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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 Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Joshua Horacek, Thomas Lininger, Amy Brown-Thompson, Jon Kochis, Aunie Cordle, Corey Clark, Heather O'Keefe, Randall Hunt, Ray Stemen, Judy Stemen, Dennis Keller, Laura Comek, Amy Eldridge, Chris Schmelzer.

Attending virtually were: Jonett Habberfield, Michael Kaper, Park Russell, Tony Howard, Jim Bahnsen, Dave Burgei, Donna Fox-Moore, Joe Ebel, Lisa McKenzie, David Miller, Jeff Barron, Chris Wagner, Jennifer Dickerson, Emily, Britney Lee, Stacy Hicks, Clinton Davis, Mandy Miller, Lynette Barnhart, Ashley Arter, Adam Tippet, James Shaw, Rick Szabrak.

- Welcome

Commissioner Levacy welcomed everyone.

- Fairfield Forward

Visitors and Convention Bureau Update

Jonette Haberfield, VCB Director, updated the Board about a few fun things to do in Fairfield County as we move Fairfield Forward. Memorial Day is the official kick off to summer in Buckeye Lake with many events going on this weekend. The review packet contained fliers and a complete list. We continue to celebrate tourism in Fairfield County, now during Tourism Month, and every day!

Flag Day Celebration

We discussed Flag Day. Flag Day is celebrated in June. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. All employees and citizens who would like a commemorative flag vinyl cling (removable) or a pin can get one at any county building on June 14th. The public purpose of the effort is civic education, and we are preparing a fact sheet that includes the Lancaster connection (the design of Bob Heft, former Lancaster resident) with our nation's flag, too.

In addition, we are thankful to the Lion's Club who organizes the effort to line the Lancaster streets with the US flag. We know others are doing similar things throughout the county and will promote educational materials with RPC, too. We encourage residents to proudly display their US flags. There is a proclamation to honor Flag Day on the voting agenda today, as we prepare communication packets about Flag Day (and its related Flag Week). We are working on civic education activities.

Welcoming Back Employees to the Lancaster Downtown

Human Resources and Destination Downtown have been connecting to develop an energetic way to welcome back employees (as a large group) to the Lancaster Downtown. Next week, there will be more information about this effort. We thank Amanda Everitt, Destination Downtown Director, for her efforts to engage local businesses in this effort. Local businesses have mentioned they have missed JFS employees, for example, when such employees were required to work remotely. We look forward to welcoming them back to the office.

- Legal Update

There was no legal update.

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- National Association of Counties Achievement Awards for Fairfield County in 2021

Dr. Brown highlighted the NACo Achievement Awards we have notification about for 2021. As background, in 2020, Fairfield County was recognized with three Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties. NACo recognized Fairfield County with awards for the County Auditor's Civic and Public Education Program and for Creating a Culture of Customer Care and for Improving Governance. Because we were not able to celebrate those awards together in person, we paused and celebrated those awards, too. In the past, Fairfield county has earned multiple honors, most recently for:

- Civic and Public Education
- Valuing Customer Service
- Improving Governance
- Improving Productivity and Strategic Planning
- Turnaround for the Dog Shelter
- Connecting Economic and Workforce Development
- Encouraging Environmental Stewardship
- Visitation Services
- Electronic County Resolution Management
- Improving Transparency
- Collaborative Grant Writing

In 2021, NACO provided information about honoring Fairfield County with three **Achievement Awards**. There may be more information to come. We collectively continue to reimagine government.

Three 2021 National Association of Counties Achievement Awards are for:

Achievement Award Category: County Administration & Management
Ongoing Preparation for Bond Rating Presentations

Achievement Award Category: Arts, Culture, and Historic Preservation
Inspiring Placemaking with Mural Art

Achievement Award Category: County Administration & Management
Improving County Services During a National Crisis

We reviewed the attached Power Point presentation. We will issue a press release later this week.

Mr. Fix spoke to the achievements of Fairfield County, especially the three areas that received achievement awards this year.

Mr. Davis and Mr. Levacy also spoke of the achievements and how fortunate the county is to have Dr. Brown.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Announcements

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

- b. Dates/Events of Interest

May 25 – AG and Prosecutor's Office Lunch n Learn
May 25 – Proclamation for Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness
May 25 – Commissioner Levacy – Commission Connection video to be taped
May 31- Memorial Day – Office is Closed

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June 15 – JFS Lunch n Learn, focus on pre-natal program
June 15- Wear Purple for Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness
June 22 – County Auditor Lunch n Learn
June 29 – Commissioner Fix – Commission Connection video to be taped

The State of the County Address is scheduled for September 28 at the WigWam.

c. Highlights of Resolutions

Dr. Brown highlighted 30 resolutions for the voting meeting.

There were 10 resolutions proposed as follows:

We had proclamations for Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness (for presentation to Corey Clark, JFS Director and team members) and for Flag Day (for June 14 civic education activities).

We had a resolution to appoint members or the Local Emergency Planning Committee, with updates for new staff. Thanks to the group for their service.

We had a resolution to appoint Jennifer Friel to the Workforce Development Board, and we are appreciative of her willingness to serve.

We had a resolution to appoint LCS Superintendent Nathan Hale to the Fairfield County Library Board, filling a position once held by Superintendent Steve Wigton who has retired.

We had a resolution to establish a public hearing for an annexation petition received from Ms. Laura MacGregor Comek, Esq., agent for Love's, for an annexation of 25.8723 +/- acres from Hocking Township into the City of Lancaster.

The County Engineer proposed resolutions to approve the contract with Pavement Maintenance Systems, LLC for the 2021 Microsurfacing Project and to approve its notice to commence, as well as resolutions to approve the contract with The Shelly Company for the FAI-CR7/17/22/27/50 Resurfacing Project and its notice to commence, for four resolutions.

We proposed approval of the contracts between Fairfield County and the Community Action Program Commission of the Lancaster-Fairfield County Area for administration of the PY 2021 Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program and CHIP Program Income projects.

There were 20 *financial and grant related resolutions* to approve:

- Submission of the PY 2021 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program Grant Application and implementation plan to the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development;
- The 2022 Title XX Social Services Block Grant County Profile Report;
- Interest credits for April;
- Conversion of a 2020 encumbrance to current year appropriations & reducing current year appropriations for Utilities plus three resolutions for appropriations for Utilities (four resolutions);
- A subgrant agreement for JFS and the FY22 Grant Agreement with the Ohio Department of Youth Services (two resolutions);
- Adjustments to appropriations for eligible timeframe relating to the pandemic for ARP fiscal recovery funds (with no expenditures made yet);

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- Appropriations for the self-funded insurance fund and accounting of the 2% administrative fee for the general fund (two resolutions);
- Account-to-account transfers of appropriations for DD, ADAMH, and Common Pleas Court (three resolutions);
- Appropriations and adjustments for FCFACF for Help Me Grow (two resolutions); and
- Three resolutions for reimbursements by operation of law for JFS.

There were also additional financial and contracting resolutions (and administrative approvals) in queue.

For example, we had a resolution in queue to appropriations from unappropriated funds for the Prosecutor's Office (general fund) based on staffing needs arising from felony cases in Fairfield County.

We also had multiple contracts at various stages of preparation.

d. Administrative, Program, and Budget Update

Administrative Approvals and Program Updates

Administrative Approvals

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

Targeting Community Alternatives to Prison and Reentry Services

Forecasting a future resolution for an adjustment of appropriations, Dr. Brown commented that she believed that the re-entry program would be situated under Common Pleas Court in the near future by consensus of *TCAP partners*.

As this evolves, there will be an adjustment in the budget to move appropriations to the Common Pleas Court led department as opposed to the Sheriff's Office.

This change could mean a creation of a new department – and possibly a transfer of appropriations.

In addition, there is debate about mandating TCAP on a statewide basis. We have by agreement been participating in TCAP, and there have been benefits, such as funding for new Court positions and support for assessments and treatment. CCAO supports voluntary participation.

In 2021, TCAP roundtables will likely be initiated. Magistrate Boone will be leading the roundtables for TCAP stakeholders. While the Commissioners were the lead department in the first years of TCAP, the grant is now managed by Common Pleas Court based on the staff members supported by TCAP funding.

Strategic Planning

In June, we will be providing highlights of our vision to engage multiple stakeholder groups in strategic planning, informing use of ARP fiscal recovery funds and other Commission decisions. The purpose of the *strategic planning* with a third-party vendor will be to obtain input and feedback about longer term goals from community and key stakeholder perspectives. We will be using the Fairfield Forward theme for the planning.

We anticipate catalytic uses of the ARP fiscal recovery funds for the majority of the ARP expenditures. As we think about those catalytic changes, there are two main uses of the ARP fiscal recovery uses that stand out to us:

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1. Responding to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID19 or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.

2. Making necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

For reference, the county's *strategic plan* through 2021 is on the website, and we also have supplemental departmental plans which are aligned with the county plan. The strategic plan and other county activities were previously awarded a NACo Achievement Award for its engagement of employees.

One supplemental plan at the departmental level is with Facilities Management. We have a list of facilities projects which has been updated, such as with the energy conservation project part 2. With *facilities planning*, we have issued bids for the *Baldwin paving project, the firing and training range, and the Sheriff's storage garage*.

We have already budgeted the first project and will need to appropriate from unappropriated for the latter two projects, and this was the plan all along. We will have more market information about the two Sheriff's Office projects soon. We have \$400,000 and \$600,000 is the planning tool for these two projects, respectively.

The initial work group for the Government Services Building in Pickerington will meet on May 25th and develop subgroups for design and funding.

Budget Update

- The sales tax estimate for 2021 in Fairfield County is \$23.6 M, or 3% above the sales tax revenues of 2020.
- The full 2019 sales tax revenue deposit in June 2019 for March sales was \$1.841 M. The non-auto sales tax deposit anticipated for June 2021 for March sales is \$1.968 M, or about 6.9% above the full receipt two years ago. Auto sales tax estimates for the same time period have just been received as an estimate, and for Fairfield County, that receipt is anticipated to be \$487,026, above the previous year's receipt of \$206,391. With the non-auto sales, that is a total of \$2.455 M.
- Last week, we received the *ARP fiscal recovery funds properly*. No expenditures have been made at this time. We are planning. Interest will be credited to the special revenue fund. ARP fiscal recovery has defined uses and should not be thought of as an open checkbook.
- The Coroner's Office will likely be needing additional appropriations (perhaps \$30,000) for contracted services and transportation relating to increased autopsies in 2021. We will monitor this and highlight the resolution when the time comes for the needed appropriations later in 2021. Dr. Varney reported on this potential need during the roundtable meeting.

e. BRAVOS

Congratulations to Fairfield County for earning NACo Achievement Awards.

Thanks to Rick Szabrak for the tour of the Workforce Center last week. There was a terrific pictorial in the Lancaster Eagle Gazette. We continue to be appreciative of partnership with Hocking College and Ohio University.

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Also, Rick Szabrak reported in the roundtable meeting about two newly hired employees, Vince Carpico and Rhonda Baldwin. Thanks to HR for quickly filling vacancies. Welcome to Vince and Rhonda!

Congratulations to Jon Slater, Chris Wagner, and team and all of Fairfield County, for the certificate of excellence received for the Popular Annual Financial Report and the Comprehensive Annual Financial report for the year ended December 31, 2019.

We received positive comments from employees as they received their payroll advice documentation this time. They are happy about the reduction in the employee insurance contribution. Thanks to the Board of Commissioners for approving this, and thanks to the many employees who have been cooperative.

Thank you to GIS and the Engineer's Office for quickly confirming the changes to the annexation packet related to the resolution (dd) today.

- Old Business

- a. COVID 19 Update

Joe Ebel from the Health Department provided an update on the response to the health emergency. Mr. Ebel reported the county is still red because they are still over 100 cases per two weeks. There were a few days that were higher that may take some time to phase out. The county needs to be in the single digit cases per day to get in the orange zone. Vaccines continue at the mall. They had 79 doses administered last Saturday at the mall, most of those were first doses. There are doses available on Monday at local pharmacies.

Dr. Brown mentioned the health department has asked to move the vaccine clinic closer to their office. An amendment to that lease is expected.

Mr. Kochis has been working with Mr. Ebel on a long-term vaccination plan as they did not intend on being stationed at the mall permanently.

Mr. Davis asked Mr. Kochis what the upside of continuing the local state of emergency was.

Mr. Kochis replied that it allows the county to use Stafford Act for funding for the necessary response to the pandemic. There is still funding going into the vaccine clinic that is recovered from the Stafford Act. The other components of an emergency are not really in effect.

From Mr. Davis' one third of the equation, he is ready to be done with the state of emergency when possible.

Mr. Fix agreed.

Dr. Brown confirmed that the emergency protocol and procedures for public safety support are in effect today, and the documentation that has been gathered for ARP fiscal recovery is through April 23, 2021. This documentation is part of a resolution today.

- b. Commissioner Communications/Additional Updates

Mr. Davis reported he had visitors from all over the country over the weekend and took them to Rockmill. It was fully staffed with volunteers, and they all enjoyed their visit.

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Mr. Davis has also been serving as a “color analyst” for local baseball games.

Mr. Fix reported he provided a presentation to TRAC on May 18th for the I70 Far East project. The TID and City of Pickerington partners prepared the presentation.

TRAC will have a June 23 working session to discuss the projects, and the draft list of projects will be presented on July 14. The final list is to be approved by TRAC on August 25.

Also, Commissioner Fix attended CCAO Board meetings this past week.

Mr. Levacy attended the Forest Rose graduation on May 21. He also commented how he and Mrs. Levacy visited Beavers Field, which a gem in Fairfield County.

Dr. Brown provided a letter of support for a grant for the Community Services program at the Fairfield County Municipal Court.

- New Business (none)

- General Correspondence

- a. Fairfield County TID Meeting – May 27th

- Invitations

- a. CCAO/CEAO Central Region Meeting – Wednesday, June 30th at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioner Fix will attend.

- FYI

- a. Jail Population – 231

- b. Fairfield County Employment Updates

Aaron Wynkoop will be begin as a building coordinator with the Facilities Management Department for the Workforce Center in *June*.

Tiffany Nash will soon transition from her position with the Board of Health to her new position with the Emergency Management Agency.

HR will formally announce newly hired team members with global emails. The postings online look great for recruitment purposes. Here is an example:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/fairfieldcountyoh?page=2>

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 beginning at 9:39 a.m. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Joshua Horacek, Thomas Lininger, Amy Brown-Thompson, Jon Kochis, Aunie Cordle, Corey Clark, Heather O'Keefe, Randall Hunt, Ray Stemen, Judy Stemen, Dennis Keller, Laura Comek, Amy Eldridge, Chris Schmelzer.

Attending virtually were: Jonett Habberfield, Michael Kaper, Park Russell, Tony Howard, Jim Bahnsen, Dave Burgei, Donna Fox-Moore, Joe Ebel, Lisa McKenzie, David Miller, Jeff Barron, Chris Wagner, Jennifer Dickerson, Emily, Britney Lee, Stacy Hicks, Clinton Davis, Mandy Miller, Lynette Barnhart, Ashley Arter, Adam Tippet, James Shaw, Rick Szabrak.

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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.

Ms. Elsea announced they would be adding a resolution to set a hearing date for an annexation. The resolution was mentioned in review.

Public Comment

Commissioner Levacy asked if anyone from the public who would like to speak or offer comments. He stated this is a time for voters and taxpayers (members of the public) to provide comments.

Mr. Ray Stemen of 2444 West Point Road in Lancaster spoke of his concerns regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, especially for youth receiving the vaccine.

Ms. Judy Stemen of 2444 West Point Road in Lancaster reviewed the attached packet distributed to the Commissioners regarding her concerns with COVID-19 and the vaccination.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, May 18, 2021

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 18, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the ADAMH Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the ADAMH resolution approving an account to account transfer; see resolution 2021-05.25.a.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Auditor's Office Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Auditor's Office resolution authorizing a memo expense memo receipt for the General Fund 2% administration fee for managing the county self-insurance program, Fund #5376 to General #1001-Fairfield County Auditor; see resolution 2021-05.25.b.

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 Commissioners' resolutions:

2021-05.25.c A resolution authorizing the approval of proclamations. [Commissioners]

2021-05.25.d A resolution to appoint Mr. Nathan Hale to the Fairfield County District

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Library Board of Trustees. [Commissioners]

- 2021-05.25.e A resolution to update the authorized initial uses of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and modify appropriations from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876 [Commissioners]
- 2021-05.25.f A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in major expenditure object categories for the Fund# 5376 - Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]
- 2021-05.25.g A resolution to approve a memo expense for interest allocation reimbursements for Fairfield Department of Health, Fairfield County Parks, & Fairfield County Port Authority – Fund #7012, #7321, #7308, & #7865, – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]
- 2021-05.25.h A resolution to approve the contracts between Fairfield County and the Community Action Program (CAP) Commission of the Lancaster-Fairfield County Area for administration of the PY 2021 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program and CHIP Program Income projects [Community Action]
- 2021-05.25.i A resolution approving authorization to submit the PY 2021 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program Grant Application and implementation plan to the Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development. [Community Action]

Discussion: Mr. Fix presented the proclamation to Mr. Clark and Ms. O'Keefe. Dr. Brown highlighted the Lunch & Learn at 11:00 where the AG would be presenting on scams and how to avoid them, noting the relevance for the older adult population who are sometimes targeted with scams. Everyone applauded the work of Adult Protective Services.

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

Approval of the Common Pleas Court Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Common Pleas Court resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense categories; see resolution 2021-05.25.j.

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

Approval of the Board of Developmental Disabilities Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Board of Developmental Disabilities resolution approving an account to account transfer; see resolution 2021-05.25.k.

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

Approval of the Economic Development Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Economic Development resolution to approve the appointment of Ms. Jennifer Friel to the Area 20 Workforce Development Board (WDB); see resolution 2021-05.25.l.

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Discussion: Mr. Szabrak expressed the board's excited to have Ms. Friel as a member. The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for her service.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Emergency Management Agency Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Emergency Management Agency resolution in the matter of nominations to the Fairfield County Local Emergency Planning Committee – LEPC for the EMA; see resolution 2021-05.25.m.

Discussion: Mr. Kochis thanked those who previously served on the committee and those who will be serving for the first time. Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Kochis for helping with the coach arranging for a banquet.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Engineer Resolutions

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

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| 2021-05.25.n | A Resolution to Approve the Contract with Pavement Maintenance Systems, LLC for the 2021 Microsurfacing Project [Engineer] |
| 2021-05.25.o | A Resolution to Approve the Notice to Commence for the 2021 Microsurfacing Project [Engineer] |
| 2021-05.25.p | A Resolution to Approve the Contract with The Shelly Company for the FAI-CR7/17/22/27/50 Resurfacing Project. [Engineer] |
| 2021-05.25.q | A Resolution to Approve the Notice to Commence for the 2021 Resurfacing Project [Engineer] |

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 Resolutions

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Family, Adult, and Children First Council resolutions:

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| 2021-05.25.r | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major category expense for the Fund# 7521, subfund# 8160 – Family Adult Children First (FACF) [Family, Adult and Children First Council] |
| 2021-05.25.s | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major expenditure category for the Fund# 7521, subfund# 8160 – Family Adult Children First (FACF) [Family, Adult and Children First Council] |

Discussion: Ms. Fox-Moore stated the Commission action will establishes a budget for Help Me Grow for its new funding cycle. The two resolutions are for FCFAC Council program budgets.

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 Job and Family Services Resolutions

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

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| 2021-05.25.t | A resolution approving the 2022 Title XX Social Services Block Grant County Profile Report [JFS] |
| 2021-05.25.u | A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2758 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS] |
| 2021-05.25.v | A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2015 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS] |
| 2021-05.25.w | A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2072 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS] |
| 2021-05.25.x | A resolution regarding approval of a Subgrant Agreement between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Department of Medicaid and the Fairfield County Board of County Commissioners [JFS] |

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Juvenile/Probate Court Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Juvenile/Probate Court resolution authorizing the approval of the FY22 Grant Agreement with the Ohio Department of Youth Services; see resolution 2021-05.25.y.

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 following Utilities' resolutions:

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| 2021-05.25.z | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Utilities Fund 5044, 5046, 5842 & 5841 [Utilities] [Utilities] |
| 2021-05.25.aa | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Utilities Fund 5470 Bond Debt Water [Utilities] [Utilities] |
| 2021-05.25.bb | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in an expenditure object category Utilities Fund 5854. [Utilities] [Utilities] |
| 2021-05.25.cc | A resolution to convert prior year (2020) encumbrances to current year (2021) appropriations and to reduce current year appropriations - Utilities Fund #5854. [Utilities] [Utilities] |

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 Commissioners' Office Resolutions

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Commissioners' Office resolution to establish a public hearing for an annexation petition received from Ms. Laura MacGregor Comek, Esq., agent for Love's, requests to annex 25.8723 +/- acres from Hocking Township into the City of Lancaster; see resolution 2021-05.25.cc.

Discussion: Ms. Comek reviewed the proposed annexation which was presented to the City of Lancaster three weeks ago for a pre-annexation agreement. This is for a proposed Love's gas station. She added there was a lot of good discussion with the township and the regular annexation was at the request of the City of Lancaster.

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

Executive Session – Pending Litigation

On the motion of Steve Davis and second of Jeff Fix, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at 10:06 a.m.

Discussion: Commissioner Davis stated that the following people be included in the executive session: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Levacy, Commissioner Fix, Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Aunie Cordle, representatives from the Prosecutor's Office, Jeff Porter, outside legal counsel.

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

On the motion of Jeff Fix and second of Steve Davis, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 10:26 a.m.

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

Public Hearing – Program Year 2021 CHIP Application

The Commissioners met at 10:30 a.m. to hold the second public hearing for the Program Year 2021 CHIP Application. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Aunie Cordle, Randall Hunt, Amy Brown-Thompson, Thomas Lininger.

Attending virtually were: Chris Wagner, Clinton Davis, and Emily.

Randall Hunt with Community Action introduced the hearing for the CHIP program. The purpose of the second hearing is an opportunity for input and feedback about the program.

Mr. Hunt reviewed a slide show including an overview of CHIP funding, eligible categories and activities, citizen participation, survey results, owner occupancy percentages, CHIP application deadlines, 2021 program activities, private owner rehab, owner occupied home repair, new construction with Habitat for Humanity, leveraged resources, and contact information about the program. A copy of the presentation is attached.

The CHIP program is designed to benefit low- to moderate-income households. The program is administered by the Ohio Development Services Agency utilizing federal funds. The County already conducted one public hearing on April 6, 2021.

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Fairfield County intends to apply for approximately \$400,000 for the two-year Program Year 2021 - CHIP funding period. Activities that will be included in the CHIP application will be based on input from citizens, survey responses regarding community needs, and input from the Fairfield County Housing Coalition.

Citizens have had an opportunity to review and comment on the County's proposed CHIP application, before the County's application is submitted to the Ohio Development Service Agency.

Commissioner Fix asked what changes were made from the past application process to this current one. Mr. Hunt reported that the Community Action leadership had more experience and there was some time to pass from the issues previously reported in the monitoring reports. Dr. Davis commented that they have learned a lot and have included details in the application about the use of program income. Mr. Hunt reported they have been able to continue programs and also that Fairfield County will not have the highest amount of point for need because the poverty level is not as high in Fairfield County as it is in other areas, and that is a good thing.

Commissioner Levacy commented on how the partnership with Habitat for Humanity was helpful. Habitat for Humanity will be seeking additional partnership with the Land Bank.

Commissioner Davis asked about the level of participation with the survey. Mr. Hunt reported about 30 people participated.

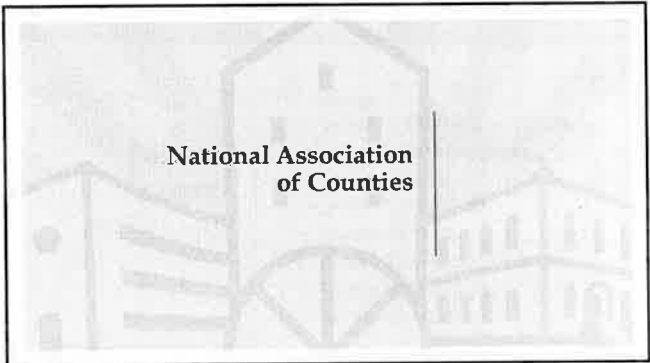
Dr. Brown reported if unable to attend the public hearing, people may direct written comments to Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency at 1743 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH 43130, or may call (740) 653-4146 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. They can also send email to Rhunt@faircaa.org. All comments need to be received by 5:00 PM, June 4, 2021.

Open Items

Ms. Cordle reported she received information about a Japanese company announcing they will place their first US plant in the US in Lancaster. The name of the company is Chiyoda Integre Media. Mr. Davis asked how many jobs might be created. We believed that to start, there would be 15 jobs with more coming in the future. We will send a note of encouragement to Mayor Scheffler and Dave Pettit.



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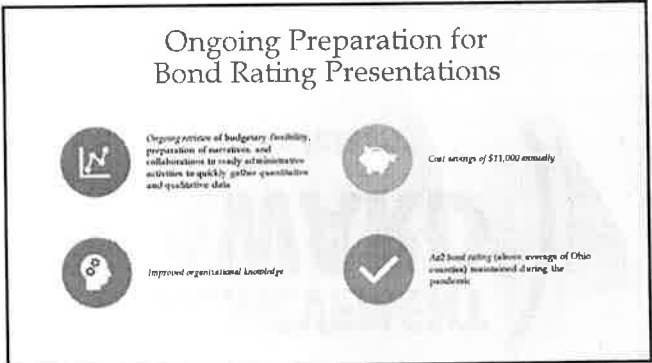
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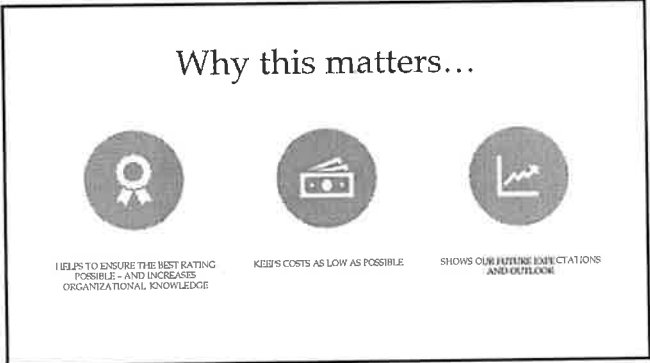
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AWARD

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Inspiring Placemaking
With Mural Art

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Inspiring Placemaking with Mural Art



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Inspiring
Placemaking
with
Mural Art

- Community approach to show patriotism & gratitude
- Honoring Sgt. Joey Collette & those who have served and fallen
- Inspire placemaking
- Volunteer approach
- Supported local artists

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Why this
matters...

- Preserves history
- Adds character to buildings & spaces
- Exemplifies project planning, volunteerism
- Shows community values
- Increases connections

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Improving County Services During a
National Crisis

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Improving
County
Services

- Improved services
- Added virtual options
- Used high-tech & low-tech
- Pandemic pivot
- Inspired additional modernization
- Reduced jail populations
- Reduced populations of dogs in shelter

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Consumer Scams

Consumer Protection Section



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Most Common Complaints (2020)

1. Motor vehicles

2. Coronavirus-related

3. Shopping, food or beverage

4. Professional services

5. Collections, credit reporting or financial services

6. Home or property improvement

7. Utilities, phone, internet or TV services

8. Identity theft

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Ohio Attorney General's Office



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Robocall Enforcement Unit

• Goal: Making Ohio the toughest state for robocallers to operate in.

• Most important: Just don't answer.

• You can help by reporting robocalls.

• Creating a database of robocall reports – we can share this data to help trace some of the calls.

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What is Consumer Protection?




Ensures a safe marketplace for consumers.

Enforces laws related to:

• Buying a used car

• Seeing a store advertisement

• Home improvement work



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Robocalls

• Legit robocalls: Calls from your doctor's office reminding you of an appointment; calls from your child's school with weather-related information; etc.

• Illegal robocalls: Calls that you have not consented to that generally try to get you to pay for something or to give away personal information.

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Don't Get Caught in a Scam!

Watch for these common tactics:

☐ Requests for wire-transfers, prepaid money cards, or gift cards

☐ Requests for personal information

☐ Pressure to act immediately

☐ Requests to keep the conversation a secret

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Imposter Scam

• Don't provide personal information.

• Call back using a *legitimate* number.

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Don't Get Caught in a Scam!

☐ Guarantee to make money

☐ Requests for a large down payment

☐ No contract or nothing written into the contract

☐ Sending money out of the country

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Computer Repair Scam

• Never allow remote access to your computer.

• Remember, callers can't tell if a computer has a virus.

• Visit www.staysafeonline.org.

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Watch out for scam websites and emails.

Example: Spoofed (fake) Ohio Unemployment Compensation website at unemployment-ohio.gov
Real website is at unemploymenthelp.ohio.gov

Requests your Social Security number and PIN

Real ODJFS phone number (to help site look official)

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www.AnnualCreditReport.com


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Reduce Your Risk of Identity Theft

Don't volunteer information.
Shred documents.
Monitor financial statements.
Create a mail schedule.
Don't carry extra personal information.



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Consumer Resources

Attorney General's Office 800-282-0515 www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov www.facebook.com/OhioAttorneyGeneral Twitter: @OhioAG	Do Not Call Registry 888-382-1222 www.donotcall.gov
Better Business Bureau www.bbb.org	Opt Out Programs 888-567-8688 www.optoutprescreen.com www.dmachoice.org
Federal Trade Commission 877-382-4357 www.ftc.gov	Annual Credit Report 877-322-8228 www.annualcreditreport.com
National Cyber Security Alliance www.staysafeonline.org	Dept. of Job & Family Services 877-644-6562 www.ifs.ohio.gov

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Filing a complaint and learning more:



www.OhioProtects.org

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How to contact us

- Ohio Attorney General's Office
- Consumer Protection Section
- 30 E. Broad St., 14th Floor
- Columbus, OH 43215
- Hotline: 800-282-0515




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Contacting the Ohio Attorney General's Office

Online: www.OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov
By phone: 800-282-0515
By mail: Hard-copy forms available



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**Fairfield County
Community Housing Impact and
Preservation (CHIP) Program**

2021 CHIP Program Year Application Public Hearing #2
May 25, 2021 at 10:30 AM
County Commissioners Hearing Room located at 210 E. Main Street,
Lancaster, Ohio.



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Eligible CHIP Project Categories/Activities

Primary Housing Activities

- **Rehabilitation Assistance (HOME/CDBG)**
 - Owner Rehab
 - Rental Rehab
- **Repair Assistance (CDBG/OHTF)**
 - Owner Home Repair
 - Rental Home Repair
- **Homeownership Assistance (HOME)**
 - Down Payment Assistance/Rehabilitation
 - New Construction with Habitat for Humanity

Supportive Activities

- Fair Housing
- Administration



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CHIP Funding

Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development

- Fairfield County, maximum request: \$400,000
 - Our PY 2021 CHIP Request is for \$399,000
- **Highly competitive application**
 - Only 60-65% of applications will be funded at maximum request.
 - Approximately \$19.3 million expected to be allocated.
 - 77 Counties are eligible to apply for this round of funding.
- Multi-year grant period – December 1, 2021 – April 30, 2024
- Applications due on June 23, 2021



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Citizen Participation

- Presented CHIP Program eligible activities to the Fairfield County Housing Coalition on May 13, 2021.
- Released a Housing Survey on May 13, 2021 inviting the public and our Housing Partners to provide input for the 2021 CHIP Application.
- Held first Public Hearing on April 6, 2021
- Held second Public Hearing on May 25, 2021
- Will present the 2021 CHIP application activities being applied for to the Fairfield County Housing Coalition on June 10, 2021

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CHIP Program Funding Sources

- CDBG – Federal Community Development Block Grant
- HOME – Federal
- Ohio Housing Trust Fund – State
- The Ohio Development Services Agency specifies the funding source for each activity in the grant agreement. Federal regulations limit the use of HOME funds to the Home Ownership and Private Owner Rehab, New Construction Habitat for Humanity and Tenant Based Rental Assistance activities.

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CHIP Survey Results

Survey Re
(Survey Still Open)

- **In terms of Housing Needs:**
 - 77% responding identified the need for more affordable housing as one of the top priorities.
 - 50% responding identified Rehab and Repairs to Owner Occupied Homes as one of the top priorities.
 - 27% responding identified Available Home Ownership as one of the top priorities
- **In terms of Home Rehabs and Repairs:**
 - 50% responding identified roof repair as one of the top priorities
 - 50% responding identified structural and foundational improvements as one of the top priorities

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CHIP Survey Results

• Other comments provided in the survey:

• A prime need is for Safe Affordable Housing

• The CHIP Home Owner Rehab and Repair program improves the housing stock and addresses health and safety needs

• Need for Housing Counseling Services

• CHIP program provides informal housing counseling services during client intake

• Need for more Fair Housing Education

• Fair Housing outreach and education is a component of the CHIP program

• Lower Cost Housing for Seniors

• Many of our CHIP customers are elderly

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2021 CHIP Program Activities

• Private Owner Rehab - \$208,000 – 4 Units

• Private Owner Repair - \$119,000 – 7 Units

• Habitat for Humanity - \$30,000 – 1 Unit

• Admin and Fair Housing - \$42,000

• Total - \$399,000

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Owner Occupancy Percentages

• Fairfield Co overall is 77% owner-occupied

• Lancaster – 52%

• Pickerington – 75%

• Violet Township – 81%

• State of Ohio– 66%

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Private Owner Rehab

• Eligible activities: electrical, plumbing and heating systems, exterior and interior structural components such as roof, walls, floors and foundations. Room additions to alleviate over crowding. Replacing an owner occupied unit with manufactured or site-built unit. Must be at 80% AMI.

• For Private Owner Rehabilitation, the County provides a no-interest forgivable deferred loan (for 75% of the Rehab Cost) over five years for the cost of the rehabilitation; the remaining 25% is paid back to the Program at the time the home is sold or transferred.

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New in 2021 CHIP Application Guidelines

• Provide information on how COVID 19 pandemic impacted the housing needs in our service area.

• Program Income must be entered as leveraged funds. Program Income must be expended first before drawing 2021 grant funds. Currently, Fairfield county has Program Income of: CDBG - \$26,420.02 and HOME - \$61,569.95

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Owner Occupied Home Repair

• Structural repairs: patching or repairing roofs, windows and doors

• Mechanical Repairs: electrical, plumbing and heating systems

• Plumbing system tap-ins: connecting to public water or sewer

• Wells and Septic: repair or replacing failed systems

• Weatherization: energy efficiency measures like insulation

• Accessibility: ramps and grab bars, kitchen and bath remodeling


• Lead Based Paint: eliminate LBP in homes with children under 6

• Must be 50% AMI – funding is a grant

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New Construction – Habitat for Humanity

- Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio – Working with the Fairfield County Land Bank to identify a building site.
- To create new permanent housing and expand low income housing stock in the county



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Leveraged Resources for CHIP Grant



- Program Income: \$87,990.95 (\$26,420.20 CDBG and \$61,569.95 HOME)
- Housing Assistance Grant - \$30,000
- Home Weatherization Assistance Grant - \$30,000
- Electric Partnership Program - \$15,000
- AEP Energy Efficiency Programs-\$20,000
- Columbia Gas Energy Efficiency Programs - \$20,000
- Habitat for Humanity In-kind - \$70,000
- Area Agency on Aging - \$1,500
- USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant - \$10,000
- Total Leveraging - \$284,490.95

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Thank you for your participation.

Questions?


Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency
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Deputy Director/Housing Director
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The Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office


Overview



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Adult Felony Division


- Prosecuting Attorney
- 1 intake/grand jury AP
- 4 trial APs
- Prosecutes felonies (serious crimes) in the name of the State of Ohio



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Who we are...

- 1 Prosecuting Attorney – R. Kyle Witt (elected every 4 years on presidential cycle)
- 11 Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys
- 3 Victim Advocates
- 6 Administrative Assistants
- 1 Investigator



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Adult Felony Division


Judge Berens  Brian Waltz	Judge Trimmer  Chris Reamer	Intake/Grand Jury  Bridget Cull
 Darcy Cook	 Mark Balazik	Does it all  Kyle Witt



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Divisions


- Adult Felony Division
- Juvenile Division
- Civil Division



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Juvenile Division


- 3 APs
- Delinquency cases
- Juvenile traffic offenses
- Unruly cases
- Abuse/Neglect/Dependence cases
- Adult contributing to the delinquency of a minor cases





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Juvenile Division


Genylynn Cosgrove


Shane Sloehr



William Kovaleski



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R.C. 2901.10 (created by HB 1)


- Newly created statute that regulated the arrest and confinement of pregnant and post-partum arrestees and inmates. (effective 4/12/21)
- HB 1 prohibited the use of leg, ankle, or waist restraints on pregnant or post-partum arrestees/inmates outright
- As for handcuffs and other types of restraints, those were prohibited as well **UNLESS** the pregnant/post-partum arrestee/inmate presented a threat of serious physical harm to herself and the officer received permission from the women's health care provider to use said restraints. (Previous version R.C. 2901.10(C)
 - The exception to this rule was if there was an "emergency circumstance"
- Otherwise, law enforcement was prohibited from restraining said pregnant/post-partum arrestee/inmate under R.C. 2901.10 (companion statute for pregnant/post-partum juvenile offenders is R.C. 2152.75)



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Civil Division


- 3 APs
- Represents:
 - County boards and officials
 - Township boards and officials
 - Non-city school boards and officials
- Contracts; foreclosures; lawsuits; legal advice; etc.



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Issues created by HB 1 and R.C. 2901.10


- No definition of "solitary confinement" as included in the definition of "confine"
 - Could this mean any type of restraint or confinement?
- Relying on the pregnant/post-partum arrestee/inmate to be the sole reporter of whether she was pregnant or post-partum or not?
- What does the officer do if a pregnant/post-partum arrestee/inmate does not have a medical provider treating her? Who would they contact if they needed to restrain or confine an arrestee/inmate?
- What about transporting to and fro to courts and the issues with security that would ensue if law enforcement is prohibited from handcuffing these offenders?
- In addition to creating these new prohibitions, this section created a civil rights violation that could be asserted by the pregnant/post-partum arrestee/inmate if these newly created rights were violated.
- As a result of HB 1, much backlash ensued from law enforcement agencies, courts, prosecutor's offices across the state



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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE ON
R.C. 2901.10


Interplay of HB 1 and HB 8 regarding the arrest/confinement of pregnant and/or post-partum arrestees/inmates



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House Bill 8


- To resolve these questions and issues, HB 8 was introduced
- Several co-sponsors emerged to offer a fix to HB 1
- HB 8 effectively did the following:
 - Took away the requirement of having to contact the pregnant/post-partum woman's medical professional to get permission to put restraints or confine her
 - Eliminated the civil rights violation
 - Re-defined "custody" to limit it to after already being arrested and processed



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HB 8 (continued)

- Previously, any arrest of a pregnant/postpartum arrestee/inmate triggered the protections of R.C. 2901.10
- With the passage of HB 8, the protections of R.C. 2901.10 are triggered by the charging or conviction of a pregnant/postpartum offender and that offender is in custody, after being arrested, transported, and booked.
 - Therefore, R.C. 2901.10 does not apply to field arrests as it did previously




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In conclusion

The legislative remedies in HB 8 addressed most of the glaring issues created with HB 1

We will work with the Sheriff's Office on updating their policy in light of these legislative changes.


Questions?



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HB 8 (continued)


- Under HB 8, law enforcement officers do not need to get permission from a pregnant/post-partum offender's medical provider to restrain the offender
- However, the offender's health care provider can still notify law enforcement that the use of restraints on the offender provides a risk of physical harm to the offender or the fetus
- Upon receiving that notice from the HCP, law enforcement would be required to remove said restraints (R.C. 2901.10(E)(1))



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House Bill 8

- House Bill 8 was fast-tracked for approval
 - Bill was passed on May 12, 2021
 - Governor DeWine signed the bill on May 17, 2021
 - As it was emergency legislation, it went effect immediately (not the normal 90 days)



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