

Regular Meeting #16 - 2019
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
April 30, 2019

Review

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Shar Bails, Chief Lape, Joshua Horacek, Dennis Keller, Dave Burgei, Jon Slater, David Miller, Mark Conrad, Branden Meyer, Holly Mattei, John Eisel, Todd McCullough, Jeff Porter, John Pekar, Amy Brown-Thompson, Jim Bahnsen, Ed Laramée, Michael Kaper, Belinda Nebbergall, Tony Vogel, Jeff Barron, Aunie Cordle, and Melissa Wilde.

- Welcome
- Legal Update

Mr. Horacek did not have a legal update.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

a. Announcements

May 7 – Voting meeting is 1:30 p.m. – Multiple proclamations are planned for this meeting.

May 14 – Multi-county Viewing; TCAP Lunch n Learn

May 16 – EO/DH Roundtable and Leadership Conference

May 18 – Airport Anniversary

May 21 – Time with the Commission – Engineer's Office

May 27 – Memorial Day – Office is Closed

May 28 – Records Center Dedication (Commission Meetings will be held at the Records Center)

b. Highlights of Resolutions

Dr. Brown highlighted 17 resolutions for the voting meeting.

We had a resolution authorizing signature on a letter to Judge Vandervoort. This letter respectfully asked the judge to consider recommending to the Board of Commissioners to withdraw from the MCJDC. There was time reserved under "old business" to review this proposed resolution and letter, which were in the review packet.

We had a resolution to appoint Kristi Burre to the ADAMH Board for the vacancy created by Rachel Schaffer's resignation. We were aware of the skills and dedication of Ms. Burre, so we opted to proceed with the resolution for the appointment. There were no other board vacancies.

The Transportation Improvement District board reappointments were proposed. (This resolution was for the reappointment of Holly Mattei, the County Engineer, the County Economic and Workforce Development Director, Mitch Noland, and Kelvyn Moyer.) These were all for appointments that will expire on May 31, 2021.

There was an amendment to the VPL contract regarding services for the design of the Baldwin Emergency and Facilities Management Complex in accordance with the Ohio Building Code, specifically for things relating to emergency management facilities.

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There was the resolution to transfer excess property to Violet Township. The property is in Huntington Hills and will be used as a park, similarly to how it has been used in the past. The transfer of property is about 17.77 acres.

We had a resolution to amend the lease with JFS. The lease allows drawdown of federal dollars for the JFS use of the Government Services Building. The amendment forecasted the move to Baldwin and makes minor adjustments for how maintenance and reception duties are performed. There was no financial adjustment. JFS will pay about \$195,000 for rent in 2019.

We proposed the renewal of the ODPS BMV lease at Liberty Center.

The County Engineer proposed the approval of drawings for the Thomas Ewing Junior High School turn lane project.

There were financial resolutions to approve, such as:

- Approval of grant acceptance for FCFACF Help Me Grow and Major Crimes JAG grants;
- An account to account transfer of appropriations for Utilities to properly classify expenditures;
- WIOA reimbursements to the PA fund;
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for general fund department computers (HR, Recorder, and Commissioners – discussed last week);
- Appropriations for non-general fund activity for the County Engineer, Law Library, and Sheriff; and
- The payment of bills.

Also, Dr. Brown received a memo from Ed Laramée, Chief Deputy Auditor. That memo detailed history of a ditch maintenance fund and proposed recommendations for liquidation with \$11,932.50 paid to the general fund for amounts originally provided to the fund and not needed based on inadvertent mischaracterization of a special assessment from a 1998 road improvement. Additional corrections were recommended for five property owners. A resolution will be prepared for review next week relating to this matter.

Also in queue are financial resolutions.

c. **Administrative Approvals, Program, & Budget Update**

Administrative Update

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

West Buckeye Lake Improvement Project

We have filed the final report for the West Buckeye Lake Improvement project. A copy of the report was in the review packet. At the State of the County address, we will thank the multiple partners who have worked so hard on this project.

Mr. Levacy noted that without the help of Mr. Upp, 90 homes would have been guaranteed to flood.

ESC Space Needs

As a follow up to earlier discussions, Dr. Brown will meet with Dr. Ward regarding ESC space needs.

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Electronic Idea Box Update

Electronic Idea Box Update: As has been the pattern, a global email of summary will be sent. We will begin sending those updates monthly from now on.

For the week ending April 26, 2019, the summary of idea 7 is:

The idea was to consider various accommodations for receptionists or employees who are blind or deaf.

The summary of the options/response is:

The county makes appropriate accommodations, and the specific ideas will be kept on file with Human Resources.

An open item, the idea for changes to the face of a County Auditor warrant to help with vendor posting, remains under review with the vendor.

Budget Update

We are aligning our county budget with goals. With the implementation of the 20 recommendations for recruitment and retention of employees, there is an opportunity for merit based increases. To participate in merit based increases, departments must use the county performance assessment tools and comply with the county compensation plan.

Level 2 budget entry opens today, April 30, 2019.

From a state perspective, we remain hopeful about the work conducted to support reimbursements for indigent attorney fees.

d. BRAVOs

Thanks to Loudan Klein, RPC Director, for his leadership and planning relative to the discussion surrounding the review of the timeframe for building maintenance bond. The work group held its initial meeting, which was a productive conversation. A second meeting is scheduled May 9th at 1 pm in the hearing room. All are welcome to attend.

Thanks to David Miller and Dennis Keller for working together to acquire community support for the use of the Masonic Temple Lodge parking for an interim period. The use of the lot is expected to be open to employees and to customers on a first come, first served basis. We are considering the communication plan. (Also, we will honor Mr. Benedum from the Masonic Lodge for his support, along with the support of the Lodge, at the August 1st roundtable meeting.) We are going to think about this option so that we might be able to begin the Main Street parking lot upgrade sooner than originally planned. We will set a time to specifically review the design with the Board of Commissioners. For now, we wanted to say thanks for the community support relating to parking.

Thank you to Corey Clark for helping the Health Department with job posting on Ohio Means Jobs.

Bravo to multiple JFS volunteers and partners for the Circus Night event on April 25th.

Thank you to the multiple employees who have helped to prepare for the State of the County Address.

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- Old Business

- a. MCJDC Rightsizing Contributions

Mr. Davis stated that he had attended several meetings with county partners and none have been productive. He still believes at some point the partners will choose \$800,000 over no money from Fairfield County. Mr. Davis stated the partners are saying \$1,000,000 or withdrawal. Mr. Davis believes \$800,000 is incredibly fair. In the absence of the group deciding they would rather have the \$800,000, Mr. Davis wants to be prepared to withdraw.

A resolution requesting a recommendation from Judge Vandervoort will be on the voting agenda.

- New Business

- General Correspondence Received

- a. Letter from Charles and Gene Eversole

On April 24th, we received a letter from Charles and Gene Eversole. The letter was dated April 19, 2019, in response to our correspondence of April 17, 2018.

We have asked the Airport Board to review the correspondence and materials to advise us if anything has changed since the communication of April 17, 2018, where proper notice was provided in accordance with the terms and conditions of the original agreement with the Eversoles. We believe the FAA regulation, which was the reason behind the notice from 2018, remains. Therefore, we do not have any additional information to add to the April 17, 2018, communication unless the Airport Board provides new information or a new recommendation. We understand the Airport Board will review the matter at their next regularly scheduled meeting. We will provide this information to the Eversoles in a letter.

Also, in the letter, there is implication of a desire from the Eversoles to participate in any payment provided to the Airport Board resulting from crop damages. Enterprise Liquids Pipeline, LLC, made payment to the county (which was shared with the Airport Board) for an easement (relative to its market value), damage caused to the surface of land within the easement during initial construction, and diminution in value attributable to the easement.

If the Eversoles are making a claim regarding the 2013 easement relative to damage caused to the surface of land and the component of crop damages, we will seek information to identify the amount they believe would be attributed to crop damages and will ask for some documentation to support their assessment. Once we receive that information, we will respectfully evaluate it.

A letter has been drafted for the Board President to sign. It was in the review packet.

Mr. Davis stated he looked at the settlement documents and cannot tell the context to which the leased property was impacted by the project. Once they can discern what portion of the project was on the easement property they can identify what portion of the payment deals with crop damage. He asked the Prosecutor's office to determine the acreage and look at the lease agreement.

Motion to authorize Commission President Dave Levacy to sign a letter to Charles and Gene Eversole

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to authorize Commission President Dave Levacy to sign a letter to Charles and Gene Eversole.

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

b. Liquor Permit – Pumpkin Vine

The Sheriff's Office has no concerns

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- a. AMVETS Dinner honoring the Lancaster Burial Squad – Friday, May 10th at 7:00 p.m. at 700 S. Maple St., Lancaster
 - i. Commissioner Levacy will attend.
- b. Foster Parent Recognition Ceremony – Friday, May 17th at 6:00 p.m. at Life Church, 5550 Lancaster-Newark Road NE, Pleasantville
 - i. Commissioner Levacy will attend.
 - ii. The MOW event is on the same day, and Donna Fox Moore and Corey Clark will represent the Board at the MOW event.
- c. Center for disAbilities Annual Recognition Dinner – Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Lancaster Country Club
 - i. Commissioner Davis will attend

- FYI

- a. Jail Population is 271
- b. AEP Construction Notice for the West Millersport Station Expansion Project
- c. 4th Annual Blue Ribbon Run – Saturday, October 5, 2019 in Pickerington
- d. Pickerington Senior Center May 2019 Newsletter

- Open Items

Update from Violet Township

The Commissioners met at 9:21 a.m. for an update from Violet Township. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Commissioner Fix and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Shar Bails, Chief Lape, Joshua Horacek, Dennis Keller, Dave Burgei, Jon Slater, David Miller, Mark Conrad, Branden Meyer, Holly Mattei, John Eisel, Todd McCullough, Jeff Porter, John Pekar, Amy Brown-Thompson, Jim Bahnsen, Ed Laramée, Michael Kaper, Belinda Nebbergall, Tony Vogel, Jeff Barron, Aunie Cordle, and Melissa Wilde.

Ms. Mattei provided updates on township projects including the Wigwam, proposed community center (a 4.6 mill levy for a \$46 million construction project and \$2 million annual operating expenses), MORPC technical assistance grant for a master plan for the Pickerington Road corridor, website updates, Refugee Road corridor study, active transportation planning, paving program, US 33 to I70 corridor, and economic development goals.

Mr. Eisel discussed the newly renovated township fire department, community paramedics, and tactical medics. He thanked the Commissioners for the county partnerships that allow everyone to better serve their constituents.

Mr. Davis asked for more information on the Wigwam.

Mr. Eisel replied they recently hosted the Pickerington Central Prom on show notice. Over 2,000 have visited for events in the last month. They are proud to partner with the Wolfe family. The lodge seats 500 without the dance floor or stage. Rental costs are \$4,000 for the weekend

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(\$6,000 for out of area rentals) and \$2,000 for weekdays. The theatre is \$1,800 a day. Ms. Mattie is working on developing the 10 acres along I-70 for hotels. Offices will move May 17th.

At 9:41 a.m., Commissioner Levacy stated the Commission would be in recess until the 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting.

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, April 30, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Joshua Horacek, Amy Brown-Thompson, Jon Slater, Jeff Barron, Holly Mattei, Jim Bahnsen, Ed Laramie, Chief Lape, Belinda Nebbergall, Tony Vogel, Dave Burgei, Aunie Cordle, Dennis Keller, John Pekar, Jeff Porter, Ray Stemen, Mark Conrad, Melissa Wilde, Branden Meyer, and Michael Kaper.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

Commissioner Levacy asked if there were any announcements.

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

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

Mr. Ray Stemen of 2444 West Point Road in Lancaster thanked MR. Barron for the newspaper article. He wanted to make everyone aware that the NRA is not doing enough for gun control and urged everyone to be aware of Congress' controls.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, April 23, 2019

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, April 23, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Commissioners' Resolutions

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners' Office resolutions:

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| 2019-04.30.a | A resolution to approve the appointment of Ms. Kristi Burre to the ADAMH Board [Commissioners] |
| 2019-04.30.b | A resolution authorizing the Commissioners to sign a quit-claim deed to convey Huntington Hills Property - 0 Stemen Road NW and 6700 Stemen Road NW (Parcel Numbers 036-08210-00 & 036-08205-00) to the Board of Violet Township Trustees Park District. [Commissioners] |
| 2019-04.30.c | A resolution to appoint Holly Mattei; the Fairfield County Economic Development Director; the Fairfield County Engineer; Mitch Noland; and Kelvyn Moyer to the Fairfield County Transportation Improvement District Board [Commissioners] |

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- 2019-04.30.d A resolution authorizing the approval of a renewal lease agreement with the Ohio Department of Public Safety. [Commissioners]
- 2019-04.30.e A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object categories - Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]
- 2019-04.30.f A resolution authorizing an amendment to the lease for office space with Job and Family Services at the Government Services Center, 239 West Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio [Commissioners]

Discussion: Dr. Brown thanked Holly Mattei and others reappointed for serving on the TID. Mr. Levacy urged the TID to keep up the good worked, and he also mentioned he was happy Ms. Burre was willing to serve on the ADAMH board.

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

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Commissioners' Office approving the "go forward decision" authorizing the President of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners to sign a letter to Judge Vandervoort requesting the Judge to respectfully consider recommending Fairfield County withdraw from the Multi-County Juvenile Detention Center effective December 31,2019 [Commissioners]

Discussion: Mr. Davis stated this letter was a long time in the making. For several years the Commissioners have seen a reduction in the number of beds utilized while still paying for 20 beds a day. At one point the bed count was only one (Fairfield County averages use of six). Mr. Davis has encouraged the MCJDC board to examine rightsizing contributions for many years but member counties have failed to do so. There have been several intense meetings that have not been productive. Fairfield County will pay \$949,000 for 2019 and is slated to pay over \$1,000,000 for 2020. He has offered \$800,000 for 2020 out of deference to being the host county. The three other counties met prior to the last meeting and have said Fairfield County can pay \$1,000,000 or leave. Mr. Davis believes the MCJDC will eventually figure out that \$800,000 is better than nothing. Mr. Fix appreciates Mr. Davis' efforts. With each day, he is not sure about the matter; \$800,000 might be too much to pay, and he would not be disappointed to pull out of the MCJDC.

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

Approval of the Engineer's Office Resolutions

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

- 2019-04.30.h A Resolution to Approve the Construction Drawings for the Thomas Ewing Junior High School Turn Lane Improvements. [Engineer]
- 2019-04.30.i A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2580-Subdivisions for subdivision inspection of Chesapeake Section 1 [Engineer]

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

Approval of the Facilities' Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Facilities' resolution to approve an amendment no 3 to the contract between VPL architects, Inc. and the Fairfield County Commissioners, as approved with resolution 2019-05.29.q.; see resolution 2019-04.30.j.

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

Approval of the Family, Adult and Children First Council Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Family, Adult, and Children First Council resolution approving a grant agreement for Help Me Grow Early Intervention Service Coordination by and between the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners and the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities; see resolution 2019-04.30.k.

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

Approval of the JFS Resolutions

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the JFS resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for the Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2599 reimbursing Fund 2018; see resolution 2019-04.30.l.

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

Approval of the Law Library Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Law Library resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds for the Fairfield County Law Library Resources Board (Fund 2761); see resolution 2019-04.30.m.

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

Approval of the Major Crimes Unit Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Major Crimes Unit resolution to authorize the Fairfield County Commissioners to sign the Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit 2019 JAG Grant Award from OCJS; see resolution 2019-04.30.n.

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

Approval of the Sheriff's Office Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Sheriff's Office resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major object expenditure object category Sheriff's Office Fund 2593 Concealed Handgun License; see resolution 2019-04.30.o.

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

Approval of the Utilities Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Utilities resolution for account transfer – major expenditure category Utilities Fund 5046 Water; see resolution 2019-04.30.p.

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

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Approval of the Payment of Bills

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, 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 2019-04.30.q.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Mr. Davis elaborated on the MCJDC issue stating that the process outlined by the Ohio Revised Code stated the Commission can other withdraw at the recommendation of the Juvenile Court Judge. The Board is encouraging Judge Vandervoort to take this step. If she does take the recommendation, the Board of Commissioners has the discretion to follow her recommendation. At the end of the day, the Commission's goal is to remain a member of the MCJDC while rightsizing their contribution.

Mr. Davis added that the Wigwam set up for the State of the County looked great.

State of the County Address

At 11:30 am, we presented a State of the County Address at the Wigwam in Violet Township. There were three objectives for the State of the County Address. First, we provided a description of the current condition of the county. The current financial condition of the county is stable and healthy. Second, we demonstrated how we provide services in Fairfield County, collaborating to connect the unconnected. Connecting the unconnected is the theme for national county awareness month. The purpose of this theme was to highlight how counties provide many, diverse services and develop connections to improve the quality of life. Third, we announced some special opportunities and events.

The slide show will be posted to the county website. More than 350 people were at the event. We believe this was a record year for attendance, and the desire to see the Wigwam was probably a big factor. Thank you to Violet Township for their partnership.

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Jeff Fix and a second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 1:13 p.m.


Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

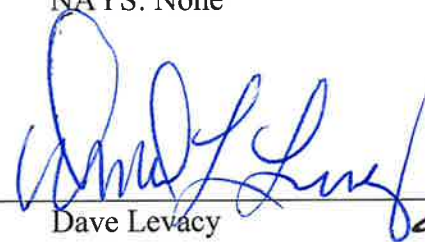
Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by: Jeff Fix Seconded by: Steve Davis
that the April 30, 2019 minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Fix, Davis, Levacy NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
*Approved on May 7, 2019


Steven A. Davis
Commissioner


Dave Levacy
Commissioner


Jeff Fix
Commissioner


Rachel A. Elsea, Clerk

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