

Regular Meeting #23 - 2023
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
May 30, 2023

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 210 E. Main Street, Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order, and the following Commissioners were present: Jeff Fix, Dave Levacy, and Steve Davis. Also present: Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, Bart Hampson, Corey Clark, Jon Kochis, Tony Vogel, Dr. Carri Brown, Darryll Wolnik, Randall Hunt, Emily Cordle, Carrie Woody, Jason Grubb, Amy Brown-Thompson, Marty Norris, Dan Neeley, Heather O'Keefe, Steven Darnell, Elyssa Wanosik, Sarah Fortner, Judy Stemen, Ray Stemen, Rick Szabrak, Holly Mattei, Staci Knisley, Lisa Thomas, Francis Martin, Carol Myers, Chloe Griffith, Luke Sheets, Karl Elder, Aubrey Elder, Terrie Longheary, Sherry Pymmer, David Droll, Dave Terry, Pixie Vance, Melissa Connor, Sue Weber, Krystal Ortman, Marth Malkovsky, Derin Malkovsky, Molly Persons, Annelizabeth Berry, Emily Hoyer, Mary Ann Berry, Annalese Berry, Beth Smith, Earl Holme, Don Connor, and Cindy Lecrone.

Attending virtually: Jared Collins, Lori Hawk, Jeanie Wears, Nikki Drake, Jessica Murphy, Sara Madenwald, Toni Ashton, Ashley Arter, Shelby Hunt, Tiffany Murphy, Greg Forquer, Stacy Hicks, Evan Martin, Jim Bahnsen, and Brian Wolfe.

Welcome

Commissioner Davis opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and spoke about participating that day in the Commission Connection Video at the Habitat for Humanity home building site in Pleasantville.

United Way Presentation, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

United Way of Fairfield County Chief Executive Officer, Carrie Woody, spoke about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, and the importance of literacy programs for early brain development. She stated that many children ages 2-5 do not attend preschool and that those that do not attend are not as likely to pass their 3rd grade proficiency tests. Ms. Woody thanked Commissioner Levacy for advocating for the program and added that the cost of the program per child is \$167 per year. She added that Ohio's First Lady, Fran DeWine, has worked to cover 50% of the cost through the Governor's office, and that the other half could be covered by Fairfield County, residents, and anyone who would like to sponsor a child.

United Way Campaign and Event Coordinator, Emily Cordle, spoke about some of the importance of the program books and how the beginning of every book contains questions which provide a way for parents to engage with their kids.

Ms. Woody spoke about researching the program by searching for it online. She added that many libraries have information on, and books from, the program. Ms. Woody also provided that each newborn receives a book and that bilingual books are also available.

County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle asked the presenters to provide information on sponsoring a child.

Ms. Woody provided that a child could be sponsored by contacting United Way of Fairfield County and that each child sponsored would be half of the total amount of \$167.

Commissioner Davis thanked United Way for assisting with the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program.

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Commissioner Levacy stated that we often take literacy for granted and assume that everyone knows how to read.

Ms. Woody closed by stating that currently there is not a waiting list for the program so books are distributed as they come in, but she anticipates there will be a waiting list within a year. She added that parents who see the success, are now helping fund the program, and thanked Commissioner Levacy and the Board of Commissioners for their support.

The Commissioners thanked Ms. Carrie Woody and Ms. Emily Cordle and spoke about the importance of literacy and the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program.

Proclamation

The Commissioners presented a proclamation recognizing June as Elder Abuse Awareness Month.

Corey Clark, Director of Fairfield County Job and Family Services, and Sarah Fortner, JFS Protective Services Program Administrator, spoke on the importance of elder abuse awareness.

Public Comment

Ray Stemen of Lancaster spoke about governmental and media pressures related to COVID-19; and the late Reverend Stanley's published prayer regarding government choices and decisions.

Judy Stemen of Lancaster spoke about her concerns regarding the COVID-19 vaccine and read internet headlines.

Beth Smith of Millersport and Pickerington stated she is against solar projects and the destruction of prime farmland.

Cindy Lecrone of Rushville stated she is also opposed to the solar project and spoke about the county being best served by not permitting solar projects in agricultural areas.

David Droll of Baltimore-Sommerset Road spoke about wealthy companies coming into the county and changing it forever.

Krystal Ortmann stated she is a school bus driver and spoke about the eyesore that the solar fields would create. She asked that solar panels be placed on large buildings and in parking lots, but not in fields.

Annelizabeth Berry of Pleasantville spoke about the effect of solar projects on property values. She also spoke about requirements to obtain building permits for property changes and disclosure requirements when selling property.

Earl Holme of Pleasantville stated he is concerned about the effect of solar projects on property values.

Dave Terry of Pleasantville stated his biggest concern with solar projects is the possibility of water run-off and contamination of wells and water supplies.

Sherry Pymer of Millersport stated that land across the street from her home was sold to someone planning to maintain the land as a farm. She provided copies of articles from soil specialists which are available to review in the minutes packet.

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Don Conner of Pleasantville spoke about the regret some farmers are feeling who have leased land to solar developers.

Commissioner Davis thanked everyone for coming and added that the Commissioners are doing a tremendous amount of work to continue gaining information regarding the effects of solar projects.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Davis asked everyone to rise as able and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

There were no additional announcements.

Approval of Leadership Conference Minutes for May 23, 2023

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Leadership Conference Minutes for the Tuesday, May 23, 2023, meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Regular Minutes for May 23, 2023

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 23, 2023, meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Board of Commissioners

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

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| 2023-05.30.a | A resolution authorizing the approval of a proclamation. |
| 2023-05.30.b | A resolution authorizing appropriations from unappropriated into major expense categories for the General Fund# 1001, Fund to Fund Transfer to the Hangar 2023 Capital Projects Fund, & appropriations from unappropriated into major expense categories for the Hangar 2023 Capital Projects Fund. |
| 2023-05.30.c | A resolution to approve an authorized additional use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, the Walnut Creek Sewer District |

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Highlights of Resolutions

- Provided by the Fairfield County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle
 - A resolution authorizing appropriation for the hangar capital project.
 - A resolution authorizing ARP funding for the Walnut Creek Sewer District.

Commissioner Davis stated the Commissioners are aware of the strong cash position of the General Fund and can consider projects that provide more services to the public. He explained that the Commissioners are looking at projections to secure the county when the current board is no longer in place.

Deputy Administrator Porter spoke about a water and sewer ARP project in Walnut Township.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer

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

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| 2023-05.30.d | A resolution to approve an Agreement between Fairfield County and Strand Associates, Inc. |
| 2023-05.30.e | A Resolution to Approve the Contract with US Bridge for the HOC-08, FAI-CR61-1.392 Christmas Rock Road over Arney Run Bridge Replacement Project. |
| 2023-05.30.f | A Resolution to Approve the Notice to Commence for the HOC-08, FAI-CR61-1.392 Christmas Rock Road over Arney Run Bridge Replacement Project |
| 2023-05.30.g | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for general office supplies |
| 2023-05.30.h | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for materials and supplies |

Jason Grubb of the Engineer's Office stated resolution 2023-05.30.d has several phases and that the agreement between the Engineer's Office and Strand Associates, Inc marks the beginning of that project.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council:

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2023-05.30.i A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major category expense for the Fund# 7521, Subfund# 8159.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Sheriff

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Sheriff:

2023-05.30.j A resolution approving an account to account transfer Fund 1001 Sheriff's Office

2023-05.30.k A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to Fund 2593 Concealed Handgun License

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Utilities

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Utilities:

2023-05.30.l A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Utilities Fund 5044 & 5842

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 following resolution for the Payment of Bills:

2023-05.30.m A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Return to Review Meeting

Correspondence

- Provided by the Clerk to the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen
 - United States Department of Agriculture Letter, May 22, 2023, Re: Boundary Changes on Farm Number 6845
 - Office of County Auditor, Press Release, May 23, 2023, "Fairfield County Auditor's Real Estate Office to be Featured in 2023 Tour of Homes"

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- Press Release, May 25, 2023, “Family Adult and Children First Council Moving Under the Direction of Fairfield County Job and Family Services”
- Lancaster Eagle Gazette, May 25, 2023, Jeff Barron, “County to Build 14 New Hangars at Fairfield County Airport”
- Fairfield County Health Department, Mosquito Spraying Schedule
- Ohio Department of Transportation Letter, May 26, 2023, Re: SR158/Coonpath Rd Intersection Improvements [FAI-SR 158-4.20, PID 111621]
- Memo, Dr. Carri Brown, County Auditor, May 25, 2023, Subjects: “The Finder” Reference Tool; Internal Control Manual; Level 2 Budget Projections for General Fund Revenue; and the June Map of the Month - Watersheds
- “Auditor’s Ledger: News from the County Auditor’s Office”, June 2023
- Eastern Cottontail Solar Project, Project Aesthetics, Drain Tile, & Decommissioning, Issue 4 | 2023
- Letters and Emails from Fairfield County Residents Regarding Solar Energy

Legal Update

There was no legal update.

Old Business

Commissioner Fix stated he met with ODOT and that they continue to make progress on the I-270 interchange. He also spent time with Juvenile Court and their alternative to detention program.

Commissioner Levacy attended the Sheriff’s Office’s Annual Recognition Ceremony and was enthused to see the support for law enforcement during a time when support is low.

New Business

There was no new business.

Recessed at 10:10 a.m.

Community Housing Improvement & Preservation (CHIP) Second Hearing

Randall Hunt, Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency Deputy Director/Housing Director, presented the second public hearing for the CHIP application process. Mr. Hunt provided a PowerPoint which is available in the minutes. Mr. Hunt spoke about CHIP funding sources, eligible project categories and activities, citizen participation, CHIP survey results, Fairfield County housing statistics, CHIP program activities, homeowner rehabs and repairs, CHIP income guidelines, and leveraged resources for the CHIP grant.

Commissioner Levacy asked about the prospect of Fairfield County receiving the \$400,000 CHIP grant, availability of contractors for projects, and lead remediation.

Mr. Hunt stated that he believes the county has a very good chance to receive the grant based on approvals that have been received by the Department of Development. He added that contractors are available, although scarce, and stated that lead remediation is a part of the program.

The Commissioners thanked Mr. Hunt for his presentation.



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B O A R D O F C O M M I S S I O N E R S

Commissioners:
Steven A. Davis
Jeffrey M. Fix
David L. Levacy

County Administrator
Aundrea N. Cordle

Deputy County Administrator
Jeffrey D. Porter

Clerk
Rochelle Menningen

Tuesday, May 30, 2023
9:00 a.m.

1. Review

Purpose of Review Meeting: *To prepare for formal actions of county business, such as Commission resolutions, and to provide a time for county leadership to connect about matters of county business.*

2. Welcome

3. United Way Presentation, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

4. Public Comments

Purpose of Public Comments: *This is a time for voters and taxpayers (members of the public) to provide comments. There is a time limit of 3 minutes. While this is a time for comments to be provided, it is not a time for questions and answers. The Commission has a full agenda of county business.*

5. Legal Update

6. County Administration Update

- a. Week in Review
- b. Highlights of Resolutions
- c. Budget Review
- d. Recognitions/Thank-Yous
- e. Calendar Review/ Invitations Received
 - i. Farm Bureau Meeting, June 1, 2023, 8:30 a.m., Ricketts Hall, 157 E. Fair Ave., Lancaster
- f. Correspondence
 - i. United States Department of Agriculture Letter, May 22, 2023, Re: Boundary Changes on Farm Number 6845
 - ii. Office of County Auditor, Press Release, May 23, 2023, "Fairfield County Auditor's Real Estate Office to be Featured in 2023 Tour of Homes"
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Map of the Month - Watersheds

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- viii. “Auditor’s Ledger: News from the County Auditor’s Office”,
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- ix. Eastern Cottontail Solar Project, Project Aesthetics, Drain Tile, &
Decommissioning, Issue 4 | 2023

- x. Letters and Emails from Fairfield County Residents Regarding Solar Energy

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Regular (Voting) Meeting

10. Community Housing Impact and Preservation Public Hearing, 10:15 a.m.

11. Adjourn

12. Commission Connection Video, 10:30 a.m.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY ITEMS
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
MAY 22, 2023 TO May 28, 2023

Fairfield County Commissioners

- AA.05.23-2023.a An Administrative Approval for the payment(s) of the United Health Care (UHC) invoice for the Fairfield County Self-Funded Health Benefits Program – Fairfield County Board of Commissioners [Commissioners]
- AA.05.24-2023.b An Administrative Approval for the payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval and have bills presented that are not more than \$50,000 per invoice. [Commissioners]
- AA.05.24-2023.c An Administrative Approval approving an agreement between Beer Geeks, LLC DBA Double Edge Brewing Co and the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners. [Commissioners]
- AA.05.24-2023.d An administrative approval for the payment for debt payments due June 1st, 2023. [Commissioners]
- AA.05.26-2023.a An Administrative Approval approving an agreement between Krile Communications and the Fairfield County Commissioners. [Commissioners]

Fairfield County Facilities

- AA.05.24-2023.a An Administrative Approval for the Cummins Sales and Service contract for the Service of Generators [Facilities]

Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council

- AA.05.26-2023.b A administrative approval regarding FACFC updated Release of Information [Family, Adult and Children First Council]

Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency

- AA.05.23-2023.b Administrative Approval of the Contract for Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency to Administer the Program Year 2023 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program [Community Action]
- AA.05.23-2023.c Administrative Approval to sign the PY 23 CHIP Environmental Review Document and Certification form for General Administration and Fair Housing for the PY 23 CHIP Application [Community Action]

Quarters 2,3, & 4, 2021 & Quarter 1,2,3 & 4 2022 & Quarter 1,2,3, 2023 – American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds, as of 5.25.2023.

From the \$30,606,902.00 received as the first and second tranche of fiscal recovery funds.

\$23,728,474.33 has been appropriated, \$13,914,137.56 expended, \$3,745,897.04 encumbered or obligated.

12Project/Category		As of 5/25/23 Appropriations	As of 5/25/23 Expenditure	As of 5/25/23 Obligation
Public Health				
R15a	Public Health, PPE	199.90	199.90	0.00
R16a	Public Health, Medical Expenses	206,838.33	206,838.33	0.00
R17a	Public Health, Vaccination Clinic and Related Expenses	74,679.67	66,362.57	0.00
R17b	Public Health, Capital Investments and Public Facilities of the County	3,329,360.24	2,381,299.01	929,405.43
R17c	Public Health, Capital Investment for Air Quality Improvements	56,674.00	56,674.00	0.00
R17d	Public Health, Capital Investment for Health Equipment, Mobile Morgue	49,498.87	49,498.87	0.00
R17e	Public Health, Capital Investment for Sheriff Cruiser to Respond to Increased Violence	60,565.00	54,250.98	0.00
R18a	Professional Communications on Behalf of the Board of Health	34,577.94	34,577.94	0.00
R18b	Public Health, Creation of a Community Health Assessment (CHA)	48,943.10	48,943.10	0.00
R19a	Public Safety Payroll Support	1,655,582.09	1,222,711.17	0.00
R19b	Public Health Payroll Support	204,392.13	185,406.39	18,985.74
R19c	Other Public Sector Payroll Support	302,778.33	165,733.21	0.00
R110a	Mental and Behavioral Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Public Health		6,024,089.60	4,472,495.47	948,391.17
Negative Economic Impacts				
R210a	Emergency Assistance for Non-Profit Organizations, a Subgrant to the City of Lancaster	0.00	0.00	0.00
R210b	Emergency Assistance for Non-Profits, Subgrant The Lighthouse	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00
R210c	Salvation Army	500,000.00	500,000.00	0.00
R211a	Subgrant for Tourism, Support for the Fairfield County Fair	499,996.00	499,996.00	0.00
R211b	Aid to Tourism, Travel, Hospitality	23,630.61	18,278.01	0.00

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R29a	Emergency Assistance Business Planning	160,178.00	146,829.87	13,348.13
R213a	Support for Agriculture and the Growing Community	45,000.00	35,000.00	10,000.00
R213b	Technical Assistance for Townships & Others	400,000.00	149,354.84	99,923.16
R213c	Contracts for Services to Support Residents Suffering Effects of the Pandemic	102,000.00	71,240.00	25,460.00
Subtotal Negative Economic Impacts		1,850,804.61	1,540,698.72	148,731.29
R310a	Housing Support, Affordable Housing Strategic Plan	39,554.00	39,554.00	0.00
Subtotal Services Disproportionately Impacted Communities		39,554.00	39,554.00	0.00
Premium Pay				
R41a	Premium Pay, Premium Pay for Emergency Management Agency Workers	27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
Subtotal Premium Pay		27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
Infrastructure				
R52a	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Airport	598,480.00	15,897.14	8,946.86
R56a	Clean Water, Stormwater	539,895.00	539,895.00	0.00
R511a	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Grant Hampton	1,038,515.50	800,318.61	143,786.39
R511b	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Airport	102,000.00	0.00	0.00
R511c	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Greenfield	1,900,000.00	0.00	0.00
R511d	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Baltimore	613,000.00	0.00	613,000.00
R511e	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Pleasantville	659,000.00	0.00	659,000.00

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R516a	Broadband, "Last Mile" Projects	500,000.00	0.00	0.00
R517a	Broadband, Other Projects	49,900.00	18,365.46	27,286.72
Subtotal Infrastructure		6,000,790.50	1,374,476.21	1,452,019.97
Revenue Loss				
R61a	SaaS and Technological Equipment	370,646.50	230,825.32	139,821.18
R61b	Recorder Document Scanning	400,000.00	337,984.72	62,015.28
R61c	Clerk of Courts Case Management	375,000.00	274,278.60	100,721.40
R61d	MARCS Tower Project	520,000.00	141,552.50	378,447.50
R61e	Dispatch Consoles	560,000.00	543,820.85	16,179.15
R61f	Fairfield Center Purchase	2,708,752.85	2,708,752.85	0.00
R61g	Fairfield Center Renovation	3,692,375.73	1,809,550.51	357,110.77
R61h	Community School Attendance Program	501,137.00	67,490.62	7,663.61
R61i	Workforce Center Expansion	0.00	0.00	0.00
R61j	Smart Growth	200,000.00	65,204.28	134,795.72
R61k	United Way and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
R61l	Auditor Historical Records Scanning	20,000.00	0.00	0.00
Revenue Loss		9,372,912.08	6,204,460.25	1,196,754.61
Administration				
R71a	Administrative Expenses	412,415.82	254,545.19	0.00
Subtotal Administration		412,415.82	254,545.19	0.00
Grand Total		\$23,728,474.33	\$13,914,137.56	\$3,745,897.04



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Fairfield County Auditor's Real Estate Office to be Featured in 2023 Tour of Homes

Lancaster, Ohio – The Fairfield County Auditor's Office is pleased to announce its location for Real Estate Offices in the Historic Beery House at 108 North High Street has been chosen to be part of the 2023 Fairfield County Heritage Association's Tour of Homes. The tour will take place June 24 and 25 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is the first time the event has been held since 2019.

The first floor of the building will have multiple stations with information. There will be features of:

- The rich history of the Beery House
- Contacts of the County Auditor's Office
- The Map of the Month series
- The Hometown Heroes Mural
- The petition to create the City of Lancaster (from the National Archives)
- Newly planted landscaping that highlights native plants and flowers found in the region.

Dr. Carri Brown, Fairfield County Auditor, stated, "We are pleased to be a part of the Tour of Homes this year. Knowledge of architecture and landscaping gives an understanding of ideas and things that shape a society. We are excited to feature some important services within our building."

For more information on the Tour of Homes, visit <https://www.fairfieldheritage.com/>. For a more detailed article regarding the Master Gardeners landscaping project, visit <https://u.osu.edu/fairfieldmg/2023/05/22/replanting-history-with-the-fairfield-county-auditors-office/>.

Members of the community are always welcome to stop by during regular business hours Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. A timeline of the building can be viewed at <https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/auditor/timeline.html>.

For more information, please contact Rachel Elsea, Communications Officer, at rachel.elsea@fairfieldcountyohio.gov.

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P R E S S R E L E A S E

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Family Adult and Children First Council Moving Under the Direction of Fairfield County Job and Family Services

LANCASTER, Ohio (May 25, 2023) – The Fairfield County Commissioners’, as Administrative Agent, for the Fairfield County Family Adult and Children First Council (Council) in conjunction with Council’s Executive Committee announced today that Council’s Executive Director, Dumitru “Raz” Sabaiduc has stepped down as director of the agency.

To secure continuity of operations and long-term stability of the Council, the Executive Committee and the Fairfield County Commissioners made the decision to move the Council under the direction of Fairfield County Job and Family Services Agency (FCJFS) as its own distinct department within FCJFS. Heather O’Keefe, FCJFS Assistant Director, will provide support and oversight of the council in her role at FCJFS.

“FCJFS has highly skilled staff members who can provide additional administrative support to assist this vital agency who is dedicated to serving families and children within our community,” said Carrie Woody, Council Executive Committee President.

The Council’s Executive Committee, in conjunction with the Commissioners, will begin a candidate search to fulfill the role of Council Executive Director. Heather O’Keefe will be a point of contact for staff and community members and can be reached at Heather.Keefe@jfs.ohio.gov.

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County to build 14 new hangars at Fairfield County Airport



Jeff Barron

Lancaster Eagle-Gazette

LANCASTER – The Fairfield County commissioners agreed to build 14 new hangars at the county airport at a cost around \$5 million.

The county plans to sell bonds to finance not more than \$3.1 million of the cost with the rest coming from the general fund. The county will pay back the construction costs from revenue the hangars generate.



"We're trying to create an atmosphere conducive to growth in the county," Commissioner Jeff Fix said. "We know that there are corporate entities that want to fly into the Columbus area. But the Columbus airport (John Glenn International Airport) may not be the easiest or most convenient.

"The other small area airports around us don't have the opportunity to grow the way we do, so we thought we could position ourselves well in the marketplace to be the destination airport outside of the Columbus airport."

Ten of the hangars are called T hangars which are traditional hangars for small planes and general aviation and four commercial hangars for larger planes.

"There's definitely a lot of growth and development there," airport board member Jon Kochis said. "And it's all probably due to two-plus years of planning and investigating and studying."

Kochis said there can be 8,000 takeoffs and landings per month in the busy season and about 2,000 monthly takeoffs and landings in off-peak months. Those numbers include those pilots who are practicing takeoffs and landings, meaning one session could account for maybe 10 takeoffs and landings.

Kochis is also the county emergency management agency director and the county facilities manager. The county commissioners are responsible for capital improvements at the airport like the hangars, with the airport board actually operating the airport.

The 10 general aviation hangars will go near the main airport terminal.

"We've got a pretty significant waiting list of people who wanted to rent hangars and we just didn't have the supply for them," Fix said. "By building these hangars we'll be able to get a lot of people off of that waiting list. We'll have space for some of those bigger corporate jets that we think are going to start flying into central Ohio in the near future."

The four commercial hangars will go near the Historical Aircraft Squadron hangar museum and the helicopter hangar, or Hangar A.

"We're trying to build that space (near Hangar A) as the commercial side of the airport where businesses will have easy road access, parking lots," Kochis said. "And these will be aviation-related businesses. We'll put those hangars out for lease in a competitive proposal process. Tenants would describe how they're going to benefit the community, the airport, the operations and how it all applies back to aviation."

Kochis said the bonding process should be completed next month and the county will also work on engineering the hangars and selecting an architect.

"The buildings are very simple to design," he said. "They're pretty consistent from one airport to another or things that we've done in the past. So we anticipate it will go out to bid in the September/October time frame. And these are really rough just rough guesses. Then construction would start over the winter and, hopefully, be occupied by sometime next year."

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Fairfield County Health Department



Mosquito Spraying Schedule

Thursday, May 25th - Village of Carroll
Wednesday, May 31st - Millersport, Liebs Island, and Pleasantville
Thursday, June 1st - Carroll and Sugar Grove

The Fairfield County Health Department practices an integrated pest management approach to mosquito control which includes trapping adults to identify problem areas and testing for West Nile Virus, treating standing water with larvicide, draining breeding sites when possible, and spraying to kill adult mosquitoes when needed. FCHD sprays an EPA-certified product to kill adult mosquitoes from an FCHD-marked vehicle during dusk hours.

In the case of rain or high winds, the spraying will be rescheduled for next week. Visit www.fairfieldhealth.org/FDH-Vector-Control.html for more information or check our calendar of events at www.fairfieldhealth.org/fdh-event-calendar.html.

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transportation.ohio.gov

May 26, 2023

Re: SR 158/Coonpath Rd Intersection Improvements
[FAI-SR 158-4.20, PID 111621]

Dear Neighbor:

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is proposing an intersection improvement project at the intersection of State Route (SR) 158 and Coonpath Road in Greenfield Township, Fairfield County, Ohio. The proposed project will construct a single lane roundabout and associated roadway approach work. Construction is estimated to begin in April 2025.

ODOT is hosting a 30-day virtual public open house to share details about this project and gain feedback from the public on the proposed improvements. The meeting will be held online, beginning on June 16, 2023, and continuing through July 16, 2023. During this time, we invite you to visit the website, review the materials, then submit your questions and comments. The project website can be accessed at the link below or by scanning the QR code.

Project Website: <https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/projects/projects/111621>

Please see the attached project handout which provides answers to the most anticipated project questions. The handout also offers various methods for providing your comments. Comments are welcome at any time but must be received by July 16, 2023, to be formally documented and considered during the preliminary project development phase.



SCAN ME

All materials presented during the virtual public open house are available at the link above. If you do not have internet access and would like these materials mailed to you, please contact Douglas Morgan at the phone number or email address below.

Individuals who require a reasonable accommodation to participate in this virtual open house should contact Douglas Morgan by June 1, 2023. Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

We sincerely appreciate your involvement.



Questions or comments? Please contact me: Douglas Morgan

Phone: (740) 323-5122

Email: Doug.Morgan@dot.ohio.gov

Respectfully,

Douglas Morgan
Project Manager, P.E.
Ohio Department of Transportation, District 5

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SR 158/Coonpath Rd Intersection Improvements (PID 111621)

What would the project improve?

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Why are we holding a virtual public open house?

ODOT is hosting a virtual public open house for this project, to present project information, including the potential impacts, and receive your input. Feedback from the community will assist ODOT in project decision making. We encourage and welcome your comments and questions. We ask for comments to be submitted by July 16, 2023.

What is the purpose of this project and why is it needed?

The primary purpose of the project is to improve safety at the intersection of SR 158 and Coonpath Road. According to ODOT's 2018 Safety Analyst safety priority list, this intersection is ranked 21st as a priority to address safety concerns (of the rural non-freeway segments). The most common type of crash (53%) were angle crashes from vehicles on Coonpath Road failing to yield to traffic along SR 158 (70%).

Will right-of-way be needed from property owners?

Permanent and/or temporary right-of-way acquisition will be required to complete this work. Beginning October 2023, project representatives will be in contact with affected owners.

Will the road be closed during construction?

Traffic will be maintained along Coonpath Road throughout the duration of the project utilizing a temporary roadway constructed south of the existing intersection. The temporary road will include a 3-way intersection providing access to SR 158 south of the intersection. A detour will be utilized for access to SR 158 north of the intersection utilizing US 22, SR 37 and SR 256. The anticipated detour duration is 90 days. Emergency access through the project site will be maintained at all times.

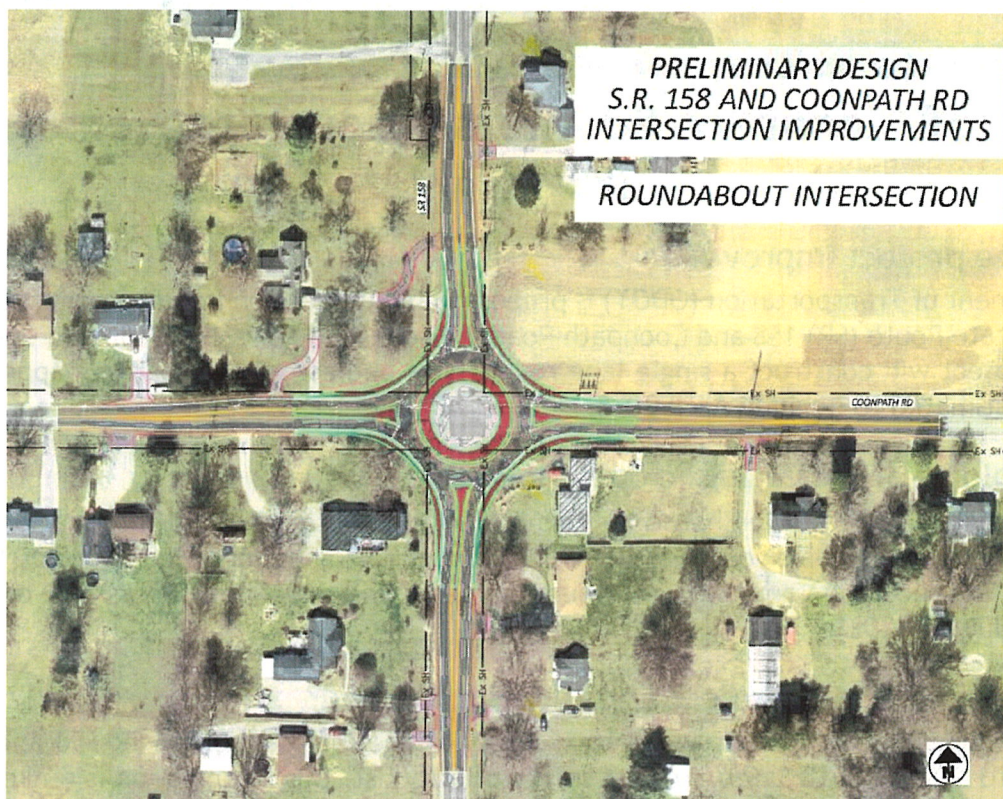
What is the expected cost of the project?

This project is currently expected to cost approximately \$4,900,000 million, including design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction costs. This estimate will be refined as project development continues. Funding will likely come through a variety of federal and state resources.

Tentative Project Schedule:

Task List	Due Date
Virtual Open House	June 16 - July 16, 2023
Public Comments Due	July 16, 2023
Right-of-Way Acquisition	October 2023
Construction Start	Spring 2025
Construction End	Summer 2026

Project Area:



Project Comments and Contact Information

Comments about this project are welcomed and encouraged. Multiple ways to comment are provided below.

Please submit comments no later than July 16, 2023.

Website:

<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/projects/projects/111621>

Email: Doug.Morgan@dot.ohio.gov

Call:

(740) 323-5122



Mail-in comment form:

Ohio Department of Transportation
Attention: Douglas Morgan, P.E.
9600 Jacksontown Road
Jacksontown, OH 43030



Contact information is not required but will ensure you receive a response, should one be required.

Name: _____

Mailing address (or nearest cross streets): _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Address of impacted property (or nearest cross streets): _____

Business/Organization Name: _____

Business/Organization Address: _____

How did you hear about this meeting? (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ Newspaper ☐ Mailed letter ☐ TV or radio ☐ Church ☐ Word-of-mouth
☐ ODOT website ☐ Social media ☐ Email ☐ Other:

What is your interest in the proposed project? (Select all that apply.)

- ☐ Area Resident ☐ Area business owner or employee ☐ Commuter
☐ Other: _____

How often do you travel in the project area?

- ☐ Daily ☐ A few times a week ☐ Weekly ☐ A few times a month ☐ Monthly
☐ Other: _____

How do you usually travel through the project area? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Automobile ☐ Bicycle ☐ Walk ☐ Other: _____

Do you have any questions regarding the proposed project?

General comments:

COMMENTS DUE BY
July 16, 2023

Comments may be submitted:

- By email at Doug.Morgan@dot.ohio.gov
- By telephone at 740-323-5122
- By mail using address on back
- Online at:
<https://www.transportation.ohio.gov/projects/projects/111621>



SCAN ME



Thank you for taking a few minutes to complete this survey. **Answering the following questions is optional** but your response will be extremely helpful in ensuring the fairness and equity of ODOT's public involvement process. Submissions will be kept confidential and separate from any personally identifiable information so that respondents will remain anonymous. These questions are not listed in any particular order.

What is your race?

- ☐ Black or African American ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian ☐ Hispanic or Latino
☐ White ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
☐ I prefer to self-describe: _____

What is the primary language spoken in your home?

- ☐ English ☐ Spanish ☐ Other (Please specify): _____

Was project information translated into other languages appropriately?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not Applicable

How many people live in your household?

- ☐ 1 - 2 ☐ 3 - 5 ☐ 6 +

What are the age ranges of those living in your household? (Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Under 18 ☐ 19 - 44 ☐ 45 - 64 ☐ 65 +

What is your annual household income?

- ☐ Less than \$10,000 ☐ \$10,000 - \$24,999 ☐ \$25,000 - \$49,999 ☐ \$50,000 - \$74,999
☐ \$75,000 - \$99,999 ☐ \$100,000 - \$149,999 ☐ \$150,000 +

What is the highest level of education completed by members of your household?

- ☐ No ☐ Elementary school ☐ Middle school ☐ High school ☐ College/university
☐ Other: _____

Do any individuals living in your home have a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please suggest additional ways you think ODOT can improve the inclusiveness of our public outreach efforts.

Thank you for helping
ODOT improve its public
involvement practices!

Please submit this page only:

Email to PublicInvolvement@dot.ohio.gov

Mail to:

Public Involvement
Ohio Department of Transportation
1980 W. Broad Street, MS4170
Columbus, OH 43223

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Ohio Department of Transportation District 5
ATTN: Douglas Morgan, P.E.
9600 Jacksontown Road
Jacksontown, OH 43030

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May 22, 2023

Fairfield County Ohio Board of County Commissioners
210 E Main Street
Lancaster, OH 43130

Dear Producer:

Boundary changes have been completed on Farm Number 6845, administered from the Fairfield/Perry County FSA Office. A farm and tract division were completed to show the correct owner(s)/operator. As a result, you are now listed as owner/operator on Farm 8428 Tract 7299.

Please review the new farm boundaries on the attached maps and FSA-156EZ. If you identify fields that appear to be incorrectly delineated, please contact the Fairfield/Perry County FSA Office within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter to request a review of the tract boundaries.

If we do not hear from you within 30 calendar days from the date of this letter, we will consider the tract boundary information correct and used for all FSA program purposes. Please note that the attached maps are intended for FSA program purposes only.

Sincerely,

Taylor Britton
Program Technician

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FAIRFIELD
Form: FSA-156EZ



United States Department of Agriculture
Farm Service Agency

FARM : 8428

Prepared : 5/23/23 7:50 AM CST

Crop Year : 2023

See Page 2 for non-discriminatory Statements.

Abbreviated 156 Farm Record

Operator Name : FAIRFIELD COUNTY OHIO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CRP Contract Number(s) : None
Recon ID : 39-045-2023-37
Transferred From : None
ARCPLC G//F Eligibility : Eligible

Farm Land Data

Farmland	Cropland	DCP Cropland	WBP	EWP	WRP	GRP	Sugarcane	Farm Status	Number Of Tracts
4.15	4.15	4.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0	Active	1
State Conservation	Other Conservation	Effective DCP Cropland		Double Cropped		CRP	MPL	DCP Ag.Rel. Activity	SOD
0.00	0.00	4.15		0.00		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Crop Election Choice

ARC Individual	ARC County	Price Loss Coverage
None	CORN, SOYBN	None

DCP Crop Data

Crop Name	Base Acres	CCC-505 CRP Reduction Acres	PLC Yield	HIP
Corn	1.64	0.00	134	
Soybeans	2.34	0.00	44	
TOTAL	3.98	0.00		

NOTES

Tract Number : 7299

Description : 27 Greenfield - Election House Rd - Fairfield
FSA Physical Location : OHIO/FAIRFIELD
ANSI Physical Location : OHIO/FAIRFIELD
BIA Unit Range Number :
HEL Status : HEL determinations not completed for all fields on the tract
Wetland Status : Tract does not contain a wetland
WL Violations : None
Owners : FAIRFIELD COUNTY OHIO BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Other Producers : MAJORS FARMS LLC
Recon ID : 39-045-2023-36

Tract Land Data

Farm Land	Cropland	DCP Cropland	WBP	EWP	WRP	GRP	Sugarcane
4.15	4.15	4.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0

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Tract 7299 Continued ...

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NOTES

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Fairfield / Perry County
Farm Service Agency
831 College Avenue Suite A
Lancaster Ohio 43130

Farm: 8428
Tract: 7299

Fairfield Co, Ohio

Map Created May 1, 2023





Legend

 CLU Boundary

Wetland Determination Identifiers

 Restricted Use

 Limited Restrictions

 Exempt from Conservation
Compliance Provisions

HEL Highly Erodible Land
Determination

NHEL Not Highly Erodible
Land Determination

UHEL Undetermined Highly Erodible
Land Determination

CRP Conservation Reserve Program

All of the following are true unless otherwise indicated:

All crops=NI and GR .

Wheat=SRW ; Corn=Yellow; Soybeans=COM



1 inch = 156 feet

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To: Fairfield County Commissioners & Staff
From: Dr. Carri Brown, County Auditor
Date: May 25, 2023
Subjects: "The Finder" Reference Tool; Internal Control Manual; Level 2 Budget Projections for General Fund Revenue; & the June Map of the Month – Watersheds

"The Finder" Reference Tool

Did you know you can use "The Finder" to look up tax information for any address in Ohio? You can also see which municipality and county the property is in. Give it a try at <https://lnkd.in/gAA64723>.

Internal Control Manual

The State Auditor has issued a bulletin about internal control responsibilities. Earlier in January 2023, the County Auditor's Office issued an updated internal control manual with related topics. The manual now includes all relevant materials in one place. This revision was based on input from department heads and officials using the manual. The beginning of the manual has a master listing of what is included in the manual. New topics in the manual include:

- Segregation of duties as an internal control aspect,
- Notations about ethics, fraud management, and related party transactions,
- Cell phone reimbursement policy, matching the county policy manual,
- A slide show about proper public purpose,
- A summary of uniform taxability and meal reimbursements,
- Reference materials about procurement policy and procedures, and
- Notations about the capitalization threshold at \$10,000, as of January 2023.

This document can also be found on the [intranet](#) for employees. If anyone has any questions or would like a presentation for your department, please contact me.

Level 2 Budget Projections for General Fund Revenue

Level 2 budget projections are due June 20th. Placeholders are already in place for general fund revenues.

Early estimates show a fund total close to the current fund total. Additional information is needed for investment income and jail rental income, but there are placeholders in place that will allow for early analyses. There is no placeholder for the Clerk of Courts Title Fund transfer as that has not been dedicated for 2024 yet.

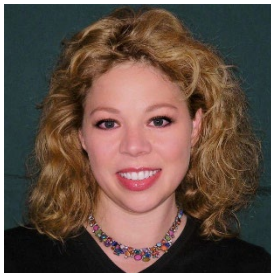
Map of the Month

The June Map of the Month features watersheds in Fairfield County and Ohio. If you find the six sailboats on the map, there is a special prize for you.

The Map of the Month feature has become popular with schools and members of the public.

AUDITOR'S LEDGER:

News from the County Auditor's Office



From the Desk of County Auditor Carri Brown

It's hard to believe another school year is wrapping up and the long, warm days of summer are upon us. There are so many things to be excited about as we begin the season, and at the Auditor's Office, our participation in the Heritage Association's Tour of Homes is at the top of the list! Be sure mark your calendar for June 24 and 25. We can't wait to see you there!

In this edition of the newsletter, you will find important information about Hunter's Run Conservancy District, Electronic Conveyance Statements, Current Agricultural Use Value Program and Tax Incentive Review Councils. We also provide details about the Heritage Tour and the Fairfield County Juneteenth celebration, as well as some fun facts about Flag Day. In addition, we welcome our new employee, Heidi, and we share a few details about The Ohio University Women's Leadership Summit that members of the Auditor's Office recently attended.

If you missed a previous issue of our newsletter, you will find all of them posted online. We encourage you to visit our websites for ongoing updates and important information:

- [General County Auditor Information](#)
- [Real Estate Assessment Information](#)

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carri L. Brown".

Carri Brown, PhD, MBA, CGFM
County Auditor

News From the Auditor's Office

Electronic Conveyance Statements



Whenever real property or a manufactured/mobile home is transferred, the grantee is required to file a statement with the County Auditor attesting to the property's value and acknowledging that certain information related to the property's eligibility for the homestead exemption or current agricultural use valuation status has been considered as part of the transfer. With HB 33, continuing law requires the grantee to file three copies of this statement, but the bill alternatively allows a grantee to submit a single copy of the statement electronically. ***In Fairfield County, approximately 75% of all conveyance forms are now filed electronically, more than a year ahead of the potential state mandate.***

If you want to file an electronic conveyance form, click [here](#).

Current Agricultural Use Value Program

For property tax purposes, land used for commercial agriculture may be valued according to its current use, as opposed to the "highest and best" potential use. This provision in Ohio law is for the Current Agricultural Use Value (CAUV) program.



There are more than **5,200** Fairfield County parcels in CAUV. By permitting values to be set below market values, CAUV results in a lower property tax bill. The state sets unappealable CAUV values based on soil types. To qualify for CAUV, land must meet one of two requirements during the three years preceding an application:

- Ten or more acres must be devoted exclusively to commercial agricultural use; or
- If under ten acres are devoted exclusively to commercial agricultural use, a farm must produce an average yearly gross income of at least \$2,500.

This year, the County Auditor's CAUV team coordinated an extensive outreach effort to increase renewal rates to nearly 100%.

The total number of qualified CAUV acres in Fairfield County is 200,590.839. That represents 62.2% of the total acreage in Fairfield County.

The average number of acres in a CAUV parcel is about 36.46 acres, with the average savings being \$75.36 per acre, or savings of about \$2,747.63 annually.

Tax Incentive Review Councils

Meetings have been scheduled for six Tax Incentive Review Councils (TIRCs) for which the Fairfield County Auditor serves as chair. TIRCs were established by: Fairfield County (and Fairfield County/Violet Township), the City of Pickerington, the City of Lancaster, the City of Reynoldsburg, and the City of Canal Winchester. TIRCs monitor the status of incentives and agreements to make recommendations to local municipalities as to the efficacy of the economic development incentives. The 2023 schedule is as follows:

- Fairfield County - June 27 at 1 p.m.
- Fairfield County/Violet Township - June 27 at 1 p.m.
- Canal Winchester - June 29 at 1:30 p.m.
- Reynoldsburg - June 15 at 2 p.m.
- Lancaster - June 21 at 9 a.m.
- Pickerington - June 29 at 9 a.m.

Note: Greenfield Township also created a TIRC, but there has been no activity in 2023.

Community Connections

June Map of the Month – Watersheds



The June Map of the Month takes a look at watersheds in Fairfield County and Ohio. For some extra fun, try to find the six sailboats hidden in the map!

[View the Map](#)

Heritage Association Tour of Homes

The Real Estate Offices in the Historic Beery House at 108 North High Street has been chosen to be part of the 2023 Fairfield County Heritage Association's Tour of Homes. The tour will take place from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. June 24 and June 26.

The first floor of the building will have multiple stations with information. There will be features of:

- The rich history of the Beery House
- Contacts of the County Auditor's Office
- The Map of the Month series
- The Hometown Heroes Mural
- The petition to create the City of Lancaster (from the National Archives)
- Newly planted landscaping that highlights native plants and flowers found in the region.



For more information about the Heritage Association's Tour of Homes, [click here](#).

Flag Day – June 14th

"Flag Day commemorates the date in 1777 when the United States approved the design for its first national flag. Robert G Heft was the designer of the current United States 50-star flag. He was born in Saginaw, Michigan. Heft designed the current United States flag as a school project in Lancaster, Ohio when he was 17 years old and received a B- for his project from his teacher, Stanley Pratt. After talking about the project, he reached an agreement with his teacher that, if the flag was selected as the official flag by the United States Congress, he would get a better grade for the project. Heft's design was chosen out of more than 1,500 designs that were given to United States President Dwight D. Eisenhower, and his teacher changed his grade to an A."



This information and more about Flag Day is available [here](#).

Juneteenth Celebrations

Mark your calendars for a Juneteenth celebration at the Downtown Gazebo on Monday, June 19th from 11am-1pm. There will be speakers, food from D's dogs, and music.

This event is presented by The Black Interest Group of Lancaster, Destination Downtown Lancaster, Fairfield County Heritage Association, and The Fairfield County Diversity, Inclusion, and Empowerment Fund.



Get to Know Our Team

Welcome, Heidi!



We'd like to welcome Heidi Hamilton to our real estate team! Heidi is joining us as a Transfer Clerk in the Conveyance Offices. Next time you're in the office, make sure to say, "Hi, Heidi!"

The Ohio University Women's Leadership Summit

Congratulations to Rachel Elsea and Angel Horn, County Auditor representatives for the Ohio University Women's Leadership Summit. They participated in a cohort of 50 women (including some from Fairfield County Developmental Disabilities and Job and Family Services) in a five-session program that began in February and concluded in May. The Summit was designed for women to establish and enhance leadership skills. Cohort participants will be asked for extensive feedback about the program, which was founded by Dr. Pam Kaylor of Ohio University. **The training, led by national, regional and local subject matter experts, focused on participants identifying:**



- Personal leadership characteristics
- Best practices of effective leadership
- Networking strategies
- Ways to support the community
- Effective mentoring opportunities

The Women's Leadership Summit also included an overview of the the [*Strength Finder*](#) testing, which the County Auditor's Office served as a practical example for because that assessment was already in place for the team. The County Auditor's Office strategic plan was also used as a model for an organization seeking ways to plan for the future and communicate about the plan, seeking and implementing feedback.

Congratulations Graduates!



Congratulations to all graduates, especially Eve Knight, daughter of Staci Knight; Sydney Burgei, daughter of Dave Burgei; and Savanah Knight, sister of Rachel Enmen.

Resources



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Social Media!

Do you follow us on social media? Stay up-to-date with the latest happenings from your Auditor's Office!

- [LinkedIn](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Twitter](#)
- [YouTube](#)



Public Records Requests

The mode, median, and average response time for public records requests to the County Auditor's Office is within one day. If you have a request, please contact Rachel Elsea at rachel.elsea@fairfieldcountyohio.gov.

Frequently Used Forms

Most of the County Auditor forms can be found on our website. Special thanks go out to Angel Horn, Deputy Auditor, for updating our vendor forms.

[Search Forms](#)

June Dates of Interest

- June 14 – Flag Day
- June 19 – Offices Closed in honor of Juneteenth
- June 24 & 25 – Tour of Homes at REA Offices

SAVE THE DATE

- **Mark your calendar now for the Heritage District Tour on June 24 and June 25.** The County Auditor's Office at 108 N. High will be on the tour!
- September 21- Auditor's Continuing Education & Outreach Breakfast (at the County Fairgrounds)
- November 15 - GIS Training Day (at the Records Center)

Fairfield County Auditor's Office | [Website](#)



Fairfield County Auditor's Office | 108 North High Street, Lancaster, OH 43130

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COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

Eastern Cottontail Solar is committed to educating the community by providing regular communications, hosting local office hours, and engaging with the broader community. In this month's edition of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Newsletter, we are pleased to provide information regarding project aesthetics, drain tile mitigation, and decommissioning of a utility-scale solar project.



5/30/2023

Agricultural Fencing

Agricultural fencing, or wildlife friendly fencing, will be used for the perimeter of Eastern Cottontail Solar Project. Aesthetically fitting for a rural location with wooden posts and wire mesh 'fabric' comprised of square holes, this fencing will allow for the passage of animals. For internal areas, such as around the substation, chain link fencing will be used as required by the National Electrical Safety Codes.¹

Native Vegetation

Eastern Cottontail Solar Project is required to plant a minimum of 70% of the developed project area in beneficial vegetation, using plant species guidelines from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR). Mowing will be timed to promote the natural reseeding of plantings and reduce impacts to ground-nesting birds. This provides wildlife habitat, encourages water infiltration, reduces erosion, and is often friendly to bees and other pollinator species.² The deep roots of planted native and natural vegetation retain more water than turf grass and gravel during heavy storms and periods of drought. They also help retain topsoil and improve soil health over time.

Drain Tile

The project will prepare a Drain Tile Maintenance Plan as part of the permitting process, which describes how the project intends to maintain the integrity of the drainage systems within the project area and adjacent properties throughout its life.

Drain tile locations will be collected from project area landowners and the county Soil & Water Conservation District, which will be compiled and used to inform the final project design. A hydrology study will also be conducted to understand how grading at the project site may impact surface water runoff under normal and extreme (a worst-case 100-year flood event) conditions. By identifying hydrological conditions and potential drainage issues, mitigation measures, including grading and drainage routing, will be factored into design, and detailed in the final drainage and grading plan for the project. This plan will be comprised of mitigation measures that prevent impacts to surrounding properties during project construction and operation.



Drain Tile (continued)

EDF Renewables has successfully built several solar projects on land containing robust drain tile systems and is experienced in preventing drainage issues for both project landowners and their neighbors. By incorporating existing data on the drain tile system in the area, as well as implementing construction best practices, Eastern Cottontail Solar will work to avoid negative impacts to drainage tile systems within the project area by proactively repairing and upgrading drain tile prior to construction, as well as guaranteeing the integrity of the system through decommissioning.

Decommissioning

Upon project decommissioning, the project owner can either “repower” the power plant or decommission it. Decommissioning refers to removal of equipment and restoration of the site. A decommissioned solar project site can be repurposed for other uses at the landowner’s discretion, such as returning the grounds to agricultural production or pursuing other types of development. Ohio legislation requires that the anticipated costs for decommissioning are bonded by the project.

At the project’s end-of-life, decommissioning will include:

- Removal of wires shallower than 3 feet, to be sold as scrap or recycled to the extent practical;
- Removal of inverter and transformer foundations (typically steel or concrete), to be sold as scrap or recycled to the extent practical;
- Unless agreed upon by the landowner and allowed by permit, access roads are removed by excavating and de-compaction, replacing soils to level the terrain;
- Posts are fully pulled from the ground, to be sold as scrap or recycled to the extent practical; and
- Panels may be re-used or re-sold, refurbished, or recycled.

For further information on decommissioning please visit: <https://www.edf-re.com/flipbook/8037>

For further information on solar recycling please visit: <https://www.edf-re.com/flipbook/8046>

References:

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²https://ohiodnr.gov/static/documents/real-estate/ODNR-Guidance_for_ProposedSolarEnergyFacilities_in_Ohio.pdf

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May 20, 2023

Fairfield County Commissioner, Steve Davis
201 E Main St, Rm 301
Lancaster, OH 43130

Commissioner Davis:

Fairfield County needs your help to keep the most fertile and beautiful farmland from being destroyed by industrial solar fields. You and our other commissioners have the power to prohibit industrial solar in our county. Ten counties in Ohio have already prohibited industrial solar. You can make us number eleven.

There are so many reasons that our farmland should not be used in such a detrimental way. The negative impact on the surrounding homes value, environmental impact on soil, air and water contamination, potential for fire which our fire departments are not prepared for, health and safety of people, animals and aquatic life, as well as the loss of business income.

If an industrial solar field is permitted in Walnut Township, I am very concerned about my personal health and wellbeing as well as my neighbors. The financial impact on my home as well as the hazards of groundwater contamination, noise, fire and air contamination are a great concern. We have a well, what will happen when this water becomes contaminated? Will the county bring city water to our area? What will happen to Buckeye Lake when it is contaminated and we no longer have a safe recreational lake to enjoy and businesses are forced to close? There is already dredging of the lake and it will fill with contaminants and sediments faster with the flooding and run off from a solar field. Who is going to pay for road and bridge damage from the large construction vehicles? The financial impact alone should be enough to prohibit industrial solar fields in Walnut Township.

I urge you to take action now to not allow industrial solar in Fairfield County. If you can not prohibit it throughout the county, at least prohibit it in Walnut Township as a start.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sue A. Weber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sue A Weber

The Milenovic Family
4292 Canal Road
Pleasantville, OH 43148

Steve Davis
Fairfield County Commissioner
201 E Main Street, Room 301
Lancaster, OH 43130

May 20, 2023

Dear Commissioner Davis:

As residents of Fairfield County, we are writing to STRONGLY OPPOSE the use of PRIME FARMLAND in Fairfield County for industrial solar production. Any other decision than a DISAPPROVAL of any industrial solar projects on prime farmland will be a failure of the Commissioners to PROTECT the rural residents and the properties of Fairfield County.

We learned a great deal about these projects after attending an informational meeting of the Citizens for Fair Fields organization. We are truly disturbed that there is even a suggestion for PRIME FARMLAND, and thereby our state and nation's food security, be sacrificed for solar projects that can be located in urban and industrial areas, versus areas designated as rural/residential.

From personal accounts of residents involved in a completed industrial solar project in Pickaway/Ross counties, we learned of the SIGNIFICANT damage and nuisance that is occurring – flooding, dust and erosion, persistent glare from the panels and reflective heat from the panels. In addition to the damage and nuisance, property values in the area have decreased. We are also extremely concerned about the risk of toxins from the panels affecting the soil, water runoff, and ground water.

At the informational meeting, it was explained that the topsoil is removed, gravel is laid, and posts are pounded into the ground in order to erect the solar panels. It was also explained that when the solar fields are “retired,” the post are only cut off and not removed. This, plus all the gravel and toxins, will leave only a waste land and the ground will never be able to return to agricultural production.

In addition, we have become aware of the zoning rules that have been set in Walnut Township that regulate what can be built where. Specifically, 9.14 I-2 states:

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Furthermore, 9.14 I-2 states in A. Intent:

“It is the intent of the I-2 District to provide areas for general industrial and warehousing uses free from the encroachment of residential, retail and institutional uses.”

Commissioner Davis, what will be your legacy as a commissioner? Will you be known for placating a corporate structure that seeks to permanently destroy prime Ohio farmland and create damaging affects to nearby properties and the communities of Fairfield County – flooding, toxic chemicals leaching into the soil, and ground and surface water contamination? Or will you be known for protecting the fruitful and valuable agricultural production of our county, as well as the properties and communities of your constituents? Commissioner Davis, you must protect Fairfield County from these industrial solar fields.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike, Tina, Rachel and Jacob Milenovic
5/30/2023

May 30, 2023

Steve Davis, Jeff Fix & Dave Levaney
201 East Main Street Suite 301
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

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Sincerely
Larry & Janet Neeley
Millersport, Ohio 43046

From: cmhakes@reagan.com <cmhakes@reagan.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 23, 2023 3:27 PM
To: Contact Web <contact@fairfieldcountyohio.gov>
Subject: [E] wind farms

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Dear Commissioners:

We are writing to share with you our dismay at the plans to use thousands of acres of land in our area of Ohio (Baltimore, 43105) for wind farms.

Our area is beautiful with rolling hills and farmland dotted by lakes and woods. We're sure that you know that the name of our county came from the "fair fields" that the pioneers found here. We love our agricultural heritage, and we have no complaints about farm equipment moving through our town. It's just part of who we are!

We love to go for rides in the country! It's relaxing and calming compared to the nastiness, crime, traffic, and congestion of cities.

The development of these wind farms isn't for our benefit! In fact, I doubt we'd get anything out of it other than the destruction of lovely land. It's for the benefit of those in other states and Washington DC. Why do they need to ruin what we have here for the sake of people who have no concern at all about our beautiful county and farms? Please protect our countryside from wind farms (and solar farms!) by prohibiting their development in our county.

By the way, we're happy with clean coal, natural gas, and oil!

We are also communicating with Tim Schaffer (Ohio Senate) and Jeff LaRe (Ohio House of Representatives), and Troy Balderson (U.S. Representative).

Please do everything you can to stop the destruction of our beautiful county, as well as neighboring counties and communities!

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,
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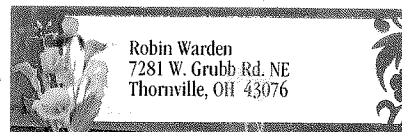
Stop taking large fields
that is needed for food.

our Farmers Have a Hard
time as it is. It's Bad enough
that farm land is disappearing
rapidly from Ohio.

I am a Citizen for Farm
Fields. Do Not put solar
panels in our fields.

we need them for growing
food. Panels can go on
buildings not farm land

Robin Warden



Dear Commissioners,

I respectfully urge you to consider
the deleterious effects the proposed
solar farm will have on local small
farmers and landowners in the area.
Any negligible economic benefit to FC
is grossly outweighed by the negative
impact on our local farms, wildlife and
small business owners.

Thanks for your time,
Gene Fobert

Your Name*: David Droll

**Office /
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Department:**

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Phone:*: 740-215-7068

**What can we do
to help?**

NOTE: If this
is an urgent request
please call the
appropriate office *:

Please add my voice to those that are opposed to the misuse of land and resources proposed by the Eastern Cottontail solar farm grift. Thank you David Droll 3596 Baltimore-Somerset RD. Millersport, OH

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4292 Canal Road
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Jeff LaRe – Ohio House District 77
77 S. High Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

May 20, 2023

Dear Representative LaRe:

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We support Ohio farmland and not solar projects.

Sincerely
Larry & Janet Nealey
Millersport, Ohio

May 24, 2023

Dear Sir;

I am concerned about the consequences of this Solar Project that is in the works in our area. There are a few of the consequences.

1. Mental and physical health and safety to human.
2. damage to our roads and bridges
3. damage to property values
4. Health and safety of domestic animal, livestock, wildlife, and aquatic life

Please do everything you can to keep it from happening!

Sincerely,

- Martha A. Blackstone
P.O. Box 422

Shoreville, Ohio 43076

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Can Solar Energy Production Be Converted to Farmland?

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—Written By [Mike Carroll](#)

> [en Español](#)

Once farmland has been converted to solar energy production, many factors should be considered prior to converting the land back to agricultural use. This includes the cost of decommissioning, disposal, or recycling of equipment, restoration of soil fertility, checking for heavy metal levels that might limit plant growth, and checking soil for hardpans. The assumption that land in solar production can easily be converted back to farmland use is not always valid.

DECOMMISSIONING COSTS

First, consider the cost associated decommissioning. A [study by NC Department of Environmental Quality](#) shows that within North Carolina, there are currently more than 600 wind or solar energy production sites. Approximately 40% of these are solar production sites between 25-50 acres containing up to 250,000 solar panels per site. Collectively, these panels weigh a bit over 500,000 tons that will need to be transported, recycled or disposed. Regrettably, at the moment, disposal is the only feasible options. Perhaps in years to come this market will emerge as a viable option. Until then, cost of disposal into landfills, transportation, and associated effort will result in decommissioning cost of about \$30,000 per Megawatt (MW). Within North Carolina, this equates to about \$750,000-\$1.5 million per site. Furthermore, ruling as to whether the battery components will be considered hazardous waste is yet to be determined. Currently, disposal guidance for batteries is found within [Spent Lead Acid Battery](#)

Management . While the battery components are still in question, lead, selenium, copper, arsenic, silver and cadmium compounds are known to exist within solar panels. These are considered hazardous waste and will need special care for disposal.

SOIL STRUCTURE AND POTENTIAL HARD PANS

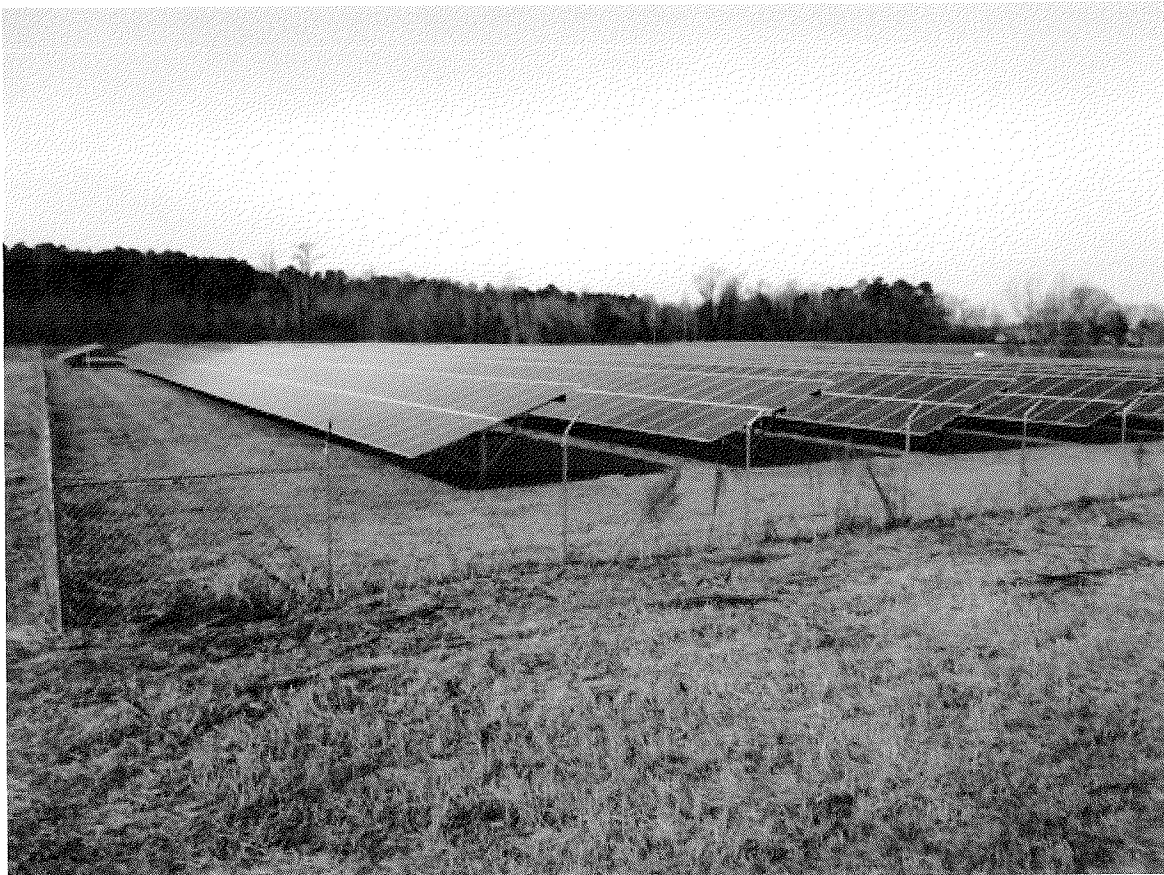
A second consideration should be the soil structure. Heavy equipment may be used to grade the site when establishing the solar energy production. Too, trenches may be dug for wiring or drainage. These activities and heavy vehicle travel will disturb the natural soil structural properties and cause compaction. Deep tillage may eliminate the problem but this will only be possible by removal of any underground wires, supporting structures, or any underground components. If not, deep tillage will not be possible. Such deep tillage may be warranted for several years, depending upon the soil type. Sandier soils will be the most prone to needing routine deep tillage. No deep tillage should be performed on clay soils or within a clay layer. Even with deep tillage, one should anticipate 20-40% reduced crop yield for 3-5 years as soil compaction issues are slowly resolved.

SOIL FERTILITY

Two key factors will be the soil-plant nutrient level and the soil acidity. Currently, many soils have been farmed for centuries and the level of macronutrients are adequate to high for most fields. In fact, according to the N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Agronomic Summaries from 2012 , over 60% of Eastern North Carolina farmlands have potassium and phosphorus levels that do not need fertilization. However, some of these much needed plant nutrients will leach over time and may become low. These nutrients will need to be replaced prior to conversion back to farmland.

Commonly, one argument to this statement is that the natural grass or ground cover should be fertilized during the period the land is in solar production. However, current fertilization application equipment designed for large-scale

application is not set to a width appropriate for the spacing of solar panel placement. As such, transporting and spreading fertilizer will require specialized or smaller equipment. Too, many of the plant nutrients that are easily leached are also caustic or have a high salt content. Unless rinsed soon after application, fertilizer application may cause damage to the wires, supports, or panels if the applications results in fertilizer contact. Lastly, fertilization for ground cover to prevent erosion requires only a small fraction of fertilization applied for production of crops. So even if fertilizer is applied, the amount of fertilizer in soils after years of solar energy production is likely to be very low.



Farmland converted to solar energy production may not allow for large equipment travel

SOIL pH and ALUMINUM

Much of the land within this area naturally has a low soil pH. Without lime additions, calcium and magnesium will leach reverting land to very acid levels limiting plant growth. Application of lime over the period of solar energy production will help manage this situation. However, just as with fertilizer, the caustic material and lack of proper spreading equipment may still limit or prohibit this application. Even if applied, lime remaining on the surface rather than being

incorporated will take time to react and correct for low soil pH. In fact, surface-applied lime may never correct for low soil pH much below a few inches of the soil surface, depending upon the soil type and climate.

While often associated with low soil pH, aluminum is common within soils. In simple terms, lime applications serve to convert toxic aluminum to a chemical form that does not impede plant growth or decrease soil pH. It is unclear whether the tons of added aluminum from solar energy panels, supporting structure, wires or other components will add additional aluminum to the soil environment over time. Should this occur, then correcting the soil pH will be expensive and take many years to correct.

Equally as devastating to soil is the over-application of lime. Excessive lime rates will increase the soil pH to limit manganese. Above a soil pH of about 6.2, manganese will exist in the soil in a form that the plant cannot utilize. Foliar applications will be necessary to correct for this manganese deficiency.

Regrettably, it may take years or decades for a desired soil pH to return. There is no reasonable means to correct for over-application of lime. (Suggested reading: [Soil Acidity and Liming for Agricultural Soils](#))

POTENTIAL TOXIC METALS

Heavy metals are known to be toxic to some plants. Zinc (Zn), as example, is toxic to peanuts. Manganese can be toxic to all plants at a low soil pH. Given that solar energy production infrastructure, wiring, and panels are composed of these metal products, it is possible that over time even small amounts of these metals may limit future plant growth. Science is clear as to toxicity for some metals and some plants. However, this level will vary by plant species and type of metal. To be fair, there are many heavy metal limits for plants that are simply not known. However, ample data exists showing that plant prohibiting Zn levels can be exceeded from waste, litter and galvanized roof structures in less than 10 years.

Perhaps more critical than zinc, cadmium telluride is a component of solar panels that is known to be extremely toxic to all plants. Additionally, according to the NC DEQ publication, Solar Panel Recycling and Disposal , silver, lead, arsenic, cadmium, selenium, and hexavalent chromium coatings are known toxic metals found within solar energy panels and considered hazardous waste. Studies examining the short term potential degradation of these elements exists but the long-term degradation of these products and potential impact on the environment is still unknown.



Zinc toxicity to peanut is one example of potential heavy metal contamination that may limit plant growth

To remediate potential negative impacts of these elements and compounds may be extremely expensive. In the case of Zn, one may have slightly toxic levels that can be somewhat mitigated by carefully managing soil pH. However, high levels of this, or any heavy metal, may require spending thousands of dollars to remove soil, dispose of the contaminated soil, and replace the soil. According to the article, Cost of Reclaiming Land Currently Used for Solar Panels Back to Farmland, estimated cost for agricultural remediation alone in 2017 was over \$2,500/ac. In some cases, such as cadmium compounds, it may be cost prohibitive and the use of the land for agricultural purposes lost.

In order to avoid adding several thousands of dollars to restoration cost, the best means of action is to analyze soil specifically for heavy metals prior to establishment of the solar energy production. Compare this initial analysis to a soil sample from the same area taken prior to converting land back into agricultural production. If toxic metals exists (plant or human health toxins) remediation should be considered for the most toxic metal(s).

REGULATIONS

Environmental regulations must also be considered. Within Craven County North Carolina (and much of Eastern North Carolina), most farmland was once soil with wetland hydrology. When cleared and drained, it is highly productive. Further clearing of land considered as wetland soils was prohibited by the USDA 1984 Farm Bill. As such, land cleared hundreds of years ago until 1984 has been designed as prior cleared and is protected for farmland use. Unless the law changes, this land can be converted back to agricultural production. However, this assumes that the USDA laws and regulations do not change.

It is still unclear as to whether prior cleared wetland currently used as farmland can be converted from farmland to solar energy production and then transferred from solar energy production to some other use. Various agencies, environmental authorities, and groups may challenge this option due to the original wetland classification. As example, the NC Neuse Rules allow farmland within a buffer zone to continue as farmland but prohibits any other use if removed from farming. Likewise, the Coastal Area Management Act (CAMA), in part, was established to monitor and maintain natural resources in way to guide growth and development yet minimize damage to the natural environment. Thus, CAMA is often involved with permitting and planning within the coastal area. Should any agency or group deem the land wetlands, then legal issues would ensue. The point is simply that due to the existing regulation as well as those that might be proposed in the future, some farmland converted to solar energy production will likely not be allowed for other uses.

As the population of an area increases, so does the amount of impervious surfaces, housing, electrical storage facilities, and other infrastructures. As such, it might not be feasible for farmers to tend the land 20-50 years from today. In fact, the number of farmer is drastically being reduced by advances in technology. So, one needs to ask whether there is likely to be a farmer within the area, and if so, will it still be feasible to farm the land with added infrastructure surrounding the farm.

Another consideration with growth in population is that as impervious surfaces increase, often poor drainage or flooding issues may become problematic. Given the current changes in weather patterns and global warming concerns, this may impact flood zones, the size of streams, or river flooding events. All of these factors may influence whether farmland converted to solar energy production will be suitable for conversion back to farmland.

SUMMARY

The assumption that farmland can simply be converted from solar energy production back into agricultural production is not guaranteed. Realize that clearing land to farm often takes decades of adding fertilizer, lime, grading, and correcting for poor drainage to become highly productive. Converting solar energy production back to farmland use may result in similar situation. One should not expect to remove the solar energy production and begin to immediately obtain a high yield of crops as was possible prior to transitioning from farmland to solar energy production. The reality is that one will have far greater expenses than income for many years until optimum production conditions are restored.

WRITTEN BY



Mike Carroll

Area Agent, Agriculture

N.C. Cooperative Extension, Craven County Center

5/30/2023

If the landowner chooses, a commercial applicator may be contracted to provide vegetative maintenance on the solar farm. Simply ensure that the person or company has the appropriate license(s). Within current legal structure, most commercial applicators are likely to have license permitting general weed control but one must be licensed in forestry to manage trees or shrubs. Thus, as a worst case scenario, it may be necessary to contract with more than one person/company. *(Note: Farmers are allowed to apply herbicides on farms they own or lease but are not permitted to apply on property of others. Such privilege is allowed only for commercial operators.)*

WILDLIFE IMPACTS

Aim to evaluate the potential impact this project might have upon wildlife. Consider both the good and unfavorable potential consequences. Small shrubs or tree borders may protect the investment as well as provide an aesthetically pleasing area. However, some plants will simply not tolerate the amplified light or heat if planted too close to the solar panels. Too, establishment of a border may increase activity of small birds, insects and small mammals. However, this also increases the chance of wildlife nesting. Removal of bird's nest or wasp nest should be a routine maintenance to prevent potential fires or permanent damage to equipment (See Fire Safety). For additional resources for those wishing to consider wildlife conservation and wildlife protection a priority during planning and development, visit the NC Wildlife Resource Commission's webpage, [Green Growth Toolbox](#) .

DRAINAGE, STORMWATER & SOIL QUALITY CONSIDERATIONS

Currently solar farms are considered pervious structures by the State of North Carolina if positioned such that water does not pond on the panels. Even so, large systems may require inclusion of drainage and/or stormwater plans. Additionally, soil erosion and soil quality must be maintained, regardless of size. Both of these may require modification in layout. Due to the potential complexity of this issue based upon size, location and existing structures, it is not possible to provide guidance for stormwater or all erosion control within this article. Planning should include discussion with appropriate planning departments (County or Municipal) depending upon jurisdiction as well as the local Soil & Water Conservation office.

In contrast to stormwater management, addressing soil management is a relatively simple process. Simply protect soil by planting a permanent ground cover. Many types of permitted grasses will qualify. Aim to provide proper fertilization to maintain growth. The NCDA & CS Agronomic Division provides soil testing for plant nutrients and lime. Soil testing and recommendations are free of charge from April 1st through the end of November. (There is a \$4 charge per sample for submission any other time). Sampling instructions, forms, boxes and other assistance is available from any local N.C. Cooperative Extension office. Additional information, payment for samples submitted (when appropriate), and instructions are also available from the [NCDA & CS Agronomic Divisions](#) . Note that some fertilizers may be corrosive to metals, plastics and glass used in the solar farms. Thus apply fertilizer with care to avoid damage to the panels or electrical conduits.

The goal of fertilization should be to provide adequate nutrients to establish the desired ground cover. Poor ground cover, in a worst case scenario, may result in sheet flow erosion as large quantities of water rush off of the solar panels during heavy storm events. Even frequent, yet less heavy rainfall events may create a dripline directly beneath the individual panels that may cause a shift in equipment angle. If this occurs, restoring the eroded land and prevention of runoff into surrounding surface waters will be the responsibility of the landowner or contractor/developer, depending upon the designation made within the contract.

Lastly, most solar farms are indeed safe to operate. However, potentially toxic heavy metals and silicone by-products are used in these projects. Damaged units or time may release these contaminants into the environment. As such, consider taking soil samples to monitor for potential contaminants. For additional information concerning potential contaminants as outlined by the EPA website, [Ecological Soil Screening Level Metal Contaminants](#)

PROXIMITY TO AIRPORT

Establishment of solar farms has been noted as a potential hazard for airports and air traffic controllers. Generally, the requirements of notification are not necessary for solar panels established more than 5 nautical miles from an airport. According to their website, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) essentially has two objectives as follows:

1. No potential for glint or glare in the existing or planned Airport Traffic Control Tower (ATCT) cab, and
2. No potential for glare or “low potential for after-image” along the final approach path for any existing landing threshold or future landing thresholds (including any planned interim phases of the landing thresholds) as shown on the current FAA-approved Airport Layout Plan (ALP)¹⁷. The final approach path is defined as two (2) miles from fifty (50) feet above the landing threshold using a standard three (3) degree glide path.

In most cases, solar farms do not emit frequencies that are not in compliance with the FAA Co-location Policy or other regulations that may impact flight paths.

However, it is advisable to discuss potential solar farm issue with the FAA's local Airport District Office (ADO) for civilian airports or the NC Commander's Council for military facilities if this might be a concern.

Steps below can assist in evaluation of proper procedure should one question whether the solar farm might create a potential hazard for air traffic. Tools and steps that will assist in these evaluations are listed below.

1. Google Earth – Use this mapping tool (or similar program) to determine if the proposed facility is within 5 nautical miles of an airport as well as to gather the GIS coordinates and elevation of the field site.
2. Go to the [FAA website](#) and enter this data. If a report is required, it will be noted at this site.
3. Visit the website, [Solar Glare and Flux Analysis Tools](#) to determine if glare or after-images might be a problem with major flight paths.
4. Take printed copies of the above data to the local airport for discussion.

FIRE SAFETY

Fire codes will apply to this structure, just as with any other commercial property. Thus, it is advisable to discuss the potential regulations prior to establishment. Having thus said, most solar farms can be established with minimum restrictions. Generally, clearly marking all direct-current conduits, conductors, enclosures, etc., as well as leaving a clear area (brush free) of at least 10 feet around the array is sufficient.

Another consideration for fire safety will be to discuss fire plans and facility layout with the appropriate Fire Marshal (county and/or city). These panels should always be considered as having maximum voltage and a potential electrical hazard. Nest from birds, insects and small animals may cause fires. Fires on site may place fire-fighters and others at risk of electrocution. As such, a pre-fire plan to determine a salvage treatment, if any, in case of a fire should be discussed with all contracting parties, fire departments and Fire Marshal.

VEGETATIVE BUFFER ZONES

Specific regulations or ordinances do not currently exist within the State of North Carolina to mandate a vegetative buffer zone. However, municipal or county ordinances may have these requirements. Even if no regulation requires a vegetative buffer zone, there are some reasonable functions that a vegetative buffer zone will serve. As example, a vegetative buffer zone may provide some protection against wind-blown objects from entering the area where panels are established, may provide some protection against intrusion of vehicles if the area is located on a major highway, or may provide some deflection of potential sunlight glare if the areas is located near neighborhoods or a major highway. Thus, not only will the vegetative border be pleasing, it may serve some practical functions. (See also Maintenance and Wildlife Sections)

EVALUATION OF THE CONTRACT

Care should be taken to examine all aspects of the contract. Typically, such contracts are written to protect the company, not the landowner. As such, the contract outlines responsibilities and rights of the two parties but are typically one-sided in that they protect the developer/contractor's rights but may greatly limit the landowner's rights. One must remember, the developer/contractor is approaching the agreement to protect himself from as much liability as possible and to make a profit.

It is not the intent of this article to outline all considerations of a contract. However, a few of the major issues that need to be considered are listed below. It is highly recommended to consult legal counsel prior to signing the contract.

Potential contractual considerations include:

- Can the contract or any agreement/obligation of the contract be sold, transferred or assigned to another party. If so, what are the terms? The ability to sell a contractual obligation may mean that the company or individual you contract with today is not the same tomorrow. Too, if allowed, the company/contractor to which the agreement is transferred may be limited in liability or simply not agree to all original terms. In some cases, transferal of the agreement may be to a company/contractor that does not have the ability to provide adequate financial backing or proper authority to meet original obligations. Simply make sure that if this clause is included in the contract that the specific conditions, terms, liability and risks associated with such transferal are outlined.
- Easement, right of ways, permission to enter the farmland at will and/or right to work of other parties should be considered carefully. Leases allow a landowner to provide a tenant exclusive rights for a specific time period. They are easily terminated. An easement provides the owner the right to continue using his/her land but transfers an interest in the property, and associated rights, to a third party. They are often recorded with the deed. As such, they are not easily terminated.
- Does the contract allow the developer/contractor access to the land at any time? Some clauses allow entry, without notification, at any time during the term of the contract. Specifically outline who has access to property and under what terms or conditions. Failure to do so may allow the contractor, developer, sub lessee or others access at any time without notification to the landowner.
- Does the contract require the landowner to protect the developer/contractor's interest? If so, this broad term may imply legal fees, liability insurance or other matters. Avoid such clauses and terms and specify exactly what is needed by the contractor rather than a general, unclear clause that might increase the landowner's risks. Make sure these items are specifically outlined.
- Who is liable for injury of a person during establishment, operation or maintenance of the solar panels? In some cases, landowners may become entangled in legal disputes over worker injury. Make sure to protect yourself against such situation by specifically outlining such liability and responsibilities.
- Who is responsible for disputes with sub-contractors, sub lessee or others? As a landowner, it is especially critical to separate your responsibility from those of the contractors/developers. Otherwise, legal action for which you have no control over may result.
- Do both parties have the right to terminate the agreement without cause? If not, then what are the terms of termination? Solar farms do not generate

power equally. In some cases, poor performance may result in an inactive site. If so, as a landowner, do you have the right to terminate the agreement? These issues need to be clearly defined in the contract.

- If there is a dispute or legal matter, what state determines the applicable laws. Some contracts specify that all legal matters be handled by arbitration in the state of the contracting company's origin or operation. Insist that all legal matters and disputes follow local state laws and that disputes be settled within the state that the solar farm is located.
- Consider having the contract publicly recorded. Many contractors not only do not wish for this to occur, the contract may specifically have wording preventing disclosure of terms, operation or any business matters concerning the solar farms. Rather a "memorandum" is executed. Many states do not regard these memorandums as a binding legal agreement and thus are not as enforceable as publicly recorded contracts.
- Make sure that any changes to the contract or agreements is in writing and that the party representing the contract and work has the authority to make changes to the contract. In some cases, a third-party administering company provides sales or initial contact. These individuals or companies may or may not have authority to accept changes to a contract.
- Many lending institutions, for various liability and risk concerns, will not allow solar farms to be placed onto farms with a lien. If the farm is not fully paid, check with the lending institution. Otherwise, full payment of the remaining balance may be due should the farm be placed into a solar farm.
- Evaluate the liability of injury to workers, visitors to the site, potential environmental damage, fire, vandalism, or other unintended consequences. Liability insurance costs and needs for commercial property may greatly differ from liability insurance for farmland. As such, make sure the contract clearly specifies who owns the equipment and liability of damage to equipment or personal injury.
- Avoid clauses or phrases that are vague such as allowing entry of the developer, contractors or assignee to "undertake any activities that are necessary, helpful, appropriate or convenient in connection with, incidental to, or for the benefit of one or more projects." Such statements give the contractor/developer or others open-ended rights and even the right for future development. Make sure to specifically outline all activities and responsibilities for all parties and specifically state that no others are implied.

FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAMS

Craven County, NC, as many counties within North Carolina has farmland preservation programs such as the Voluntary Agricultural District (VAD) or Enhanced Agricultural District. (EVAD). These programs identify farmland that the landowner has voluntarily committed to agricultural production and conservation practices to protect natural resources. As such, no commercial development is allowed.

The Craven County Agricultural Advisory Board administers these programs. If farmlands enrolled into a VAD are to be removed from agricultural production and placed into solar farms, a letter addressed to this board requesting removal is required (and payment for removal of the Conservation Agreement with the Register of Deeds). Once the Agricultural Advisory Board receives this letter, the process should take between 30-90 days.

Farmland enrolled in an EVAD are more secure and binding. These lands have been enrolled as land that will remain in agricultural use for a minimum of 10 years from the date of enrollment and the land is automatically renewed for three-year time periods thereafter. There are penalties for early removal. However, once the original term has expired, the process for removal of lands from an EVAD are identical to the VAD.

Contact and additional information for the Craven County Agricultural Board is found at the [Craven County website](#) .

DECOMMISSIONING

Currently no ordinance or provision provides for mandatory decommissioning in North Carolina. However, decommissioning may be warranted should the contracting company choose not to utilize the site, the site becomes damaged beyond reasonable repair, as the equipment ages, or equipment becomes too inefficient to provide profit. At some point, whether by choice or by default, the solar panels and equipment will need to be removed.

One of the primary obstacles currently faced by solar farms is that many of the products used consist of heavy metals and contaminants that cannot be disposed within a landfill. Many of the products will need to be recycled. Some companies offer this service for free or a small charge. However, the current concern is that there are not enough decommissioned solar panels to justify recycling of the materials. Thus, it may be difficult and costly to decommission the site.

Guidelines for decommissioning as listed within the publication, Template-Solar-Ordinance V1.0 12-18-13 include:

Consider decommissioning under if any of the following conditions:

1. The land lease ends
2. The system does not produce power for 12 months
3. The system is damaged and will not be repaired or replaced

The owner/contractor of the solar farm, as provided for in its lease with the landowner, should do the following as a minimum to decommission the project.

1. Remove all non-utility owned equipment, conduits, structures, fencing, and foundations to a depth of at least three feet below grade.
2. Remove all graveled areas and access roads unless the owner of the leased real estate requests in writing for it to stay in place.
3. Restore the land to a condition reasonably similar to its condition before development, including replacement of top soil removed or eroded.
4. Revegetate any cleared areas with warm season grasses that are native to the region unless requested in writing by the owner of the real estate to not revegetate due to plans for agricultural planting.
5. Provide soil (and water if near a stream) sample reports from a private lab showing soil (water) on the location is free of heavy metals and contaminants and is suitable for agricultural production or desired use.

All removal and decommissioning shall occur within 12 months of the facility ceasing to produce power for sale. The owner/contractor of the solar farm should be responsible for this decommissioning. The owner/contractor of the solar farms should provide the Town/County planning departments, Register of Deeds and landowner a signed decommissioning plan within 30 days of change in the facility owner.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

Craven County has established an [ordinance providing guidelines](#) for solar energy panel development. However, one should consider some additional guidelines that prevent future complications.

- Currently, development evaluates water quantity and quality impacts based upon the structures and property site alone. Increasingly more are supporting efforts to evaluate water impacts on a watershed scale. Thus, long-term plans should provide to protect against soil erosion, stream protection (if near a stream) and water quality.
- Across the state, evaluations are occurring to provide some insight into the potential impact of solar farms on wildlife. Loss of farmland, foods and shelter from farmlands will have an impact upon the environment. Whether or not the long-term impact is positive or negative is yet to be determined.
- What will the solar farm do to neighboring land values? Law suits alleging decline in value of homes or businesses due to construction of businesses or farms (swine operations, as example) are numerous. Currently, law protects the original land owner but no law currently addresses the specific glare, frequencies or unfavorable view of a functioning or non-functioning solar farms.

SUMMARY

Each landowner will need to determine whether or not the transition of agricultural land to solar energy production is feasible. Higher revenue on a per acre basis does not necessarily mean greater profit. Higher expenses, future land use and/or opportunity costs may negate profits. Secondly, many of the solar farm projects are established with financial tax incentives, government mandates for alternative energy sources and initial depreciation values anticipated. While these add immediate revenue, they also come at a cost to society and government. Too, they can disappear as quickly as initiated. Lastly, serious consideration of “best and worst case” scenarios should be evaluated. Solar farms providing 15-20 years of alternative energy, revenue to the landowner, and tax revenue to the county is beneficial. In contrast, abandoned solar farm production, excessive cost of decommission or loss of future land use is a detriment to the landowner and area.

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For additional information, also consider reading, [Can Solar Energy Production Be Converted to Farmland?](#)

RESOURCES & REFERENCES

- [NC Clean Energy Technology Center](#)
- [Solar Energy Tax Information](#)
- [Property Taxes and Solar PV Systems: Policies, Practices, and Issues](#)
- [Cost of Solar Energy: Article with comments from John Morrison, chief operating officer of Strata Solar in Chapel Hill](#) ,
- [General Solar Energy Information and Data](#)
- [NCSU Legal Issues for Landowners](#)
- [*Balancing Agricultural Productivity with Ground-Based Solar Photovoltaic \(PV\) Development*](#)
- One article with comments from John Morrison, chief operating officer of Strata Solar in Chapel Hill, outlines some thoughts on this topic at <https://www.carolinajournal.com/news-article/n-c-state-prof-casts-shadows-on-solar-meeting/> .

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REGULAR MEETING #23 - 2023
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
MAY 30, 2023

AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023

9:00 AM	Review
	Regular Meeting
	Pledge of Allegiance
	Announcements
	Approval of Minutes for the May 23, 2023, Leadership Conference
	Approval of Minutes for the May 23, 2023, Review and Regular Meeting
	Commissioners
2023-05.30.a	A resolution authorizing the approval of a proclamation. [Commissioners]
2023-05.30.b	A resolution authorizing appropriations from unappropriated into major expense categories for the General Fund# 1001, Fund to Fund Transfer to the Hangar 2023 Capital Projects Fund, & appropriations from unappropriated into major expense categories for the Hangar 2023 Capital Projects Fund. [Commissioners]
2023-05.30.c	A resolution to approve an authorized additional use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, the Walnut Creek Sewer District [Commissioners]
	Fairfield County Engineer
2023-05.30.d	A resolution to approve an Agreement between Fairfield County and Strand Associates, Inc. [Engineer]
2023-05.30.e	A Resolution to Approve the Contract with US Bridge for the HOC-08, FAI-CR61-1.392 Christmas Rock Road over Arney Run Bridge Replacement Project. [Engineer]
2023-05.30.f	A Resolution to Approve the Notice to Commence for the HOC-08, FAI-CR61-1.392 Christmas Rock Road over Arney Run Bridge Replacement Project [Engineer]
2023-05.30.g	A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for general office supplies [Engineer]

- 2023-05.30.h A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for materials and supplies [Engineer]
Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council
- 2023-05.30.i A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major category expense for the Fund# 7521, Subfund# 8159. [Family, Adult and Children First Council]
Fairfield County Sheriff
- 2023-05.30.j A resolution approving an account to account transfer Fund 1001 Sheriff's Office [Sheriff]
- 2023-05.30.k A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to Fund 2593 Concealed Handgun License. [Sheriff]
Fairfield County Utilities
- 2023-05.30.l A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Utilities Fund 5044 & 5842 [Utilities]
Payment of Bills
- 2023-05.30.m A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval. [Commissioners]
The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for June 6, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
CHIP Public Hearing for Grant Application, 10:15 a.m.
Adjourn
Commission Connection Video, 10:30 a.m.

Leadership Conference, Meeting #21 - 2023
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
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Leadership Conference

Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. at the Liberty Center, 951 Liberty Dr., Lancaster, with the following in attendance: Shannon Erynn Alexander, Josh Anders, Toni Ashton, Jennifer Beckley-Watson, Richard Berens, Stacey Bergstrom, Rachel Briggs, Amy Brown-Thompson, Sandy Bryan, Ashton Buckley, Holly Cade, Jeff Camechis, Michelle Carper, Corey Clark, Jared Collins, Aundrea Cordle, Genylynn Cosgrove, Josh Crawford, Amanda Crist, Melanie Culbertson, Steven Darnell, Steven Davis, Jen Dickerson, Nick Dilley, Brandi Downhour, Cheryl Downour, Sondra Drake, Joe Ebel, Patrick Epler, Miki Erikson, William Ervin, Ashely Fahner, Marcy Fields, Cara Finney, Mark Fishel, Jeff Fix, Sarah Fortner, Christina Foster, Jodi Fuhr, Sarah Garren, Molly Gilleland, Jennifer George, Gina Knight, Levi George, James Gordon, Jason Grubb, Miranda Gray, Emylee Gussler, Bart Hampson, Josh Harper, Mary Jane Hanley, Frank Hatfield, Brett Heaston, David Henwood, Ruth Hoch, Bridget Hodgson, Joshua Horacek, Angel Horn, Krista Humphries, Kathy Hyme, Michael Kaper, Sharleen Karns, heather Kochis, Jon Kochis, Staci Knisley, Alex Lape, Britney Lee, Dave Levacy, Lori Lovas, Dennis Lowe, Britney Lee, Chad Lucht, Suzie Lynch, Rachel Marshall, Jami McClure, Eric McCrady, Lisa McKenzie, Rochelle Menningen, Branden Meyer, Leah Miller, Dana Moore, Karen Moore, Dan Neeley, Karla Nelson, Bennett Niceswanger, Jim Nietz, Gina Nutini, Heather O'Keefe, Jeff Porter, Chad Reed, Kristin Riddle, Brett Riffle, Carrie Jo Roberts, Erin Robinson, Park Russell, Kristine Sands, Alexandria Schilling, Jessyca Schutz, Nikki Scott, LeAnna Schaeffer, Marcey Shafer, Heather Shields, Tammy Smith, Kelly Shoemaker, Nathan Shonk, Troy Sitzman, Jodi Smith, Laura Smith, T. Springer, El Janet Stout, Rick Szabrak, Tori Tennant, Molly Thomas, Deshawn Toney, Isabelle Trinh, Josh Troyer, David Uhl, Jeremiah Upp, Kate Varga, Toney Vogel, Wolnik, Kelly Wotruba, and Michelle Wright.

Deputy County Administrator, Jeff Porter, welcomed everyone in attendance at the Leadership Conference. Mr. Porter presented Rick Szabrak, Director of Economic and Workforce Development, on behalf of the Economic and Workforce Development team, the NACO Achievement Award for the Workforce Center's Career Exploration Camps. Mr. Porter also recognized Fairfield County elected officials for achieving the 12th Top Workplace in Central Ohio Award; and then went on to introduce Marc Fishel of Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff LLP.

Mr. Fishel spoke on the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and the County's responsibilities in adhering to the Act. Questions were fielded by Mr. Fishel, from the audience, regarding FMLA.

Frank Hatfield with CORSA spoke on the training available to public employees.

Jennifer George with Fishel Downey Albrecht & Riepenhoff LLP presented how to properly deal with employee leave requests. Ms. George also fielded questions from the audience.

Ms. George continued by speaking on FMLA policies which included: sick leave, worker's compensation, ADA, discipline, and benefits.

After a brief break, the Leadership Conference reconvened, and Ms. George spoke on coworker conflicts.

County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle, presented on how to have crucial conversations in professional and social settings. Attendees were provided the book, *Crucial Conversations – Tools for Talking when the Stakes are High*.

Attendees paired up to discuss crucial conversations they have had in the workplace, and then Administrator Cordle provided advice for conducting those conversations.

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Review Meeting, 1:00 p.m.

The Commissioners met at 1:00 p.m. at the Liberty Center located at 951 Liberty Drive, Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to and the following Commissioners were present: Jeff Fix, Dave Levacy, and Steve Davis. Also present: Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, Bart Hampson, Abby Watson, Jon Kochis, Dan Neeley, Steven Darnell, Amy Brown-Thompson, Lisa McKenzie, Brett Riffle, Jane Hanley, Dr. Carri Brown, Corey Clark, Rick Szabrak, Tony Vogel, Lisa Thomas, Francis Martin, Randall Hunt, and Clinton Davis.

Welcome

Commissioner Davis opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance.

Public Comments

Andrew Murray with Local 18 spoke in support of solar energy.

Legal Update

There was no legal update.

County Administration Update

- The County Administration Update was provided by County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle, unless otherwise indicated.

Week in Review

American Rescue Plan Update

From the \$30,606,902.00 received as the first and second tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$23.7M has been appropriated, \$13.9M expended, \$3.7M encumbered or obligated.

County Leadership Conference

The County Leadership Conference was held this morning with 142 elected officials and department heads in attendance. Marc Fishel of Fishel & Downey spoke on the FML Act, responding to employee leave requests, and getting along with co-workers. I presented tools for having crucial conversations.

Ohio counties, CCAO receive NACo Achievement Awards

On Friday, NACo released the winners of 2023 NACo Achievement Awards. Ohio counties brought home 15 awards, with Cuyahoga County, Fairfield County, Franklin County, Hamilton County, Montgomery County, and Summit County all receiving recognition. The number of awards and the award categories each was honored under are listed below.

Fairfield County received an award for our Fairfield County Summer Career Exploration Camp that Economic and Workforce Development has created and hosted at the Workforce Center.

Ohio counties have received 159 NACo Achievement Awards since 2009, with Human Services being the most-received category.

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Commissioners Receive Celebrate Award from Fairfield County Developmental Disabilities

The Fairfield County Commissioners received the Celebrate Award from Fairfield County Developmental Disabilities.

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

Resolution Review

There are 20 resolutions for the voting meeting.

Resolutions of note:

- A resolution approving establishing a fund for debt service for the hangars at the airport.
- Two resolutions approving RLF projects for Lava Wash, LLC and Wellness Within Chiropractic. Both recipients provided applications that were reviewed at the 5/16 RLF meeting.

Economic and Workforce Development Director, Rick Szabrak, spoke on some of the recent RLF funded projects for local businesses.

- A resolution approving the use of Ohio Department of Development, Roadwork Development Grant Funds for the DHL Express/Basil-Western Rd. Corridor project.
- A resolution from LFCAA authorizing the submittal of the PY 2023 CHIP program grant application.

Randall Hunt with the Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency stated they continue to move through the process, and this is the next step that needs to take place.

Budget Review

- Budget Director, Bart Hampson, reviewed the latest sales tax revenue estimates.

Recognition

- County Auditor, Dr. Brown, thanked Greg Forquer for explaining the timber plan requirements for the CAUV program to a provider of services who works with multiple counties.
- County Auditor, Dr. Brown, congratulated Angel Horn and Rachel Elsea for completing the Ohio University Women's Leadership Summit, a series of leadership education and mentoring sessions that begin in February of this year. They were among a cohort of 50 women, which included participants from DD and JFS, as well as participants from the private and public sectors in Central Ohio.

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- Thank you to Maintenance for the quick attention to a number of project requests.
- Thank you to Amberly Hanum for her outstanding recruiting efforts as of late.
- Thank you to Abby Watson and Rochelle Menningen for the work with the Leadership Conference.
- Thank you to Dan Neeley and Jon Kochis for getting the Liberty Center set up with the new A/V in time for our meeting today.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- Provided by the Clerk to the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen
 - South Licking Watershed Conservancy District Meeting, May 23, 2023, 6:00 p.m., Hebron Municipal Complex, 934 W. Main St., Hebron
 - Sheriff's Office's Annual Recognition Ceremony, May 25, 2023, 12:00 p.m., Liberty Center, 951 W. Fair Ave., Lancaster

Correspondence

- Provided by the Clerk to the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen
 - MCJDC Funding Formula for Fiscal Years 2024, 2025, and 2026, and Signed Memorandum for the Fiscal Officer Duties Through 2026
 - Memo from Dr. Carri Brown, County Auditor, May 17, 2023, Subjects: Cigarette License Deadline; Tax Incentive Review Council Meetings; Board of Revision Update; & Juneteenth Celebration
 - Thank You Email to County Administration Team for support of Bottoms Up Diaper Bank Diaper Drive from Beth Snoke, Bottoms Up Community Engagement Director
 - Thank You Card to County Commissioners and Leadership Team from Kim Devitt
 - Thank You Card to Aunie Cordle from Stephanie Taylor of Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio, for Joining in the Building of a Home in Pleasantville
 - Communique, Visit Fairfield County Ohio, May 11, 2023, "Visit Fairfield County Kicks Off Summer Travel Season at Ohio Tourism Day"
 - Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities May 2023, Newsletter, "Imagine"
 - Letters, Emails and Phone Calls from Fairfield County Residents regarding solar energy

Old Business

Commissioner Davis spoke about attending the Celebration of Possibilities and an award which was presented to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Levacy stated he had attended the Senior Citizens Hall of Fame Ceremony and spoke about the inductees, Dee and Kathy Mowry, and their accomplishments.

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Commissioner Fix gave his appreciation for the working relationships the Commissioners have with the other departments and officials in the county.

Commissioner Levacy added he had attended the graduation ceremony of two Forest Rose graduates and that he was very moved by the accomplishments of the individuals.

Commissioner Davis spoke about the Connection Video scheduled for the next week and how it would be filmed at a Habitat for Humanity home being built in Pleasantville.

New Business

Auditor Brown spoke about revenue reports that are available in the system.

Commissioner Davis asked Board of Elections Director, Brett Riffle, about funding of the August Special Election.

Mr. Riffle stated it was being discussed at the federal level and that he is hopeful that the federal government will cover the costs.

Regular (Voting) Meeting

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Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Davis asked everyone to rise as able and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

None.

Approval of Minutes for May 16, 2023

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 16, 2023, meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Board of Commissioners

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

2023-05.23.a	A resolution to authorize the establishment of a new debt service & capital project fund for the Hangars at the Airport.
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- 2023-05.23.b A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in major expenditure object categories for the General Fund# 1001.
- 2023-05.23.c 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.
- 2023-05.23.d A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category for the Safety & Security Budget, General Fund# 1001.
- 2023-05.23.e A resolution authorizing the approval of an Advance from the General Fund to Brownfield Remediation Grant with the Ohio Department of Development

Commissioner Fix expressed his excitement that the plans for the airport improvements are progressing.

Commissioner Davis spoke on the history of the airport discussions regarding the improvements.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities:

- 2023-05.23.f A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Clerk of Courts – Legal Division

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Clerk of Courts – Legal Division:

- 2023-05.23.g A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category – Clerk of Courts Legal Division

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas:

- 2023-05.23.h A resolution approving an account to account transfer Fairfield County Common Pleas TCAP Grant 2852.

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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Domestic Relations Court

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Domestic Relations Court:

2023-05.23.i A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category for Fund 2379 – Computerizing Court/Computerized Legal Research, Sub Fund 8325 – Supreme Court of Ohio 2023 Technology Grant

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development:

2023-05.23.j A resolution to approve the recommendation of the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Committee to fund Lava Wash, LLC as a Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund project.

2023-05.23.k A resolution to approve the recommendation of the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Committee to fund Wellness Within Chiropractic as a Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund project.

2023-05.23.l A resolution to approve Ohio Department of Development Roadwork Development (629) Grant funds to be used for the DHL Express (USA), Inc. project

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer

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

2023-05.23.m A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for the FAI-CR16/31/37/40/68 Resurfacing Project.

2023-05.23.n A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for materials and supplies

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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Regular Meeting #22 - 2023
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
May 23, 2023

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council:

2023-05.23.o A resolution approving an account to account transfer Fund 7521 Family, Adult, and Children First Council

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Juvenile and Probate Court

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Juvenile and Probate Court:

2023-05.23.p A resolution authorizing the Approval of the FY24 Juvenile Court Funding Application Update with the Ohio Department of Youth Services.

2023-05.23.q A resolution approving an account to account transfer

2023-05.23.r A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category – Juvenile Court Fund #2408 Drug Court Program Sub Fund #8209

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency:

2023-05.23.s A resolution approving authorization to submit the PY 2023 Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program Grant Application and implementation plan to the Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Development.

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 following resolution for the Payment of Bills:

2023-05.23.t A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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A resolution authorizing the approval of a proclamation.

WHEREAS, it is the pleasant responsibility of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners to recognize people, organizations, and occasions; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have reviewed and approved the attached proclamation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Board of Commissioners approves the attached Proclamation of Recognition.

Prepared by: Rochelle Menningen

Fairfield County Board of Commissioners

A Proclamation Recognizing June 2023 as Elder Abuse Awareness Month

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice estimates that 1 in 9 Americans 60 and older suffer from abuse each year; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Attorney General's Elder Justice Unit investigates elder abuse, neglect and financial exploitation against the elderly and disabled adults; and

WHEREAS, collaboration, awareness, and education in Fairfield County will assure older adults in our communities will live with dignity and free from harm and theft; and

WHEREAS, Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Adult Protective Services will continue to work with other advocates and professionals to increase awareness and help fight elder abuse.

NOW THEREFORE, the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners does hereby formally declare June 2023 to be:

Elder Abuse Awareness Month

The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners urge all Fairfield County residents to recognize that our elders deserve to live with dignity and in safe and caring communities.

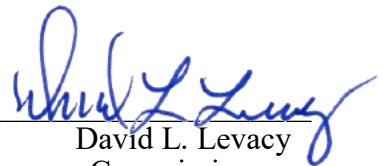
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and caused the seal of the County of Fairfield to be affixed to this Proclamation on the 30th Day of May in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.



Steven A. Davis
Commissioner



Jeffrey M. Fix
Commissioner



David L. Levacy
Commissioner

Resolution No. 2023-05.30.a

A resolution authorizing the approval of a proclamation.

(Fairfield County Commissioners)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A resolution authorizing appropriations from unappropriated into major expense categories for the General Fund# 1001, Fund to Fund Transfer to the Hangar 2023 Capital Projects Fund, & appropriations from unappropriated into major expense categories for the Hangar 2023 Capital Projects Fund.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires construct the new hangars at the Airport; and

WHEREAS, bond proceeds and additional general fund dollars are needed to fund the project; and

WHEREAS, appropriated from unappropriated in major expense categories will update the 2023 budget; and

WHEREAS, a fund to fund transfer will transfer the additional general fund dollars to the Hangar 2023 Capital Projects Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners appropriate from unappropriated into the following major expenditure category for transfers:

\$ 2,000,000 to org# 12100149

Section 2. That the transfer of funds in the amount of \$2,000,000 hereby authorized as follows:

From: 12100149 700000 General Fund transfer
To: 12389600 439100 intergovernmental transfers in

Section 3. The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners appropriate from unappropriated into the following major expenditure category for capital outlay:

\$5,100,000 to org# 12389600 capital outlay

For Auditor's Office Use Only:

Section 1. \$ 2,000,000 12100149 700000 *Transfers*

Section 3. \$5,100,000 12389600 570000 *Capital Outlay*

Section 4. *Issue an Amended Certificate in the amount \$5,100,000 to credit of fund # 3896.*

Section 5. *Request that the Fairfield County Auditor, on behalf of the Budget Commission, update the following receipt line items:*

Increase	New Amount	Org#	Obj#	Description
\$3,100,000	\$3,100,000	12389600	439300	Long term debt
\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	12389600	439100	interfund transfers in

Prepared by: Staci Knisley
cc: Commissioners' Office

Resolution No. 2023-05.30.b

A resolution authorizing appropriations from unappropriated into major expense categories for the General Fund# 1001, Fund to Fund Transfer to the Hangar 2023 Capital Projects Fund, & appropriations from unappropriated into major expense categories for the Hangar 2023 Capital Projects Fund.

(Fairfield County Commissioners)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A resolution to approve an authorized additional use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, the Walnut Creek Sewer District

WHEREAS, Fairfield County has received direct payments from the U.S. Treasury under the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Funds authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act, referred to as fiscal recovery funds;

WHEREAS, Fairfield County will use the funding in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act and guidance from the U.S. Treasury;

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2021, Fairfield County set up a special revenue fund to receive the funds and account for the use of the funds (with special revenue fund #2876);

WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funds are permitted to be used for water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure projects;

WHEREAS, "Clean Water: Centralized Wastewater Collection and Conveyance" projects are included, based on the June 17, 2021, Compliance and Reporting Guidance issued by the US Department of Treasury for the ARP fiscal recovery funds;

WHEREAS, the Walnut Creek Sewer District is looking to expand its existing 181,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment plant capacity to 400,000 gallons per day;

WHEREAS, the investment helps Fairfield County support Walnut Creek Sewer District in maintaining vital wastewater treatment infrastructure serving the Village of Pleasantville and the Village of Thurston;

WHEREAS, the beneficiaries are the 600 plus sewer customers residing in the Walnut Creek Sewer District, property owners, and potential investors interested in Pleasantville and Thurston;

WHEREAS, Walnut Creek Sewer District will perform all construction inspection services and administer the contracts and related competitive bidding processes;

WHEREAS, project number R52b has been assigned to this project;

A resolution to approve an authorized additional use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, the Walnut Creek Sewer District

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners approves the use of ARP fiscal recovery funds to expand the Walnut Creek Sewer District's existing 181,000 gallon per day wastewater treatment plant capacity to 400,000 gallons per day.

Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners requests the County Auditor approve appropriations of additional funds from fund #2876, as follows in the major categories of expenditures of capital outlay:

12287600 \$750,000 Capital Outlay

Section 3. The Fairfield County Commissioners office staff will work with Deputy County Administrator to develop documentation, monitoring, oversight, and reporting procedures for subgrants.

Section 4. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to sign the subgrant agreement with the Walnut Creek Sewer District.

For County Auditor Use Only:

Section 2. Update the following appropriations:

12287600	573725	R52b	\$750,000.00	Sewer, ARP
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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners:

Steven A. Davis

Jeffrey M. Fix

David L. Levacy

County Administrator

Aundrea N. Cordle

Deputy County Administrator

Jeffrey D. Porter

Clerk

Rochelle Menningen

Walnut Creek Sewer District
Attn: President Weidner
PO Box 178
Thurston, Ohio 43157

August 22, 2022

Re: American Rescue Plan State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Dear President Weidner:

This letter is to confirm that the Walnut Creek Sewer District ("District") been awarded \$750,000 in American Rescue Plan funding from Fairfield County. The funding is for an infrastructure project involving expansion of the Walnut Creek wastewater treatment plant as outlined in meetings with the Fairfield County Commissioners and county staff. We will set up a project code and take steps to appropriate the funds awarded to the project. Please let us know who you designate to work with County staff on these issues as we move forward.

To access funding, the District will need to execute a subrecipient agreement with Fairfield County. County staff will prepare and present the subrecipient agreement to you for execution. Once executed, the agreement will need to be approved by the County Administrator.

All funding for the award is made on a reimbursing basis. The District will need to present appropriate documentation of payment and that any associated work has been completed. Further details will be outlined within the subrecipient agreement.

Congratulations on presenting a competitive project! We look forward to working with the District to improve the lives of its residents and the Fairfield County community.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Porter
Deputy County Administrator, Fairfield County

Cc: William Vance

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Resolution No. 2023-05.30.c

A resolution to approve an authorized additional use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, the Walnut Creek Sewer District

(Fairfield County Commissioners)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A resolution to approve an Agreement between Fairfield County and Strand Associates, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Fairfield County Engineer is recommending that this Board of Commissioners hire Strand Associates, Inc.; 425 West Nationwide Boulevard; Suite 100; Columbus, OH 43215 to provide engineering services as directed by the Fairfield County Engineer's Office for the stated fees and per the terms in the attached Agreement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: that this Board of Commissioners resolves to approve and sign the Agreement with Strand Associates, Inc. to provide engineering services for the Fairfield County Engineer, for the stated fees and per the terms of the attached Agreement.

SECTION 2: that the Clerk of this Board furnish the County Engineer with a copy of this signed Agreement for further action.

Prepared by: Cheryl Downour
cc: Engineering Office

AGREEMENT

Fairfield County Commissioner's and Strand Associates, Inc.

This **AGREEMENT** entered into at Lancaster, Ohio on this 15th day of May 2023, by and between the County of Fairfield, State of Ohio, acting through the County Engineer, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, and Strand Associates, Inc[®], duly licensed and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio for the practice of engineering services, hereinafter, referred to as CONSULTANT, with an office located at 425 West Nationwide Boulevard., Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project: Storm Water Utility Program Development and Assessment

Project Manager: Mitch Noland P.E., S.I.

Project Completion Date: 24th day of February 2024

Project Description: Data review and asset inventory
Needs analysis and preliminary assessment
Program development

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The CONSULTANT agrees to provide engineering services for the above-mentioned project, which includes the following:

SEE "ATTACHMENT A"- Scope of Services submitted by CONSULTANT to COUNTY.

COMPENSATION

The COUNTY agrees to compensate the CONSULTANT for the performance of the Services as specified in the SCOPE OF SERVICES section of this AGREEMENT, as follows:

Lump Sum Fee totaling \$144,000:
Phase I -\$54,000.00
Phase II -\$52,000.00 (If Authorized)
Phase III-\$38,000.00 (If Authorized)

PROJECT PROGRESSION

The CONSULTANT shall submit monthly progress reports in the form and content acceptable to the COUNTY. No payment will be processed without a monthly progress report. If the progress report reveals that the project is NOT progressing satisfactorily or if invoicing is not commensurate with the progression of Services, then payment to the CONSULTANT on this AGREEMENT will be SUSPENDED. At no such time shall this be cause for the CONSULTANT to stop Services on the project. In the event suspension of payment is invoked, the CONSULTANT shall then supply to the COUNTY the reason(s) for unsatisfactory performance.

Should the reason(s) for unsatisfactory progression of the Services be deemed by the COUNTY to be beyond the control of the CONSULTANT or be deemed by the COUNTY to have been unforeseen at the time the project was awarded, documentation detailing a Change in Scope will be drafted in which the CONSULTANT must thoroughly explain and justify the remaining items of Services needed to complete the project. In the event of a Project Overrun, the CONSULTANT shall identify and justify all additional costs above the original estimated cost required to finish the project.

Once explanations and justifications of the reasons for unsatisfactory progression of Services and/or additional costs have been reviewed and accepted by the COUNTY, then an ADDENDUM shall be made to this AGREEMENT to complete the project on the time frame and fee acceptable to both the COUNTY and the CONSULTANT.

Should the reason(s) for the unsatisfactory progression of the Services be deemed by the COUNTY to be in FULL control of the CONSULTANT, then the CONSULTANT is bound by this AGREEMENT to complete the Services described for the sum set forth in a time frame acceptable to the COUNTY.

TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

This AGREEMENT may be terminated by either party upon seven (7) days' written notice should the other party fail substantially to perform in accordance with its terms through no fault of the other. In the event of termination due to the fault of others than the CONSULTANT, the CONSULTANT shall be paid his compensation for services performed to termination date including reimbursable expenses then due and all terminal expenses. On termination, all data, drawings, specifications, reports, estimates, summaries and such other information and materials as may have been accumulated by the CONSULTANT in performing this AGREEMENT whether completed or in process must be delivered to and become property of the COUNTY. Any reuse of the CONSULTANT's prepared documents for purposes other than related to this project shall be at the COUNTY's sole risk and without liability to the CONSULTANT.

The date of authorization of this AGREEMENT shall serve as notice of authorization to proceed.

PAYMENT

The COUNTY shall make monthly payments to the CONSULTANT for Services performed in the preceding month based upon monthly invoices.

Nonpayment 45 days after the date of receipt of invoice may, at the CONSULTANT's option, result in suspension of Services upon five calendar days' notice to the COUNTY. The CONSULTANT will have no liability to the COUNTY, and the COUNTY agrees to make no claim for any delay or damage as a result of such suspension caused by any breach of this AGREEMENT by the COUNTY. Upon receipt of payment in full of all outstanding sums due from the COUNTY, or curing of such other breach which caused the CONSULTANT to suspend Services, the CONSULTANT will resume Services and there will be an equitable adjustment to the remaining project schedule and compensation as a result of the suspension.

CHANGES

1. The COUNTY may make changes within the general scope of this AGREEMENT in the Services to be performed. Such changes may be made only in writing by the Fairfield County Engineer or his designee. If such changes cause an increase or decrease in the CONSULTANT's cost or time required for performance of any Services under this AGREEMENT, an equitable adjustment will be made and this AGREEMENT will be modified in writing accordingly.
2. No services for which additional compensation will be charged by the CONSULTANT will be furnished without the written authorization of the COUNTY. The fee established herein will not be exceeded without agreement by the COUNTY but may be adjusted for time delays, time extensions, amendments, or changes in the Scope of Services.
3. If there is a modification of FCEO requirements relating to the Services to be performed under this AGREEMENT subsequent to the date of execution of this AGREEMENT, the increased or decreased cost of performance of the Services provided for in this AGREEMENT will be reflected in an appropriate modification of this AGREEMENT.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Except as may be otherwise provided in this AGREEMENT, all claims, counterclaims, disputes, and other matters in question between the COUNTY and the CONSULTANT arising out of or relating to this AGREEMENT or the breach thereof will be decided first by nonbinding mediation, if the parties mutually agree, or with a trial in a court of competent jurisdiction within Fairfield County, Ohio.

The undersigned, having full knowledge of the proposed Project and the conditions of this proposal hereby agrees to furnish all services, labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the Services described in the Scope of Services by the completion date specified above and to accept the price specified above as full compensation for the Services described in this AGREEMENT.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have made and executed this AGREEMENT on this _____ day of _____, 2023.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

STRAND ASSOCIATES, INC.®

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By: _____ Joseph M. Bunker _____

Title: _____ Corporate Secretary _____

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Witness

ATTACHMENTS

The following items are to be considered a part of this contract:

- Attachment "A"—Scope of Services

ATTACHMENT A

Scope of Services

The following Scope of Services is intended to evaluate the feasibility of implementing a stormwater utility for the unincorporated areas of Fairfield County.

Phase I—Data Review and Asset Inventory

1. Gather and review available information from COUNTY including existing geographic information systems (GIS) data, record drawings, and existing survey information.
2. Participate in a project kickoff meeting with COUNTY.
3. Digitize the storm sewers, collector tiles, cleanouts, detention basins, outlet control structures, catch basins, manholes, outfalls, and culvert information from up to 740 COUNTY-provided record drawing sheets. Culverts that have less than a ten-foot span will be included and bridges that have a span greater than ten feet will not be included. Use available record drawings to populate a GIS database; only information provided as record drawings will be included in the stormwater utility analysis.
 - a. For storm sewers, collector tiles, and culverts, the attribute information to be added includes year of installation, material, diameter, invert elevations, and source of elevation data.
 - b. For detention basins, the attribute information to be added includes the area of the basin footprint.
 - c. For outlet control structures, the attribute information to be added includes year of installation, material, size, and available invert/weir/window elevations and dimensions.
 - d. For catch basins and manholes, the attribute information to be added includes structure type, invert elevations, rim elevation, window elevation, sources of elevation data, and with ODOT structure type, if applicable.
 - e. If information is not readily available, some attributes may be labeled as unknown. Field review or data collection services shall not be provided.
 - f. A hyperlink of the record drawings will be provided within the GIS attribute information.
 - g. Communicate with COUNTY to add attribute fields for COUNTY's future use.
4. Conduct a data gap analysis of provided data and request additional data, as appropriate.
5. Participate in two meetings with COUNTY:
 - a. One meeting of the first digitized subdivision to review a preliminary draft of GIS digitalization.
 - b. One meeting to review GIS data gaps and options for updating the stormwater infrastructure GIS database.

Phase I deliverables include the digitized GIS shapefiles with record information input into the attribute tables.

If-Authorized Services:

Phase II—Needs Analysis and Preliminary Assessment

1. Attend up to two meetings with a Program Advisory Committee (PAC) comprised of a small group of COUNTY staff to establish the framework for the stormwater utility (SWU) and key policy decisions.
2. Consult with COUNTY's legal counsel regarding legal aspects of stormwater utility formation and billing.

3. Prepare an area, level, and extent of service analysis for an SWU including:
 - a. Evaluate where services are provided.
 - b. Review what services are provided.
 - c. Review how often the services are provided.
 - d. Calculate the anticipated useful life remaining for existing assets, and approximate annual replacement costs for replacement of assets.
4. Review up to three options for a fair and equitable rate methodology in accordance with similar communities and with similar rate fees structures. Estimate revenues under various rate structure scenarios, using readily available GIS based data, for COUNTY's PAC to make a selection.
5. Attend one meeting with the COUNTY Commissioners.
6. Attend up to two stormwater advisory committee (SWAC) meetings for community stakeholder input.
7. Calculate the preliminary impervious area by parcel using current aerial photography provided by COUNTY. Manual digitization of impervious areas for billing purposes is not included.
8. Generate preliminary revenue projections. Reconcile COUNTY's area, extent, and level of stormwater service with projected revenues.
9. Prepare a technical memorandum including the following:
 - a. Pros and cons of each rate methodology.
 - b. Owner-selected rate methodology and structure.
 - c. Summarize review of asset remaining useful life and replacement costs.
 - d. Proposed policy statements in accordance with PAC and SWAC input.
 - e. Summarize input from PAC and SWAC, as appropriate.
 - f. Considerations for next steps.

Phase II's deliverables include the technical memorandum and presentation slides and materials generated and used at meetings.

Phase III—Program Development

1. Formalize COUNTY's program operational structure including:
 - a. Develop a credit program for non-residential properties to provide opportunity for rate reductions.
 - b. Prepare SWU Program Summary Document to document key program policies and guiding principles.
 - c. Conduct two public input meetings to present the potential utility to the public and collect feedback.
 - d. Develop public instruction materials to educate the public about the pending SWU services and fee.
2. Attend up to one meeting with the COUNTY Commissioners.
3. Attend up to one meeting with SWAC.

Phase III's deliverable is the Stormwater Utility Program Summary Document, public education materials, and presentation slides and materials generated and used at meetings.

Phase IV-Additional Stormwater Services

Additional stormwater services may be provided if-authorized by COUNTY on an as needed basis. As needed services may include services such as assistance with program adoption, digitization of properties, development of billing database, communication with COUNTY and Legal Counsel in regard to billing issues and the development of customer service procedures. Compensation for these services will be determine when requested by COUNTY or through a future amendment to this Agreement.

ORIGINAL

Carri L. Brown, PhD, MBA, CGFM

Purchase Order

Fiscal Year 2023

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THIS NUMBER MUST APPEAR ON ALL INVOICES,
PACKAGES AND SHIPPING PAPERS.Purchase Order # **23004603 - 00**

Delivery must be made within doors of specified destination.

Expiration Date: 03/15/2024

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VENDOR PHONE NUMBER		VENDOR FAX NUMBER		REQUISITION NUMBER	DELIVERY REFERENCE
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PO Requisitioner Name : Julie Huggins

E mail Address : julie.huggins@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

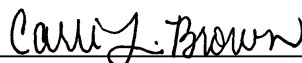
ITEM #	DESCRIPTION / PART #	QTY	UOM	UNIT PRICE	EXTENDED PRICE
1	CONSULTANT FEES FOR THE STORM WATER UTILITY PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND ASSESSMENT GL Account: 16202406 - 530020	1.0	EACH	\$144,000.00	\$144,000.00
GL SUMMARY					
16202406 - 530020		\$144,000.00			

Invoice Date ____/____/____ Invoice Amount \$ _____ To Be paid ____/____/____ Warrant # _____

COUNTY AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

It is hereby certified that the amount \$144,000.00 required to meet the contract, agreement, obligation, payment or expenditure, for the above, has been lawfully appropriated, authorized or directed for such purpose and is in the County Treasury or in process of collection to the credit of the submitted Fund(s) free from any obligation or certification now outstanding.

Date: 05/17/2023



Auditor Fairfield County, OH

5/30/2023

Purchase Order Total **\$144,000.00**

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For Department Use ONLY

ROUTING FORM FOR CONTRACTS

The undersigned designee of the County affirms that he/she has reviewed the attached contract to ensure that it complies with County's needs and previous negotiations. The undersigned designee further affirms that the County has complied with the competitive selection process, as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code, by selecting one of the boxes below.

- A. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via an Invitation to Bid, pursuant to R.C. 307.86-307.92
- B. ☐ Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via a Request for Proposals, pursuant to R.C. 307.862
- C. ☐ Public Improvement contracts—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 153.08-153.12
- D. ☐ Architect/Engineer design services for public improvements—selected through the Request for Qualifications process pursuant to R.C. 153.65-153.72
- E. ☐ County Road Improvement/Construction—competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 5555.61
- F. ☐ The subject matter was exempt from competitive selection for the following reason(s):
1. ☐ Under \$50,000
 2. ☐ State Term #: _____ (copy of State Term Contract must be attached)
 3. ☐ ODOT Term #: _____ (See R.C. 5513.01)
 4. ☐ Professional Services (See R.C. 307.86)
 5. ☐ Emergency (Follow procedure under ORC 307.86(A))
 6. ☐ Sole Source (attach documentation as to why contract is sole source)
 7. ☐ Other: _____ (cite to authority or explain why matter is exempt from competitive bidding)
- G. ☐ Agreement not subject to Sections A-F (explain): _____
- H. ☐ Compliance with Fairfield County Board of Commissioners Procurement Guidelines
1. ☐ No County employee, employee's family member, or employee's business associate has an interest in this contract OR such interest has been disclosed and reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office
 2. ☐ No Finding for Recovery against Vendor as required under R.C. 9.24 (search via "Certified Search" on <http://ffr.ohioauditor.gov/>)
 3. ☐ Obtained 3 quotes for purchases under \$50,000
 4. ☐ Purchase Order is included with Agreement

Strand Associates Agreement

Signed this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

Cheryl Downour; Deputy Director, Finance & Admin. Tech. Services

Name and Title

*** Please note that this checklist only addresses County and statutory requirements. If a contract is paid for with state and/or federal funds, please consult with the appropriate state and/or federal agency to ensure your department is complying with any additional requirements. By submitting a request for approval, you are certifying you have addressed County, statutory, and grant requirements.***

Prosecutor's Approval Page

Resolution No.

A resolution to approve an Agreement between Fairfield County and Strand Associates, Inc.

(Fairfield County Engineer)

Approved as to form on 5/18/2023 11:49:57 AM by Steven Darnell,

Resolution No. 2023-05.30.d

A resolution to approve an Agreement between Fairfield County and Strand Associates, Inc.

(Fairfield County Engineer)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A Resolution to Approve the Contract with US Bridge for the HOC-08, FAI-CR61-1.392 Christmas Rock Road over Arney Run Bridge Replacement Project.

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2023, this Board of Commissioners awarded the Bid for the HOC-08, FAI-CR61-1.392 Christmas Rock Road over Arney Run Bridge Replacement Project to US Bridge for \$170,898.98, and

WHEREAS, since the Contract Materials are in order and this Contract Agreement has been approved by the Fairfield County Prosecutor, the County Engineer recommends that this Board of Commissioners sign this Resolution and the Contract Agreement with US Bridge.

NOW THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: that this Board of Commissioners approves the HOC-08, FAI-CR61-1.392 Christmas Rock Road over Arney Run Bridge Replacement Project Contract with US Bridge for \$170,898.98 by signing the Contract Agreement and this Resolution for this project to proceed.

SECTION 2: that the Clerk of this Board furnish the County Engineer with the Contract Agreement and Resolution for further processing.

Prepared by: Cheryl Downour
cc: Engineering Department

CONTRACT

This Contract, made this _____ day of _____, 2023, between the Fairfield County Commissioners, hereinafter called the Owner, and US Bridge and its successors, executors, administrators and assigns, hereinafter called the Contractor:

WITNESSETH: That the Owner and the Contractor for the consideration stated herein agree as follows:

ARTICLE I: Scope of the Work - The Contractor shall perform within the time stipulated, the Contract as herein defined of which this agreement is a component part and everything required to be performed and shall provide and furnish any and all of the labor and materials together with all tools, equipment and all utility and transportation services necessary to perform the Contract and complete in a workmanlike manner all the work covered by the Contract in connection with the Owner's Project identified as: HOC-08 FAI-CR61-1.392 Christmas Rock Road over Arney Run Bridge Replacement Project in strict conformity with the Proposal, Plans, and Specifications including any and all Addenda issued by the Owner with the other Contract Documents.

It is agreed that said labor, materials, tools, equipment, and services shall be furnished by the Contractor and the Contract performed and completed under the direction and supervision and subject to the approval of the Owner or its authorized representatives.

ARTICLE II: Unit Prices - The Owner shall pay to the Contractor, as full consideration for performance of the Contract, an amount computed upon the basis of the Quantity of work actually performed at the unit price bids in the Proposal Form.

It is understood that the quantities stated for the unit price bids are approximate only and are subject to either increase or decrease; and should the quantity of any item of the unit price work be increased, the Contractor shall perform the additional work at the unit price bid in the Proposal, and should the quantity be decreased, payment will be made on actual quantities completed at the unit price bid in the Proposal, and the Contractor will make no claim for anticipated profits for any decrease in quantities. Actual quantities will be determined upon completion of the work.

ARTICLE III: Performance Bond - The Contractor shall furnish an acceptable Performance Bond in the amount of One Hundred Percent (100%) of the amount Bid at the time of signing of this Contract.

ARTICLE IV: Prevailing Wage - The Contractor shall pay the Prevailing Wage on this Contract and in accordance with all Prevailing Wage Laws in this area. Davis/Bacon Federal Wage Rates apply to this federally funded project.

ARTICLE V: Failure to Complete on Time - If the Contractor fails to complete the work within the time allowed, within a two (2) consecutive week time period and no later in any case than October 6, 2023, the Owner for each Calendar Day that any work shall remain uncompleted after the Contract completion date shall charge liquidated damages, from money due the Contractor, per the State of Ohio Department of Transportation Construction and Material Specifications Book specified in the General Specifications document included with this contract. The Owner may waive such portions of the liquidated damages as may accrue after the work is in condition for safe and convenient use by the Public.

ARTICLE VI: The Contractor covenants and agrees that this Contract shall consist of the documents as listed below which are attached hereto, incorporated herein by reference and made a part hereof:

- The Contract
- The Construction Plans
- The Bid Proposal
- General Specifications
- Performance and Payment Bond
- Certificates
- Experience Record
- Affidavit of Personal Property Tax Liability
- Affidavit of Lien Release
- Anti-Alcohol/Drug Policy
- General Conditions
- Prevailing Wage Determination
- Request for Taxpayer ID Number and Certification (W-9)
- ODOT/Federal-Aid Requirements
- Special Provisions, Asbestos Survey Report
- Special Provisions, Waterway Permits
- Specifications/Location Plans

ARTICLE VII: In consideration of the premises and in accordance with the provisions of Article 30 of the General Conditions, the Owner agrees to pay to the Contractor the appropriate sum of one hundred seventy thousand, eight hundred ninety-eight dollars & 98/100 (\$170,898.98), of which \$143,070.00 is federal grant money that shall be paid directly by the Ohio Department of Transportation, and \$27,828.98 shall be paid by the Local Public Authority, as stipulated in the LPA Federal Project Agreement 37900. Payment shall be upon completion of: HOC-08, FAI-CR61-1.392 Christmas Rock Road over Arney Run Bridge Replacement Project after inspection and acceptance by the Owner.

ARTICLE VIII: The Contractor further covenants and agrees that he shall give the Owner no less than forty-eight (48) hours (working days - County calendar) written notice of occupying the construction site necessitating road closure. Notice to proceed shall be the date of receipt of the Contract signed by the County Commissioners.

The Contractor further covenants and agrees that in the hiring of employees for the performance of work under this Contract or any subcontract, no Contractor or Subcontractor or any person acting on his behalf, shall, by reason of race, creed, or color, discriminate against any citizen of the state in the employment of labor or workers who are qualified and available to perform the work to which the employment relates, and, further, that no Contractor, Subcontractor, nor any person acting on his behalf, shall, in any manner discriminate against or intimidate the employee hired for the performance of work under this Contract on account of race, creed or color.

ARTICLE IX: Both parties hereto agree that the provisions of Chapter 4115, Ohio Revised Code, and RELATED SECTIONS, shall be complied with, in all respects under this Contract.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The parties hereto have caused their names to be affixed by their duly authorized officers and caused their corporate seals to be affixed hereto.

OWNER: FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

BY:

Steven A. Davis
President

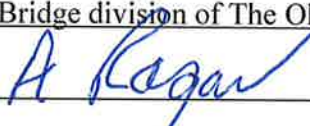
David L. Levacy
Commissioner

Jeffrey A. Fix
Commissioner

CONTRACTOR:

U.S. Bridge division of The Ohio Bridge Corporation

BY (signature):



BY (print name):

Art Rogovin, CMO

ADDRESS:

201 Wheeling Avenue, P.O. Box 757

Cambridge, Ohio 43725

TELEPHONE:

(740) 432-6334

FAX:

(740) 439-7349

E-MAIL:

arogovin@usbridge.com

C E R T I F I C A T E S

The hereto attached Performance and Payment Bond being good and sufficient is accepted this _____ day of _____, 2022.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Steven A. Davis
President

David L. Levacy
Commissioner

Jeffrey A. Fix
Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF COUNTY AUDITOR

I HEREBY CERTIFY that funds are available, or are in the process of collection from the Motor Vehicle Fund and/or ½-mill Levy Fund, in the amount of \$170,898.98. This figure has been lawfully appropriated, or authorized or directed for the HOC-08, FAI-CR61-1.392 Christmas Rock Road over Areny Run Bridge Replacement Project free from any obligation.

Local Share: \$27,828.98 Federal Grant Share: \$143,070.00 TOTAL: \$170,898.98

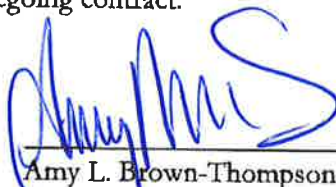


Carri L. Brown
Fairfield County Auditor

Dated at Lancaster, Ohio: May 18, 2023

CERTIFICATE OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

I HEREBY APPROVE the form of the foregoing contract.



Amy L. Brown-Thompson
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Date: 5/18/2023

Resolution No. 2023-05.30.e

A Resolution to Approve the Contract with US Bridge for the HOC-08,
FAI -CR61-1.392 Christmas Rock Road over Arney Run Bridge Replacement Project.

(Fairfield County Engineer)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A Resolution to Approve the Notice to Commence for the HOC-08, FAI-CR61-1.392 Christmas Rock Road over Arney Run Bridge Replacement Project

CONTRACT: HOC-08 Bridge Replacement

WHEREAS, by Resolution on May 9, 2023, this Board of Commissioners awarded a Contract to US Bridge; 201 Wheeling Avenue; Post Office Box 757; Cambridge, OH 43725, in the amount of \$170,898.98 for the HOC-08 Bridge Replacement Project.

WHEREAS, Section 1311, Ohio Revised Code requires the Public Authority to prepare a Notice of Commencement prior to commencement of performance, and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer is requesting the attached Notice be signed by the President of the Board of Commissioners.

NOW THEREFORE: BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: that this Board of Commissioners resolves to, and does hereby, authorize its President to sign the required Notice of Commencement in the matter of the HOC-08 Bridge Replacement Project.

SECTION 2: that the Clerk of this Board furnish the County Engineer with a signed copy of the Recorded Resolution for further processing.

Prepared by: Cheryl Downour
cc: Engineering Department

NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT
(Section 1311.04 and 1311.252, Ohio Revised Code)

STATE OF OHIO:

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COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD:

Now comes the Board of Commissioners of Fairfield County Ohio by Steven A. Davis, its President, who after being duly cautioned and sworn, states the following in connection with the HOC-08 Bridge Replacement Project:

1. The Public Improvement under construction is the replacement of the HOC-08 Bridge.
2. The name, address, and capacity of the Owner of the real property contracting for the improvement is the Board of Commissioners of Fairfield County Ohio; 210 East Main Street; Room 301; Lancaster, Ohio 43130-3879.
3. The name and address of the fee owner of said real property is the Board of Commissioners of Fairfield County Ohio; 210 East Main Street; Room 301; Lancaster, Ohio 43130-3879.
4. The name, address, and trade of the principal Contractor is: US Bridge; 201 Wheeling Avenue; Post Office Box 757; Cambridge, OH 43725, whose principal trade is that of bridge contractor.

This instrument was prepared by:
Joshua Horacek, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Fairfield County Ohio; 239 W. Main Street; Suite 101; Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

5. The fee owner of said property has no designee.
6. The date the public authority first executed a contract with the principal Contractor for the public improvement was May 9, 2023.
7. There are currently no lending institutions providing financing for this improvement.
8. The name and address of the surety on the bond guaranteeing payment of the original Contractor's obligations under the contract for this improvement is Western Surety Company; 151 N. Franklin Street; Chicago, IL 60606.
9. To Lien Claimants and Subsequent Purchasers: Take notice that labor or work is about to begin on, or materials are about to be furnished for, an improvement to the real estate described in this instrument. A person having a mechanics' lien may preserve the lien by proving a Notice of Furnishing to the above-named designee and his original Contractor, if any, by timely recording an affidavit pursuant to Section 1311.06 of the Ohio Revised Code. A copy of this notice may be obtained upon making a written request by certified mail to the above-named owner, part owner, lessee, designee, or the person with whom you have contracted.
10. The name and address of the person preparing this notice is Amy Brown-Thompson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Fairfield County Ohio; 239 W. Main Street; Suite 101; Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

11. The foregoing information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

12. Further affiant sayeth naught.

Steven A. Davis
The Board of Commissioners of
Fairfield County Ohio, Affiant

Be it remembered, that on this _____ day of _____, 2023, before me, the subscriber, a notary public, in and for said state, personally came Steven A. Davis, President of the Board of Commissioners of Fairfield County Ohio, affiant in the foregoing Affidavit, who acknowledged that signing thereof to be his individual voluntary act and deed and the voluntary act and deed of the Board of Commissioners of Fairfield County Ohio.

In testimony thereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal on this day and year aforesaid.

Notary Public – State of Ohio

Resolution No. 2023-05.30.f

A Resolution to Approve the Notice to Commence for the HOC-08, FAI -CR61-1.392
Christmas Rock Road over Arney Run Bridge Replacement Project

(Fairfield County Engineer)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for general office supplies

WHEREAS, additional appropriations are needed in the major expenditure object category for 2024 Motor Vehicle; and

WHEREAS, appropriate from unappropriated will allow proper accounting in the major expenditure object category.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1: The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners resolves to approve appropriate from unappropriated into the following category:

\$5,000.00 16202401- Materials & Supplies

For Auditor's Office Use Only:

16202401-561000 \$5,000.00

Prepared by: Julie Huggins
cc: Engineer

Resolution No. 2023-05.30.g

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for general office supplies

(Fairfield County Engineer)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for materials and supplies

WHEREAS, additional appropriations are needed in the major expenditure object category for 2024 Motor Vehicle; and

WHEREAS, appropriate from unappropriated will allow proper accounting in the major expenditure object category.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1: The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners resolves to approve appropriate from unappropriated into the following category:

\$100,000.00	16202405-Material Supplies
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For Auditor's Office Use Only:

16202405-560000	\$100,000.00
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Prepared by: Julie Huggins
cc: Engineer

Resolution No. 2023-05.30.h

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for materials and supplies

(Fairfield County Engineer)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major category expense for the Fund# 7521, Subfund# 8159.

WHEREAS, Family Adult Children First Council needs additional appropriations for reorganizational purposes in 2023; and

WHEREAS, appropriations from unappropriated funds will allow the budget to increase in the major category expense for personal services and fringe benefits.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Fairfield County Auditor appropriate from unappropriated funds in the major expense category of personal services & fringe benefits for org# 60815920.

\$ 18,824 personal services

\$ 3,031 fringe benefits

Total - \$ 21,855

For Auditor's Office Use Only:

\$8,125.00	60815920	511010	employee salaries
\$5,230.00	60815920	514010	vacation payout
\$5,469.00	60815920	514020	sick payout
\$1,614.00	60815920	521000	health insurance
\$6.00	60815920	521100	life insurance
\$273.00	60815920	522000	medicare
\$1,138.00	60815920	523000	OPERS
\$18,824.00	personal services		
\$3,031.00	fringe benefits		
\$21,855.00	Total		

Resolution No. 2023-05.30.i

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major category expense for the Fund# 7521, Subfund# 8159.

(Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

**A resolution approving an account to account transfer Fund 1001
Sheriff's Office**

WHEREAS, appropriations are needed to cover expenses for 2023; and

WHEREAS, an account to account transfer will allow proper classification of major expenditure object categories.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the transfer of appropriations in the amount of \$16,000.00 is hereby authorized as follows:

From: 23100101 Contract Services
To: 23100101 CAPITAL OUTLAY

For Auditor's Office Use Only:

Section 1.

FROM: 23100101 530000 \$16,000.00
TO: 23100101 574200

Prepared by: Mendi Rarey
cc: Sheriff

Resolution No. 2023-05.30.j

A resolution approving an account to account transfer Fund 1001 Sheriff's Office
(Fairfield County Sheriff)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to Fund 2593 Concealed Handgun License.

WHEREAS, an advance of allocations is necessary in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the purpose of eliminating a negative cash balance; and

WHEREAS, said advance shall be repaid to the General Fund when monies are received.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. Request that the Fairfield County Auditor make the following advance:

FROM 1001 090000 General Fund Advance <\$1,000.00>

TO 2593 223001 Concealed Handgun License \$1,000.00

Section 2. Request that the advance be paid back to the General Fund, no later than June 30, 2023.

Prepared by: Mendi Rarey
cc: Sheriff's Office

Resolution No. 2023-05.30.k

A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to Fund 2593 Concealed Handgun License.

(Fairfield County Sheriff)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Utilities Fund 5044 & 5842 [Utilities]

WHEREAS, additional appropriations are needed in the major expenditure object category for Funds 5044 & 5842; and

WHEREAS, appropriate from unappropriated will allow proper accounting in the major expenditure object category.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners appropriate from unappropriated into the following category:

\$ 5,000	12504429	PERSONAL SERVICES
\$ 200	12584229	PERSONAL SERVICES
\$ 5,200	Total	

For Auditor's Office Use Only:

12504429	514030	\$ 5,000
12584229	514030	\$ 200

Prepared by: Curtis Witham
cc: Utilities

Signature Page

Resolution No. 2023-05.30.I

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Utilities Fund 5044 & 5842

(Fairfield County Utilities Department)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval.

WHEREAS, departments that need the Board of Commissioners' approval for payment of their invoices have submitted their invoices to the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has submitted the cash disbursement journal for payment of invoices for the check date of June 1, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners approves the attached cash disbursement journal.

Prepared by: Auditor/Finance
cc: Finance Office

INVOICES BY DEPARTMENT

06/01/2023 to 06/01/2023

Department

Check #	Check Date	Vendor #	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Date	PO #	Warrant	Line Item Description	Amount
1200	COMMISSIONERS ADMIN								
	Fund: 1001 - GENERAL FUND								
1579757	06/01/2023	80132	AUNDREA N CORDLE	5/2023	05/01/2023	23000874	C0530	MONTHLY CELL PHONE STIPEND 5/2023	60.00
1579758	06/01/2023	82133	JEFF PORTER	5/2023	05/01/2023	23000881	C0530	MONTHLY CELL PHONE STIPEND 5/2023	60.00
TOTAL: COMMISSIONERS ADMIN									120.00

INVOICES BY DEPARTMENT

06/01/2023 to 06/01/2023

Department

Check #	Check Date	Vendor #	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Date	PO #	Warrant	Line Item Description	Amount
1201	COMM-ECONOMIC DEV								
	Fund: 7831 - WRKFCE INN OPP ACT 20/21								
5376437	06/01/2023	6396	FAIRFIELD CO JFS	WIOA RESEA 5.12.23	05/12/2023	23002012	C0530	WIOA RESEA 5.12.23	12,607.07
5376438	06/01/2023	6396	FAIRFIELD CO JFS	WIOA ADULT 5.12.23	05/12/2023	23002010	C0530	WIOA ADULT 5.12.23	53,825.74
TOTAL: COMM-ECONOMIC DEV									66,432.81

Department									
Check #	Check Date	Vendor #	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Date	PO #	Warrant	Line Item Description	Amount
1209	COMM-INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY								
	Fund: 1001 - GENERAL FUND								
5376436	06/01/2023	3319	CDW GOVERNMENT INC	JR32924	05/18/2023	23000793	C0530	ORDER# NJXB292	57,200.00
TOTAL: COMM-INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY									57,200.00

INVOICES BY DEPARTMENT

06/01/2023 to 06/01/2023

Department

Check #	Check Date	Vendor #	Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Date	PO #	Warrant	Line Item Description	Amount
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Summary Total for this report: **\$123,752.81**

Commissioner Steven A. Davis

Commissioner Jeffrey M. Fix

Commissioner David L. Levacy

Date

Resolution No. 2023-05.30.m

A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval.

(Fairfield County Commissioners)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

Fairfield County Community Housing Impact and Preservation (CHIP) Program

2023 CHIP Program Year Application Public Hearing #2

May 30, 2023 at 10:15 AM

County Commissioners Hearing Room located at 210 E. Main Street,
Lancaster, Ohio.



CHIP Funding

Ohio Department of Development, Office of Community Development

- Fairfield County, maximum request: \$400,000
- Highly competitive application
 - Only 60-65% of applications will be funded at maximum request.
 - Approximately \$25 million expected to be allocated.
 - 77 Counties are eligible to apply for this round of funding.
- Multi-year grant period – December 1, 2023 – April 30, 2026
- Applications due on June 21, 2023

CHIP Program Funding Sources

- CDBG – Federal Community Development Block Grant
- HOME – Federal HUD
- Ohio Housing Trust Fund – State
- The Ohio Department of Development 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 and Tenant Based Rental Assistance activities.

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/Rehab
- Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (HOME)

Supportive Activities

- Fair Housing
- Administration



Citizen Participation

- Released a Housing Survey on April 27, 2023 inviting the public and our Housing Partners to provide input for the 2023 CHIP Application
- Posted Survey on Website – www.Faircaa.org
- Held first Public Hearing on May 9, 2023
- Presented CHIP Program eligible activities to the Fairfield County Housing Coalition on May 11, 2023.
- Holding second Public Hearing on May 30, 2023
- Will present the 2023 CHIP application activities being applied for to the Fairfield County Housing Coalition on June 8, 2023

CHIP Survey Results

Ranking of CHIP Eligible Activities

- Number 1 Ranked Need: Home Owner Repairs
- Number 2 Ranked Need: Home Owner Rehab
- Number 3 Ranked Need: Down Payment Assistance
- Number 4 Ranked Need: Rental Rehab or Repairs
- Number 5 Ranked Need: No Need for Rehab/Repairs or DPA

CHIP Survey Results

Ranking of CHIP Repair/Rehab Measures

- Number 1 Ranked Need: Roof Repairs or Replacements
- Number 2 Ranked Need: Structural/Foundational Improvements
- Number 3 Ranked Need: Furnace Repair or Replacement
- Number 4 Ranked Need: Electrical Upgrades
- Number 5 Ranked Need: Plumbing Repairs
- Number 6 Ranked Need: Hot Water Tank Replacement
- Number 7 Ranked Need: On-Site Septic Upgrades

Fairfield County Housing Statistics

Source: US Census ACS 2021

- Fairfield County Population – 157,622
- Housing Units – 63,342 (59,818 occupied units)
- Owner Occupied Housing Units – 44,142 (74%)
- Median Value of Owner Occupied House - \$254,200
- Rental Units – 15,676 (26%)
- Median Gross Rent - \$1,019

2023 CHIP Program Activities

(Proposed)

- Home Owner Rehab - **\$264,400** – 4 Units
 - \$66,100 Average Cost per Unit (\$75,000 Cap)
- Home Owner Repair - **\$93,600** – 6 Units
 - \$15,600 Average Cost per Unit (\$22,000 Cap)
- Admin and Fair Housing - **\$42,000**
- **Total - \$400,000**

Home 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 Home Owner Rehabilitation, the County provides a no-interest forgivable loan (for 100% of the Rehab Cost) over five years for the cost of the rehabilitation. 20% of the loan is forgiven every year for five years, as long as the owner remains in the home.

Home Owner Repair

- Structural repairs; patching or repairing roofs, windows and doors
- Mechanical Repairs; electrical, plumbing and heating systems
- Hot Water Tank Replacement
- 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

CHIP Income Guidelines

(2023 HUD Income Limits)

Household Size	Home Repair: 50% of Area Median Gross Annual Income	Rehabilitation: 80% of Area Median Gross Annual Income
1 person	\$34,750	\$55,550
2 people	\$39,700	\$63,500
3 people	\$44,650	\$71,450
4 people	\$49,600	\$79,350
5 people	\$53,600	\$85,700

Leveraged Resources for CHIP Grant

- Program Income: \$44,807 (\$2,857 CDBG and \$41,950 HOME)
- Housing Assistance Grant - \$30,000
- Home Weatherization Assistance Grant - \$25,000
- Electric Partnership Program - \$10,000
- Columbia Gas Energy Efficiency Programs - \$10,000
- Area Agency on Aging - \$1,500
- USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant - \$15,000
- **Total Leveraging - \$136,307**

Thank you for your participation.

Questions?



Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency

Randall Hunt

Deputy Director/Housing Director

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