

**Regular Meeting #20 – 2022
And Community Development Block Grant Hearing
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
May 17, 2022**

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room of the Historic Courthouse on 210 E Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Fix called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Jeff Fix. Also present: Aunie Cordle, Jeff Porter, Bennett Niceswanger, Rochelle Menningen, Bart Hampson, Corey Clark, Tony Vogel, Dan Neeley, Dr. Carri Brown, Vince Carpico, Joshua Horacek, Lisa McKenzie, Chris Schmelzer, Ray Stemen, Judy Stemen, Marty Norris, Beth Cottrell, Jim Cottrell, Dale Solt, and Candice Mengywn.

Attending virtually: Amy Brown-Thompson, Ashley Arter, James Bahnsen, Andrew Boystel, Brian Wolfe, Britney Lee, Calvin Robinson, James Mako, Jon Kochis, Lori Hawk, Lynette Barnhart, Michael Kaper, Park, Raz Sabaiduc, and Thomas Lininger.

Welcome

Commissioner Fix opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and spoke about the Commissioners and county employees mourning the loss of employee John Russ. Commissioner Fix also sent condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Russ on behalf of the entire county.

Listen & Learn, Facilities

Facilities Director, Dennis Keller, gave a presentation on the operational duties of the Facilities Department and spoke about current and upcoming projects. The projects include the Sheriff's Department shooting range, training facility, and SWAT storage facility, the airport's snow removal equipment building, the Workforce Center's EV charging station, the Historic Courthouse's Phase 2 Energy Project, and the Fairfield Center project. A PowerPoint presentation was provided and is attached to the minutes.

Commissioner Davis spoke about the historic courthouse and the decisions regarding the renovations and future maintenance of the building.

Public Comments

Judy Stemen of Lancaster read an excerpt that is attached to the minutes and spoke about a panel that reviewed the efficacy of the COVID vaccination.

Ray Stemen of Lancaster spoke about solar energy, its costs, and about the solar farms that have been built and are being built across the nation, and in Ohio.

Chris Schmelzer spoke about his disappointment in Federal Government politicians, especially those that are speaking out against the U.S. Supreme Court.

Beth Cottrell from Amanda Township spoke about solar projects and how they will impact farmers, their farmland, and her community. She stated that the Ohio Power Siting Board governs solar farms in Ohio and provided a handout that is attached to these minutes.

Dale Solt from Amanda Township stated he has lived his entire 81 years in Amanda Township except for 3 years in which he served in the armed forces. He spoke about generations of his family who have lived and still live in Amanda Township and the impact of the solar farms to those generations, especially the family farmers.

Jim Cottrell from Amanda Township stated he has lived his entire life in Amanda Township and spoke about his concerns regarding the building of solar farms.

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Legal Update

No legal update.

County Administration Update

County Administrator Cordle reviewed the Week in Review, Highlights of Resolutions, the Budget Review, Recognitions, and the Jail Population, as follows.

Week in Review

ARP Update

There are multiple projects under review.

From the \$15,303,451.00 received as the first tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$9.7M has been appropriated, \$3.1M expended, \$4.4M encumbered or obligated.

Second round of ARPA funding for townships and smaller municipalities clears House committee

The House Finance Committee passed legislation to distribute the second tranche of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to “non-entitlement units” (NEU) of local government in Ohio. House Bill 377, sponsored by Reps. Thomas Hall and DJ Swearingen, would distribute \$422 million in ARPA funds to cities, villages, and municipalities under 50,000 in population. Counties are direct recipients of ARPA funds from the federal government and will not be impacted by HB 377.

HB 377 follows in the footsteps of House Bill 168 legislation enacted last year which provided the first tranche of ARPA funds to NEU local governments in Ohio. The funds can be used for a multitude of COVID-19 response efforts and local government operations.

The Ohio Office of Budget and Management indicated that if HB 377 were passed by mid to late June, funds would be distributed to NEU local governments in July. The bill cleared the House Finance Committee by a vote of 22-1 and now moves on the full House for a floor vote. The Ohio Senate Finance Committee has scheduled an informal first hearing for HB 377 today, indicating swift movement through the General Assembly.

Intel funding opportunities session

May 17, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. MORPC hosted a meeting to discuss funding opportunities around the Intel project site and in the immediate area. Rick Szabrak attended for Fairfield County.

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals

Resolution Review

There are 13 resolutions for the voting meeting.

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Resolutions of note:

- Change order for the SWAT garage
- Subgrant Award agreement for Major Crimes
- Addendum to Meigs County inmate housing agreement to increase to 35 inmates

Budget Review

- Bart Hampson and Staci Knisley are visiting county departments for 2023 budget planning.

Recognition

- Thank you to Garrett Blevins and Tammy Smith for their work at the Ag Center polling site on election. The building lost power and they both helped to provide generators for elections activities to continue.
- Dr. Brown thanked Kyle Miller from DD for his presentation to the County Auditor's Office all team meeting. He shared some good strategies for change management.
- Dr. Brown thanked the DD leadership team for their performance in managing a successful program audit and said there is a lot of work that goes into monitoring multiple financial resources.
- Dr. Brown thanked the Finance Team for submitting the Airport financials to the state well ahead of the deadline, which allowed for efficiency and the ability to work on some internal training.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- South Licking Watershed Conservancy District, Watershed Stakeholder Meetings, Thursday, May 19, 2022, 2:30 p.m., Alexandria Public Library, 10 maple Dr., Alexandria; and Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Hebron Administration Building, 934 W. Main St., Hebron, or Virtual
- STARLight Center Groundbreaking, Thursday, May 26, 2022, 4:00 p.m., 336 E. Locust St., Lancaster (Fix)
- Center for Energy Education, Solar 101 Community Education Workshop, Tuesday, May 31, 2022, 6:00 p.m., Lancaster Campground, 2151 W. Fair Ave., Lancaster
- Magna Seating Columbus /Lancaster Government Official Tour, Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 4:00 p.m., Magna Seating Columbus, 747 Mill Park Dr., Lancaster
- Fairfield County 4-H Endowment Legacy Dinner, Thursday, June 9, 2022, 5:00 p.m. Social Hour, 6:00 p.m. Dinner, Fairfield County Fairgrounds, Ed Sands Farm Bureau Building, 157 East Fair Ave., Lancaster

Correspondence

Informational Items

- Violet Township Zoning Office Variance Application, Case Number 12-VA-2022, 9230 Blacklick Eastern Rd., Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting, Thursday, May 26, 2022, Violet Township Administrative Offices, 10190 Blacklick Eastern Rd, Pickerington
- Ohio History Connection, Subject: The Wagnalls Memorial, 150 E. Columbus St., Lithopolis, nomination to the National Register of Historic Places

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Jail Population

- May 10 was 254 with 32 of those being contracted placements.
- May 17 was 259 with 29 of those being contracted placements.

Old Business

Commissioner Fix stated he attended the first meeting of the State’s OneOhio Board and spoke about the Board’s timeframe for appropriating the money.

County Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown, spoke about forms available on the Auditor’s website and the use of the “Point in Pay” platform.

New Business

No new business.

Regular (Voting) Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:50 a.m. in the Commissioners’ Hearing Room of the Historic Courthouse on 210 E Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Fix called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Jeff Fix. Also present: Aunie Cordle, Jeff Porter, Bennett Niceswanger, Rochelle Menningen, Bart Hampson, Corey Clark, Tony Vogel, Dan Neeley, Dr. Carri Brown, Vince Carpico, Joshua Horacek, Lisa McKenzie, Chris Schmelzer, Ray Stemen, Judy Stemen, Marty Norris, Beth Cottrell, Jim Cottrell, Dale Solt, and Candice Mengywn.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Fix called for a moment of silence on behalf of John Russ. After the moment of silence, Commissioner Fix asked everyone who was able to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Approval of the Tuesday, April 19, 2022, Review and Regular Minutes

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Tuesday, April 19, 2022, Review and Regular Minutes.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency

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

2022-05.17.a A resolution to request for appropriations for receipts for EMA Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Fund 2091 (Subfund 8281) [EMA]

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer:

- 2022-05.17.b A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for vehicles from state purchasing contract [Engineer]
- 2022-05.17.c A resolution to request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts of memo receipts and memo expenses for fund 3445 BER-26 bridge replacement [Engineer]
- 2022-05.17.d A resolution to request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts of memo receipts and memo expenses for fund 3445 Refugee Rd CR7-1.94 [Engineer]
- 2022-05.17.e A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for vehicle and equipment repairs [Engineer]
- 2022-05.17.f A Resolution to Approve the Notice to Commence for the 2022 Microsurfacing Project [Engineer]
- 2022-05.17.g A Resolution to Approve the Contract with Pavement Maintenance Systems, LLC for the 2022 Microsurfacing Project. [Engineer]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a resolution from Fairfield County Facilities

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Facilities:

- 2022-05.17.h A Resolution for Approval of Change Order No. 2 to the Contract between the Setterlin Building Company and the Fairfield County Commissioners [Facilities]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from Juvenile Probate Court

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

- 2022-05.17.i A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category – Juvenile Court Fund #2408 Drug Court Program Sub Fund #8209 [Juvenile/Probate Court]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office

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

- 2022-05.17.j A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and the Pickerington Local Schools [Sheriff]
- 2022-05.17.k Meigs County Inmate Housing Addendum [Sheriff]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from the South Central Major Crimes Unit

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the South Central Major Crimes Unit:

- 2022-05.17.l A resolution to authorize the Fairfield County Commissioners to sign the Fairfield-Hocking Athens Major Crimes Unit Sub Grant Award Agreement [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Payment of Bills

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

- 2022-05.17.m A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval [Commissioners]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 24, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Fix called a recess of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners' Meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Second Public Hearing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program PY2022

The Commissioners met at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room of the Historic Courthouse on 210 E Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Fix called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Jeff Fix. Also present: Aunie Cordle, Bennett Niceswanger, Rochelle Menningen, Bart Hampson, Staci Knisley, Raz Sabiaduc, Joey Little, Teri Wise, Michael Betts, Alan Brown, Lydia Walley, and Cayle Sparrow.

Attending virtually: James Mako, Britney Lee

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James Mako, Regional Planning Director, presented on the Second Public Hearing for the Development Block Grant Program. Mr. Mako spoke about community infrastructure improvement projects within the county. Mr. Mako provided a PowerPoint presentation that is attached to the minutes.

Michael Betz from Sugar Grove spoke about Sugar Grove's proposal for water plant improvements and stated that they would be ready for funding in 2023. Mr. Betz also thanked the Commission for supporting a prior project.

Rochelle Menningen read a proposal from the Village of Millersport sent via the Regional Planning Commission. This proposed project would help residents prevent water loss, decreasing their water costs.

Commissioner Davis asked to see a listing of the project requests.

Mr. Mako spoke about the Village of Bremen and their funding.

Carl Sparrow from Thurston referred to Millersport's request and stated that the impact Millersport has had on controlling residential water leaks has helped trigger problems, so they are able to remedy immediately.

Alan Brown from Bremen stated that his request involves resurfacing of a walking path that is heavily used in the community and needs repairs.

Commissioner Davis asked if the walking paths are near the baseball diamonds.

Mr. Brown confirmed that is the location.

Commissioner Davis thanked the entities present for their courteous nature toward projects from other entities and Commissioner Levacy concurred.

Commissioner Fix thanked all for attending and for their work to improve their communities.

Mr. Mako stated there will be a resolution moving forward as a requirement of the program and that once it is passed, he will assemble the applications which are due June 15th. He added that the entities will know in September if they will receive funding. Mr. Mako also added that he will prepare the resolution and get the applications to the state.

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Steve Davis and a second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:56 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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Motion by: Steve Davis Seconded by: Dave Levacy
that the May 17, 2022, Review and Regular Meeting minutes, and the CDBG Hearing minutes
were approved by the following vote:


YEAS: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, Jeff Fix
ABSTENTIONS: None

NAYS: None

*Approved on May 24, 2022

Jeff Fix
Commissioner


Dave Levacy
Commissioner


Steven A. Davis
Commissioner

Rochelle Menningen
Rochelle Menningen, Clerk