#### Review

The Commissioners met at 9:01 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, John Kochis, Tom Lininger, Susan Whitt, Sarah Hut, Bennet Niswanger, Chief Lape, and Innerphase Video. Joining via teleconference were Tony Vogel, Amy Brown-Thompson, Aunie Cordle, Larry Hanna, and Tiffany Nash.

#### Welcome

Commissioner Davis welcomed everyone.

#### COVID-19 Update

Susan Whitt with Diley Ridge Medical Testing was available to talk about antibody testing.

Mr. Kochis introduced the representatives from Diley Medical Group. Susan Whitt is the provider for the tester. With her were Sarah and Ryan from their office. Mr. Kochis and a member of his office, who had tested positive for the virus, were tested recently. They took the test last Thursday and showed the employee was confirmed to have the antibodies, and Mr. Kochis was negative for the antibodies.

Mr. Davis asked if there was a second test.

Mr. Kochis stated the idea of the second test was to continually monitor the person with a test at a later date.

Mr. Davis stated the population the Commission was thinking of were corrections officers who are forced to be in a congregate situation. The county attempted to obtain approval from those in charge of testing to agree to test officers, period. They do not want to do that. Mr. Davis stated that then the Commission saw cases explode in prisons which is confusing to the Commission. The Commission would like to clarify this information and the reliability of the testing.

Ms. Whitt is a physician's assistant at Diley Medical Group, an independent medical group. Their practice tried to get the Abbott testing machine but could not get it. Ms. Whitt stated those machines were wrong 40-60% of the time. The group started antibody testing and are finding if the patient tested positive for COVID-19 they are testing positive for antibodies and if they tested negative for COVID-19 they are testing negative for antibodies. She discussed the "IGM" and "IGG" results for immunity.

Mr. Davis stated that he has heard the current testing shows coronavirus family and not specifically COVID-19.

Ms. Whitt replied that was not true. Their test shows the COVID-19 antibodies. She stated that the news in the media is about nasal swabs, not the COVID-19 serum.

Mr. Davis stated that the collective public discourse is that the science is not in as to whether having the virus and antibody make individuals immune. He added that Ms. Whitt suggests that immunity exists.

Ms. Whitt replied that immunity exists after a viral infection. What they do not know is how long the immunity lasts. Some immunities are lifetime immunities while others are not. With the COVID-19 testing it is only going to show if you have the virus right now. There is also a window of 3-5 days after infection that will show a negative test. Those tests are wrong 48% of the time. To her, the antibody test is what is going to get people out of their home.

Mr. Davis reviewed the concerns they have with the Sheriff's Office due to the nature of their job. The Commission suspects the virus is present in the Sheriff's Office and jail. The news is showing outbreaks in jails and prison systems with deaths occurring. The Commission is examining at if they should wait for an outbreak and act or be in front of it and test for antibodies.

Ms. Whitt replied they are an independent practice. They have been treating patients since day one. They have been treating patients from across the eastern portion of the US. She believes every officer should be COVID-19 tested because everyone should be tested. If anyone telecalls their office, they will order a COVID-19 test.

There was discussion as to whether this was COVID-19 testing or antibody testing.

Ms. Whitt replied she does not believe the COVID-19 testing was accurate, but she believes the antibody testing is accurate. They would COVID-19 test then antibody test because that is what people are doing. The antibody testing would show true immunity. She stated that the COVID-19 presence in the prisons comes from OSU hospital.

Mr. Levacy stated Ms. Whitt has done more to enlighten him in the last 10 minutes and he appreciated the discussion.

Mr. Fix agreed and asked if the antibody test shows if the patient is active today and if they have the antibodies.

Ms. Whitt stated that yes, this was correct, and the accuracy was 98%. She stated the reason why this test is not used around the world was due to politics and the media. This is the way to go.

Mr. Fix also asked about preventive medicine.

Ms. Whitt replied that an anti-malarial drug and zinc are preventive, and they are prescribing it as a preventive to whoever wants it.

Dr. Brown asked about the effectiveness of the antibody in neutralizing the COVID-19 virus.

Ms. Whitt stated the antibody test won't work on the virus or effect it in any way.

Dr. Brown stated she is reading information that shows you are not exempt from the virus even if you have the presence of an antibody.

Ms. Whitt stated if she tested positive for antibodies, she would be relieved and have peace of mind that she had the virus and has immunity. They do not know if a person will get the virus again, but the person would have peace of mind. She believes that if you keep looking at the science, immunity is immunity.

Dr. Brown asked if Ms. Whitt would describe what a patient would experience with the antibody test.

Ms. Whitt described the test as a 10-minute test with a finger prick.

Mr. Davis stated as decision makers they also need to be concerned about the cost of the test. If they asked for 100 tests, how much would that cost?

Ryan replied they've been charging \$139 per test, making 100 tests \$13,900.

Mr. Davis stated he understood it only shows results that day from the past, not future days. He asked if that test should be revisited and conducted again.

Ms. Whitt stated she believes that is what it will come to.

Chief Lape asked if they were to go forward, if 50 people tested with the antibody, what would that look like with them being able to continue to serve?

Ms. Whitt replied if they have the antibody, they are immune. If they have the "IGM" they would be sent for the nasal swab to see if they have COVID-19.

Mr. Kochis stated that the other caveat is that with the nasal swab test, the labs tend to test 3 to 4 people from the same congregate population then assume that result for the rest of the population.

Mr. Hanna did not have any questions.

Ms. Whitt concluded with the fact that she goes back to science. If people want to know if they have had the virus, antibody testing is the way to go.

Mr. Kochis added that Diley Medical Group had done 700 antibody tests in the office, 10 had shown positive results.

Mr. Levacy thanked them for their frankness and believes there is too much politics involved and they need to get away from that.

Mr. Kochis provided an update on COVID-19 responses. FMC has ordered 1803 tests. They are waiting on 80 tests from yesterday. The numbers have increased from 20 a day last week to 70-80 a day this week. Of the 1695 results, 78 have been positive at FMC. He had not heard concerns about the percentage of accuracy of the COVID-19 test and will research that. They continue to push out PPE.

Mr. Levacy asked if FMC is capable of doing antibody testing.

Mr. Kochis replied he does not believe they are.

Mr. Fix stated he does not believe they are seeing a bump or increase in cases.

Mr. Kochis replied that he continues to monitor the numbers. He thinks our area is doing well because of what everyone is doing: isolating, wearing masks, etc. He encourages people to isolate when possible. It is okay to venture out a little bit, but they should be cautious at this time.

Mr. Levacy asked about science behind the heat and the virus.

Mr. Kochis replied there isn't much behind the heat, but there is with UV light.

Dr. Brown asked if Mr. Kochis was surprised at the report of Diley Medical Services ordering diagnostic testing upon request.

Mr. Kochis replied that any doctor can write an order, and it's up to the hospital to complete it and the lab to process it. While they could test right now, the lab may refuse to process it.

Mr. Hanna added that 7% of people who tested positive in Fairfield County were asymptomatic.

Ms. Nash stated that of everyone in the county (a county resident tested in Ohio) who is tests, 7% of those tested were asymptomatic.

The review packet contained a media advisory about some changes forthcoming in June for county operations, such as opening up the first floor of the administrative courthouse for property tax payments and opening up the Ohio Means Jobs Center for those seeking employment.

The Title Offices were already announced as opening on May 26.

The review packet also contained a press release from Rep. LaRe about the tour local officials conducted of Rule 3, a local bowling alley and restaurant.

#### Legal Update

Mr. Lininger did not have a legal update.

#### 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 and Calendar Review

- May 25 Memorial Day Holiday Offices are Closed for Business
- June 3 Wear Purple Honor of Elder Abuse Awareness and Prevention
- Happy May Birthday to Commissioner Fix!

#### b. Highlights of Resolutions

Dr. Brown highlighted 16 resolutions planned for the voting meeting.

We proposed reappointing Joe Palmer, Jonathan McCombs, and Lisa Wells to the ADAMH Board. Thank you to these fine individuals for their service to ADAMH and the community.

RPC proposed a resolution to approve the replat of Valley View Farms Section 2 Lot 25.

The County Engineer proposed a contract bid award for liquid asphalt following a competitive bidding process as well as advertising for crack/seal, pavement marking, and resurfacing projects. The County Engineer also proposed a resolution to approve the construction drawings for the FAI-CR18/20/31 resurfacing project, for a total of five resolutions.

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

- A new fund for a grant for the County Parks District;
- A grant agreement with DYS for Juvenile Court;
- Appropriations for the Sheriff, JFS, and Utilities (four resolutions);
- A new fund, budget, and advance for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (federal) grant;
- An account to account transfer of appropriations for EMA;
- The payment of bills.

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

#### Administrative Approvals

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

Thank You from the Guardianship Services Board Supervisor, Janet Stout

Janet Stout was very thankful for the donations that helped to get planting supplies for their wards. Here is a picture of some supplies Janet Stout purchased with donations:



You can still send her a card (to the Records Center) to encourage an elderly person anytime.

You can also send a GEM or send a note to a co-worker or friend.

Dr. Brown reminded everyone of the media advisory relating to operations during June.

#### **Budget Update**

We have talked about the 2021 parameters at length. Initial parameters for 2021 are flat parameters, with the exception of insurance, for which a 2% increase is anticipated.

We will send guidance to everyone for level 2 budget entry in MUNIS. Already, for several weeks, we have announced **the hiring freeze**, **no new hires**, **and no increases for salaries**.

In multiple ways, we continue to advocate for state and federal support.

Regarding the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Grant, we have accepted the grant and have established the financial structure.

We are preparing ourselves for the **funding relating to SB 310**; there will likely need to be expense adjustments and a creation of a new subfund. We have a draft resolution ready.

#### d. BRAVOs

Thanks to Department Heads for managing payroll records so well. The new process in Executime is going very well.

Thanks to employees who have adjusted to allow for BOR to be scheduled at the Records Center for various times throughout 2020.

- Old Business (none)
- New Business (none)

- General Correspondence Received (none)
  - a. An annexation of 14.381 acres from Violet Township into the City of Pickerington is under technical review. There is an additional change that needs to occur on a technical matter.
- Calendar Review/Invitations Received (none)
- <u>FYI</u>
  - a. Jail Population 197
  - b. Thanks to DD for setting up a Virtual Community
  - c. Letter of Support for Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit
  - d. FCC notice re: Section 106 filing submitted
  - 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, May 19, 2020 beginning at 10:04 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jon Kochis, Tom Lininger, Marc Conrad, Chief Lape, Paige, Bennet Niswanger, and Innerphase Video. Also joining via teleconference was Tony Vogel and Amy Brown-Thompson.

#### 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 or in person.

#### Approval of Minutes for May 12, 2020

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, May 12, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

#### Approval of the Commissioners' Resolutions

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

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A resolution to approve the reappointment of Mrs. Lisa Wells and Dr. Jonathan McCombs to the Fairfield County ADAMH Board [Commissioners]

A resolution to authorize the establishment of a new fund for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding program, relating to a Department of Justice Grant, 2020-V-BX-0366, CFDA # 16.034,to establish a budget for the grant project, and approval of an advance from

the General Fund [Commissioners]

Discussion: Mr. Fix stated all three individuals serving on the ADAMH Board have made significant contributions to the ADAMH Board, and he is excited to have them continue to serve.

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

#### Approval of the Emergency Management Agency Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Emergency Management Agency resolution authorizing an account to account transfer for EMA Fund 2091 Local Emergency Planning Committee (subfund 8147) Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant; see resolution 2020-05.19.c.

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 Office resolutions:

2020-05.19.d	A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for the 2020 Purchase of Liquid Asphalt. [Engineer]
2020-05.19.e	A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the 2020 Crack Seal Project. [Engineer]
2020-05.19.f	A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the 2020 Pavement Markings Project. [Engineer]
2020-05.19.g	A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the FAI-CR18/20/31 Resurfacing Project. [Engineer]
2020-05.19.h	A Resolution to Approve the Construction Drawings for the FAI-CR18/20/31 Resurfacing Project. [Engineer]

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

#### Approval of the Historic Parks Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Historic Parks resolution to authorize the establishment of a new fund for Fairfield County Park District called "Clean Ohio Conservation Grant Program – Hammer Property/Rookery," see resolution 2020-05.19.i.

Discussion: Dr. Brown stated this resolution is to establish a fund on the county records. The activity for the grant will be approved by the County Parks District. She congratulated the County Parks District on the grant for a new park and conservation of a heron rookery.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

#### Approval of the JFS Resolutions

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the JFS resolution to approve appropriations from unappropriated funds relating to TANF Summer Youth for the Public Assistance Fund (2018) of JFS; see resolution 2020-05.19.j.

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 the 2021 FY Grant Agreement with the Ohio Department of Youth Services; see resolution 2020-05.19.k.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

#### Approval of the Regional Planning Commission Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Regional Planning Commission resolution to approve the replat of Valley View Farms Section 2 Lot 25; see resolution 2020-05.19.l.

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 to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Sheriff's Office Fund 2711 Continuous Professional Training; see resolution 2020-05.19.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

#### Approval of the Utilities' Office Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Utilities Office resolutions:

2020-05.19.n A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in major expenditure

object categories for Utilities Fund 5046 Water Admin [Utilities]

[Utilities]

2020-05.19.0 A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in major expenditure

object categories for Utilities Fund 5044 Sewer Admin [Utilities]

[Utilities]

Discussion: Dr. Brown stated that last week there was a resolution to reduce

appropriations in General Fund, conserving resources. These resolutions this week increase appropriations with Utilities funds. The Commission is

thankful for the collaboration of the Facilities and Utilities teams.

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 2020-05.19.p.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

#### **Review Continued**

Mr. Davis stated he was moved and stunned by Ms. Whitt's presentation. He does not want to be swayed in the moment; he would like some time to let those opinions marinate. He asked Mr. Fix and Mr. Levacy about their thoughts.

Mr. Levacy concurred with Mr. Davis. This changes his outlook a little, and he has been leaning towards antibody testing from everything he has read. The presentation was eye opening and very enlightening. He thinks a decision needs taken in the near future.

Mr. Fix thought the testimony was compelling and would love to hear more from another in this same vein. He is struggling with the concept that they have it right while everyone else has it wrong. He's not doubting everything brought forth, but it doesn't make sense that they have it right and everyone else in the world has it wrong. He would like a second opinion.

Mr. Davis doesn't think you have to agree with everything said earlier, but he thinks there is one thing that there should be common ground: to think of the test and the patient and what is in the best interest of the patient. He suspects if you focus on the test and patient, there would be more common ground. In that spirit he leans toward testing.

Mr. Levacy stated he thought if the Commission went with the concept of "science is science" as Ms. Whitt said they cannot go wrong.

Dr. Brown mentioned that the testing as proposed in the federal grant application was not limited to those working in the jail, but it included those working in courts and in similar positions. The testing would be voluntary. It would be administered if the employee wanted to take the test.

#### **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 10:19 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by:

Seconded by:

that the May 19, 2020 minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

\*Approved on May 26, 2020

Steven A. Davis Commissioner

Commissioner

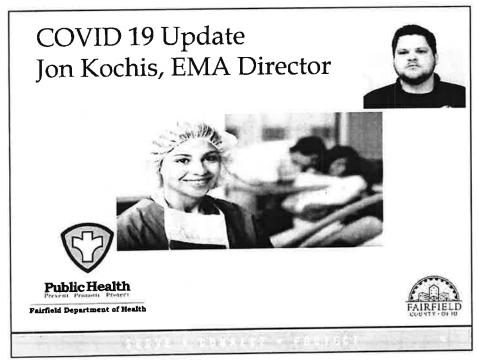


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# Public Well-Being













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Legal Update

County Administrator Update

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Email -or- Text

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### Reminders

- May 25 Memorial Day Holiday
- **June 5** Wear Purple for Awareness of Prevention of Elder Abuse



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### Highlights of Resolutions

7 resolutions...

- Reappointing Jonathan McCombs & Lisa Wells to the ADAMH Board
- Contract bid award for liquid asphalt; advertising for crack/seal, pavement marking, and resurfacing; construction drawing for the FAI-CR18/20/31 resurfacing project, for 5 resolutions
- Approving the replat of Valley View Farms Section 2 Lot 25



# Highlights of Resolutions

9 financial and grant related resolutions

- A new fund for a grant for the County Parks District;
- A grant agreement with DYS for Juvenile Court;
- Appropriations for the Sheriff, JFS, and Utilities (4);
- A new fund, budget, and advance for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (federal) grant;
- An account to account transfer of appropriations for EMA;
- The payment of bills

There were additional financial and contracting resolutions in queue.

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# Administrative Approvals



Administrative
Approvals - in packet



# Ways You Can (and Did) Help!

Thanks for Janet Stout with the Guardianship Services Board



Send a note to a ward...

Call or write a coworker or a friend...

Send a GEM!

News advisory...



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# **Budget Update**

- Continue hiring freeze
- No new hires
- Flat wages for 2021
- Temporary work assignments
- Change to insurance plan 20% cost sharing



### **BRAVO!**



- Thanks to Department Heads for managing payroll.
- Thanks to employees who have adjusted to allow for BOR to be scheduled at the Records Center for various times throughout 2020.

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### Old Business



# New Business



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# Correspondence



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### Invitations



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# Quick FYI

Jail Population



### FYI

- Thanks to DD for setting up a Virtual Community!
- Letter of support for Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit



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# Have a Public Records Request?



Rachel.Elsea@fairfieldcountyohio.gov



# Have a question?

Carri.Brown@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

Text 740 777 8552



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# Great job to the Fairfield County Community!





### Thank You - Elected Officials

- Commissioner Steve Davis
- Commissioner Jeff Fix
- Commissioner Dave Levacy Prosecutor Kyle Witt
- 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
- 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



### 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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