolution to arrange the financial structure for a needed, technological upgrade to support Sheriff payroll processing.)

Bravo to the Juvenile Court team for their use of technology to create a *virtual reporting center*. The innovation in Fairfield County is just terrific!

Mr. Davis stated he has expressed frustrations with elected leaders on all levels, but he does want to thank Congressman Stivers as he feels he has done his best to be attentive to the needs caused by the virus or the reaction of the virus.

- Old Business

- a. Solar Energy Pilot/Solar Farm with CCAO/Energy Conservation Project

It is a good time to report on the approach for the solar energy pilot and the CCAO related solar farm project. We can revisit the pilot when there is more information about the budget. This project is on pause. When the time is right, we can issue an RFP for the pilot, potentially at Liberty Center, as previously imagined.

The CCAO related solar farm project, however, is still in progress. Palmer Energy is still gathering partners and will report on the project in the future.

The energy conservation project is on hold, along with debt refinancing. We will revisit this in June, as we monitor the volatility of the market.

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- New Business (none)

- General Correspondence Received

- a. RPC May Meeting Cancellation and 2019 Annual Report

Dr. Brown encouraged the commissioners to read the annual report even though they are familiar with its contents based on their RPC participation. She stated the report is very well organized and has a fresh, modern format. It is a good document, and she thanked Loudan Klein and staff for its preparation.

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received (none)

- FYI

- a. Jail Population – 177

- b. Notice from Dynamic Environmental Associates

- c. Letter to Greenfield Township Trustees, April 24, 2020

- d. 911 Committee Recommendations – memo, April 25, 2020

- e. Anytime, a public records request or a question can be posed to Rachel.Elsea@fairfieldcountyohio.gov or Carri.Brown@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

- Open Items

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 beginning at 10:21 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jon Kochis, Mark Conrad, and Innerphase Video. Also joining via teleconference was Amy Brown-Thompson, Tom Lininger, and Dana Moore.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Davis led everyone in 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.

No public comments were received through the web application.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, April 21, 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 21, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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 Clerk of Courts - Legal Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Clerk of Courts – Legal resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major expense category – Clerk of Courts Title Division; see resolution 2020-04.28.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 following Commissioners' Office resolutions:

2020-04.28.b A resolution approving the “go forward decision” to establish a protocol for COVID-19 antibody testing for certain employees of Fairfield County [Commissioners]

2020-04.28.c A resolution authorizing the reduction appropriations in major expenditure object categories for fund# 3435– Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]

Discussion: Mr. Davis highlighted the discussions from review and his position.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Dog Shelter Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Dog Shelter resolution to authorize the disposal of obsolete assets within the Fairfield County Dog Shelter; see resolution 2020-04.28.d.

Discussion: Dr. Brown stated these items for disposal were gear that had not been used for years with a value under \$2,500. She thanked Ms. Frost and Mr. McCullough for their ability to properly reflect this disposal. Mr. Davis requested an update from the Dog Shelter during the administrative meeting scheduled later in the day.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Domestic Relations Court Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Domestic Relations Court resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category for Fund 2379 – Computerizing Court/Computerized Legal Research, Sub Fund 8241 – Supreme Court of Ohio 2020 Remote Technology Grant; see resolution 2020-04.28.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:

2020-04.28.f A Resolution to Approve an LPA Federal Project Agreement with ODOT for the CR7-1.94 Refugee Road Intersection Safety Improvements Project. [Engineer]

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- 2020-04.28.g A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for the WAL-38, FAI-TR473-00.57 South Bank Road over a Tributary to Buckeye Lake Bridge Replacement Project. [Engineer]
- 2020-04.28.h A resolution approving an account to account transfer [Engineer]
- 2020-04.28.i A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for Civil 3D subscription [Engineer]

Discussion: Mr. Levacy commended the Engineer for their work under difficult circumstances not knowing what funding would be in the future. He noted the need for the South Bank bridge replacement.

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

Approval of the IT Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the IT resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category for General Fund #1001 – Fairfield County Information Technology; see resolution 2020-04.28.j.

Discussion: Dr. Brown stated that this resolution related to the discussion in review about 24/7 operations and payroll documentation. She stated she appreciated the cooperation of the County Auditor's Office with the resolution.

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

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 regarding Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Safehouse Residential Services and Job and Family Services, Child Protective Services Department; see resolution 2020-04.28.k.

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

Approval of the Juvenile/Probate Court Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Juvenile/Court resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to the General Fund from Fund #2856 Child Abuse & Neglect Discretionary Fund (QIC); see resolution 2020-04.28.l.

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

Approval of the Major Crimes Unit Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Major Crimes Unit resolution to authorize the establishment of a new fund for Fairfield Hocking Athens Major Crimes Unit, appropriate from unappropriated; see resolution 2020-04.28.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 Recorder's Office Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Recorder's Office resolution approving an account to account transfer in major object expense categories for General Fund #1001; see resolution 2020-04.28.n.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Sheriff's Office Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Sheriff's Office resolution authorizing the approval of a contract with Premier Physicians Services, Inc and the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office; see resolution 2020-04.28.o.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Soil and Water Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Soil and Water resolution approving signing two Deeds of Agricultural Easement relating to the Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program for the Shady Maple Farms, Inc. Farm and the Graven Evangelical Lutheran Church, Inc. Farm; see resolution 2020-04.28.p.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Payment of Bills

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Payment of Bills resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval; see resolution 2020-04.28.q.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Review Continued

Next week's meeting will be held at the EMA conference room at the Baldwin Facility at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public with a maximum capacity of 20 people.

Mr. Levacy stated that masks will be required, and Mr. Kochis will have them for those who need them.

Mr. Fix discussed Fairfield County's leadership in Ohio. He highlighted the roles of Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Levacy and their importance and connections during this time.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Fix for his own role with CCAO and the good work he has been able to do already.

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Jeff Fix and a second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:40 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____
that the April 28, 2020 minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:
ABSTENTIONS: None
*Approved on May 5, 2020

NAYS: None

Steven A. Davis
Commissioner

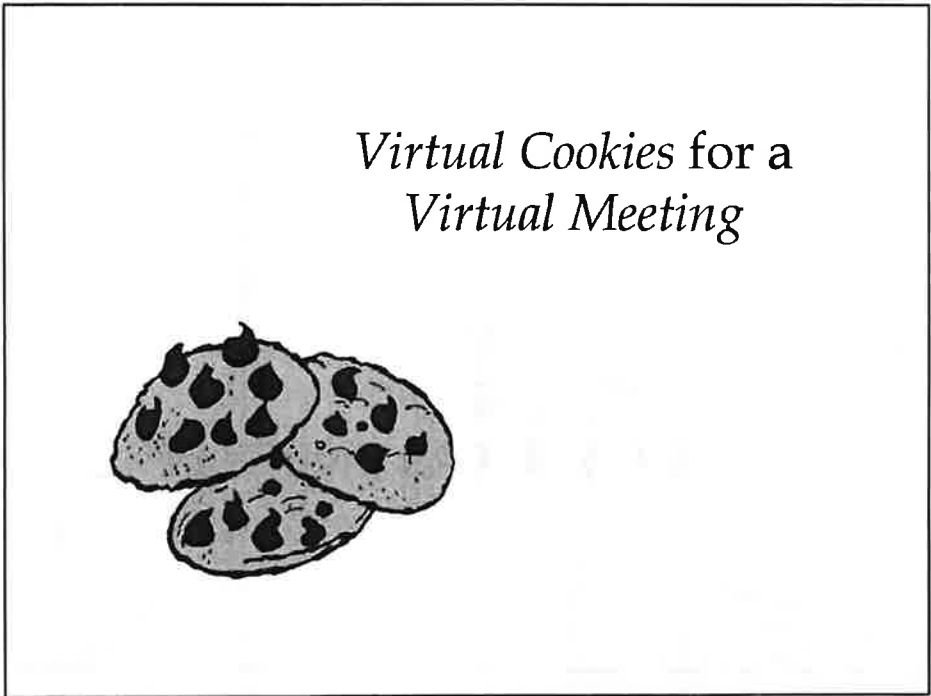
Dave Levacy
Commissioner

Jeff Fix
Commissioner

Rachel A. Elsea, Clerk



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COVID 19 Update


Jon Kochis, EMA Director








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Fairfield Area Child Care Council




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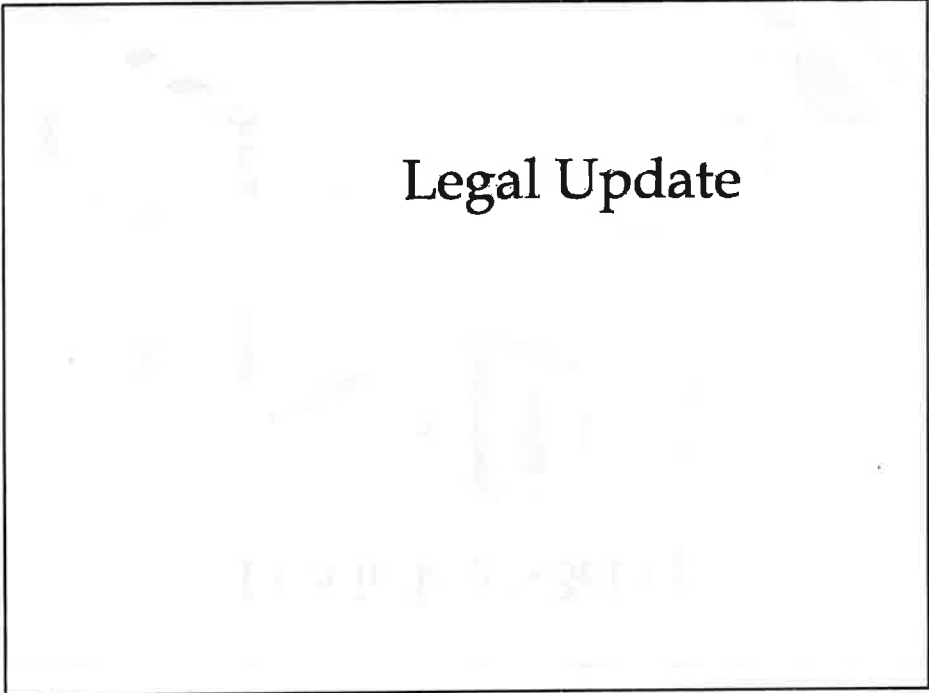
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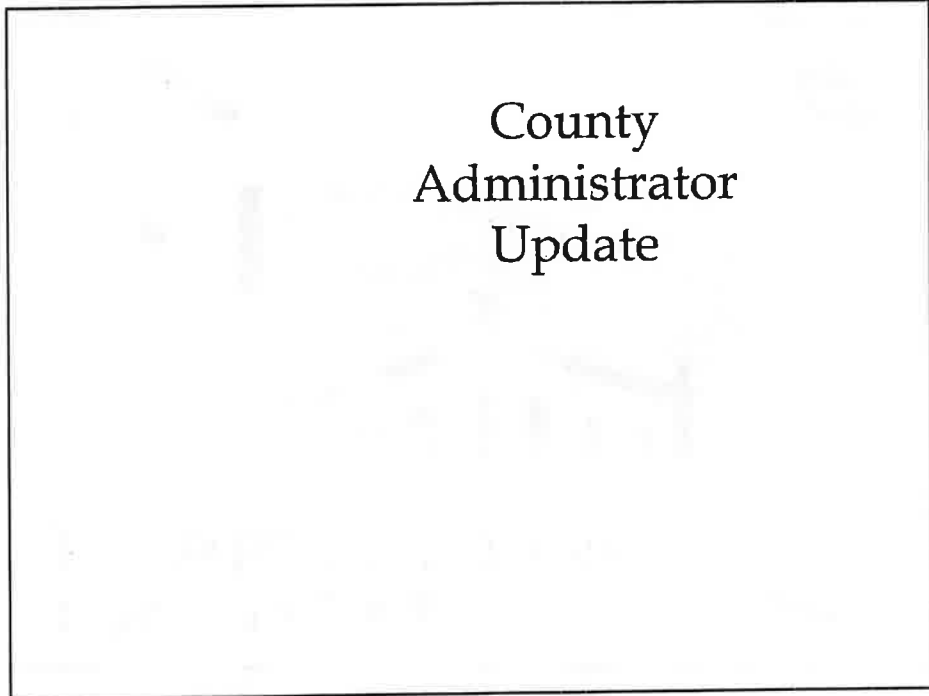
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Date Reminders

- **May 5** - Wear Orange - Supervised Visitation Awareness
- **May 25** - Memorial Day Holiday



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Highlights of Resolutions

17 resolutions

Of note, there is:

A resolution approving the “go forward decision” to establish a protocol for COVID-19 antibody testing for certain employees of Fairfield County




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Highlights of Resolutions

6 contracts/authorizations:


- CPS - protective placement in network
- 2 for the County Engineer:
 - Approval of an agreement for Refugee Road improvements
 - Approval of the contract for bridge replacement



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Highlights of Resolutions

- deeds of agricultural easement
- dispose of obsolete, defunct assets
- for the Sheriff, a contract for medical services



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Highlights of Resolutions

10 *financial and grant related resolutions*

- A new fund for MCU
- 4 account to account transfers
- Reduction of appropriations - capital
- Repayment of an advance
- New appropriations for the County Engineer & DR Court
- The payment of bills over \$100,000



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Highlights of Resolutions

Additional financial and contracting resolutions are in queue.




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Administrative Approvals



- Administrative Approvals – in packet



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Operations post May 1

- Building Use
- Flyer
- Guidance for Employees
- FAQ Document

Always...
Barriers, Cleaning, Distancing





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Example of Plexiglass Barriers






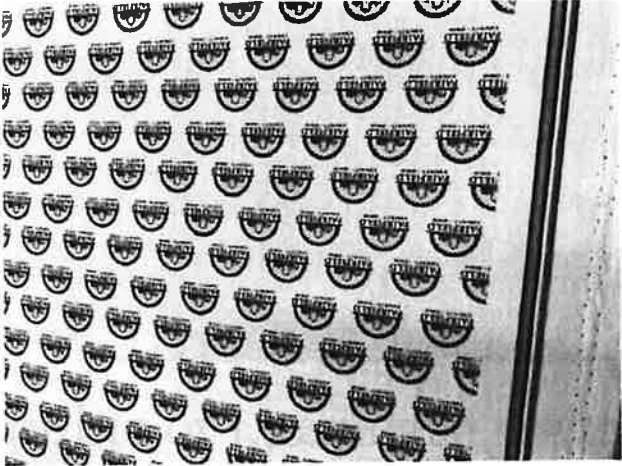
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Mask Fabric





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Ways You Can Help

- Text-to-give donations can be made to Fairfield Medical Center by texting “FMC” to 855-735-2437.
- Donate to the Salvation Army at <https://www.salvationarmyu sa.org/usn/ways-to-give/>

Call 5 of your co-workers and friends this week.



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Electronic Idea Box

Ideas in April

- Electronic Signatures
- Plexiglass Barriers


2 outstanding ideas

- Co. Auditor checks
- IT – passwords



37 ideas in total


35 have been addressed



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Administrative Items

- Survey
- Grant Partnerships
- Patriotic Mural at Amstutz



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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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Sales Tax Receipts

- *The sales tax receipts of April 2020 were \$1.66 M,*
about a 7.8% increase over the prior April receipts.
- The four-month total for the year is about \$7.87 M,
or nearly a 7% increase over the previous year's
four months, which is a helpful thing given the
drop in revenue surely to come.
- ***The April sales tax receipts will not reflect the
COVID-19 loss yet.***



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Additional Budget Review

- *Also, from the revenue side, we know the BWC dividend is on its way.*
- *When it comes to attorney fee reimbursements, the reimbursements from the state for January and February are expected to be at 85% of approved costs. We are uncertain about state cuts for the coming months.*



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Problem Solving Together

- There is more information needed.
- We do know that we will solve the problem together like we solve every other problem.
- *We have communicated with employees to be transparent and encouraging during the crisis of COVID-19.*
- We know there will be tough conversations in the future, but we are not there yet.




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Uncertainty & Concerns

- While we have talked about *uncertainty* about state and federal support, we also have uncertainty about state and federal budget cuts. And nothing is in the estimates for the outcome of the Franklin County case, the opioid litigation, or major changes with union contracts.
- *We are in regular communication with state and federal partners.*
- The review packet contained multiple copies of emails and a summary from the US Treasury. The summary indicated that federal relief funding could only be used for expenditures relating to the COVID-19 crisis. (It cannot be used for revenue losses.)




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Advocating for County Support

On April 15, we sent letters to our Congressional delegation.
We have this April 21 letter from Senator Portman and Senator Brown to Secretary of the Treasury Mnuchin:
<https://www.portman.senate.gov/sites/default/files/2020-04/4.21.2020%20Portman-Brown%20Letter%20to%20Mnuchin%20re%20CARES%20Act%20State%20and%20Local%20Funding.pdf>


- The letter showed support for additional funding – and specifically mentioned the importance of funding for local governments with populations under 500,000.
- We have continued to communicate by phone in multiple conferences and in more personal ways. The purpose of the letters and calls was to request support for county resources to replace lost revenue.
- *We will continue to advocate for the county.*




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BRAVO!



- Thank you to everyone for their hard work!
- Thank you for the many kind emails of encouragement that are circulating. People appreciate the ongoing, transparent communication.
- We appreciate the coordinated efforts to improve Executime for 24/7 operations.
- Bravo to the Juvenile Court team for their use of technology to create a *virtual reporting center*. The innovation in Fairfield County is just terrific!




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Old Business

*Solar Energy Pilot/Solar Farm with CCAO/
Energy Conservation Project*




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Correspondence


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Invitations



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Quick FYI

- Jail Population
- Notice from Dynamic Environmental Associates
- Letter to Greenfield Township Trustees
- 911 Planning Committee Recommendations



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Have a Public Records Request?



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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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