

Regular Meeting #24 - 2016
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
May 31, 2016

Review

The Commissioners met at 9:05 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Spencer Remoquillo, Jason Dolin, Zach Woltz, Ray Stemen, Aunie Cordle, Jeff Porter, Branden Meyer, Todd McCullough, Dennis Keller, Kyle Witt, Rick Szabrak, and Tony Vogel.

- Legal Update

Mr. Dolin introduced Zach Woltz, a summer law clerk in the Prosecutor's Office. Mr. Woltz is a third year law student at Capital.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Highlights of Resolutions

Ms. Brown provided highlights of resolutions for the voting agenda.

JFS proposed the approval of a child protective services network placement contract with Sojourners. This is a contract renewal.

There was a notice of award for the CDBG project for work the Shelly Company will complete at Fairfield Beach.

The Engineer proposed approval of the drainage improvement estimates.

The Juvenile Court proposed approval of the Reclaim Ohio grant agreement.

The Sheriff proposed approval of the renewal of the security contract for the Education Services Center.

There were financial resolutions to approve, such as:

- An authorization for the County Auditor to assess and place on the tax duplicate delinquent sewer rentals for the Buckeye Lake Sewer System for the dates of February 15, 2016 through March 15, 2016;
- Wire transfers for interest payments;
- The reduction of appropriations (a budget adjustment) for the Major Crimes Unit;
- Memo receipts and expenditures and budget items for the County Engineer in connection with the Madison bridge project;
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for the County Engineer (non general fund);
- An account to account transfer of appropriations for the Sheriff in order to properly classify expenditures in the general fund; and
- The traditional bill list and/or "then and now" related approvals.

Also, you will recall that on February 19, 2014, Gail Ford (of Vorys, Sater, Seymore, and Pease) met with the Commissioners regarding Wilson, et at. V. Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC. Fairfield County ultimately joined a class action suit relating to property that is in the gas storage field area. After review with County Prosecutor on elements of form, there will soon be a settlement resolution proposed for approval.

- b. Administrative Approvals & Budget Update

The review packet contained a list of administrative approvals for the week.

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Budget hearings are scheduled.

We are now in Level 2 of the budgeting process for 2017. The deadline for Level 2 is June 22.

c. Jail & Public Safety Facility

A tour of the jail construction was conducted on Thursday, May 26.

The project remains within budget and on schedule.

The most recent report on the jail population shows the population is 240.

Mr. Davis noted that he was impressed with the progress.

Mr. Kiger stated that he was surprised by the size of the building and added that it would be quite a large facility.

Mr. Keller stated that the tour provided a good hands-on perspective for everyone.

d. Roundtable – May 26th

There was an elected official/department head meeting scheduled Thursday, May 26. It was very well attended and content rich.

The packet has been distributed electronically in case there was anyone who was unable to attend.

e. Bravos

Thank you to Staci Knisley and Randy Carter for the extra efforts they made to make sure that the budget input module was ready for all departments, in spite of trouble with the software vendor.

- Old Business

- a. Buckeye Lake State Park Dam

Mr. Levacy expressed his regrets not being able to attend the roundtable last week and stated it was because he was asked to speak at a press conference at Buckeye Lake. The press conference was scheduled at the same time as the roundtable meeting.

He is impressed with how quickly Phase 1 of the Buckeye Lake Dam construction was completed. The seepage barrier is working well, and property owners have already begun to see a difference. The lake will be a foot below full pool.

Mr. Davis asked what having the lake a foot below full pool meant for the canals.

Mr. Levacy replied that they would be able to dredge and use the canals with as little as 20 inches of water, but if the level was lower than that, they would not be able to use them.

- New Business (none)

- General Correspondence Received

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- a. Letter from Army Corps of Engineers re: Muskingum River Basin Stakeholder Meeting.

Mr. Levacy will attend the meeting to be held in Zanesville on June 15th.

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- a. Tallmadge Elementary School Dedication – Tuesday, August 16th at 4:#0 p.m. – 694 Talmadge Ave, Lancaster
 - 1. Commissioners Levacy and Kiger will attend.

- FYI

- a. SWCD Article re: Pipeline Restoration Standards and Effects

The Commissioners received an article from the Soil and Water Conservation District. The article was in a Canadian publication. The focus of the article was pipeline restoration standards and effects. The cover photo is from the Malone farm west of Lancaster. The article was in the review packet.

- b. Pickerington Senior Center June 2016 Newsletter (in newsletter folder)

- Issues Bin (none)

- Open Items

Mr. Szabrak reported that the Norfolk Southern Railway was recently purchased and will start service from Columbus to West Virginia in July. A majority of the transport will be of chemicals. This is good for future development.

Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation

On the motion of Steve Davis and second of Mike Kiger, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss Pending Litigation at 9:22 a.m.

Discussion: Commissioner Davis stated that the following people be present: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Levacy, Commissioner Kiger, Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jeff Porter, Jason Dolin, and Marc Fishel.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger, and Dave Levacy.

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Steve Davis, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 9:59 a.m.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy

Review Continued

The Commissioners met at 9:59 a.m. to continue review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jeff Porter, Jason Dolin, and Marc Fishel.

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

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A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 beginning at 10:01 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Dennis Keller, Jon Slater, Jim Bahnsen, Kyle Witt, Ray Stemen, Branden Meyer, Spencer Remoquillo, Aunie Cordle, Todd McCullough, Zach Woltz, James Mako, Tony Vogel, Jason Dolin, Jeff Porter, and Marc Fishel.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

Commissioner Levacy asked if there were any announcements.

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

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

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes for Thursday, May 26, 2016

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Thursday, May 26, 2016.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis and Mike Kiger
Abstaining: Dave Levacy

Approval of the Commissioners Office Resolutions

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners Office resolutions:

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| 2016-05.31.a | A resolution approving the debt service payments for wire date of June 1, 2016 [Commissioners] |
| 2016-05.31.b | A resolution authorizing the County Auditor to assess and place on the tax duplicate delinquent sewer rentals for the Buckeye Lake Sewer System for the dates of February 15, 2016 through March 15, 2016 [Commissioners] |

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

Approval of the Engineer's Office Resolutions

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

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| 2016-05.31.c | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for signal head replacements at CR33A intersections with Coonpath, Collins, Victor Roads [Engineer] |
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- 2016-05.31.d A Resolution to Submit Drainage Improvement Estimates.
[Engineer]
- 2016-05.31.e A resolution to amend the certificate, update receipt line item &
request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts of
memo receipts and memo expenses for fund 3445 MAD-34 Bridge
Replacement Project [Engineer]

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

Approval of the JFS Resolutions

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the JFS resolution regarding Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Sojourners Care Network and Job and Family Services, Child Protective Services Department; see resolution 2016-05.31.f.

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

Approval of the Juvenile/Probate Court Resolution

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Juvenile/Probate Court resolution authorizing the approval of the 2017 FY grant agreement and the 2016 FY grant amendment with the Ohio Department of Youth Services; see resolution 2016-05.31.g.

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

Approval of the Major Crimes Unit Resolution

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Major Crimes Unit resolution authorizing the reduction in a major expenditure object category appropriations and to align with estimated receipts [Fairfield Hocking Major Crimes Unit – Fund 7829 JAG Grant]; see resolution 2016-05.31.h.

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

Approval of the Regional Planning Commission Resolution

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Regional Planning Commission resolution to approve an award of bid to The Shelly Company for the Walnut Township/Fairfield Beach Street Improvement Project FY2015 CDBG; see resolution 2016-05.31.i.

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

Approval of the Sheriff's Office Resolution

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Sheriff's Office resolutions:

- 2016-05.31.j A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and
between Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and the Fairfield County
ESC [Sheriff]

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2016-05.31.k A resolution approving an account to account transfer Fund 1001
[Sheriff]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger, and Dave Levacy

Approval of Payment of Bills Resolutions

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Payment of Bills resolution authorizing the approval of payments of the vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders and the cash disbursement for all Departments that are approved by the Commissioners; see resolution 2016-05.31.l.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger, and Dave Levacy

Ms. Elsea announced that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Levacy stated the Commission would be in recess until the 10:30 a.m. meeting with Willis Towers Watson.

Meeting with Willis Towers Watson re: Benefit Options.

The Commissioners met at 10:31 a.m. with Willis Towers Watson to discuss benefit options. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jeff Porter, Jason Dolin, Jim Bahnsen, Tony Vogel, Todd McCullough, Dennis Keller, Aunie Cordle, Kyle Witt, Jon Slater, Rick Szabrak, Kate Hubben, John Kovach, and Joshua Horacek.

Mr. Porter explained that the workgroup had already held a preliminary meeting to review the responses to the RFP. The work group included representatives from JFS, DD, the Engineer, the Treasurer, and the Sheriff, and other departments. There were two options to rise to the top with the initial review of the responses.

Mr. Kovach reviewed the attached summary report including actual 2016 expenses, 2017 expenses assuming an 8% increase while in the Franklin County Co-op, and potential expenses of the top two respondents to the RFP (United Health Care and CEBCO). Fairfield County is paying \$14,398,551 for 2016 and would pay approximately \$15,518,376 in 2017 with an 8% increase in the Franklin County Co-Op. A self-funded option with United Health Care would be \$14,566,766 and joining the CEBCO co-op (using Anthem BlueCross BlueShield - with a rate fixed over an entire year) is around \$14,369,046. The UHC and CEBCO bids are slightly higher than 2016 rates, but still lower than an 8% increase for 2017.

Mr. Levacy asked what CEBCO's increase history was.

Mr. Kovach replied that per their responses, it was in the single digits and that as of last year they had not lost a county. Their rate increases are based on the counties individually as opposed to across the board experiences.

Ms. Hubben added that of everyone who was sent the RFP, only one declined to send a quote. Everyone else is very interested in working with Fairfield County.

Mr. Levacy asked about the risk of self-funding.

Mr. Kovach replied that there would be stop-loss insurance that would cap the risk. For the purposes of these quotes, they used \$150,000 per person.

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Mr. Kovach went on to say the UHC quote assumes that all medical coverage remains the same. The end user would not see a difference with medical coverage. UHC, however, did propose a new pharmacy program which would affect employees.

Mr. Porter stated that this was consistent with what the county saw last year with the prescription costs increasing 12%.

Ms. Hubben stated that the pharmacy costs should be 20% of the overall claims.

Mr. Levacy asked which of the two options had tighter drug allowances.

Mr. Kovach replied that they were both very similar.

Mr. Kovach went on to indicate that CEBCO is more consistent with set monthly rates, but requires a three year commitment. Early departure is allowed with a financial penalty.

Mr. Porter stated he had attended CEBCO meetings in the past and that the organization was very similar to CORSA. Fairfield County would be the 4th or 5th largest county in their co-op. They are not looking to add counties much bigger than Fairfield. Delaware County is the largest county they serve now.

Mr. Kovach stated that CEBCO has five plan designs and would have fewer options than the current UHC plan. The lowest deductible is \$350 and the insurance/employee rate is 80%/20%.

Mr. Levacy asked if the Cadillac tax was applicable to the county.

Mr. Kovach replied that that would be something to monitor for 2020.

Mr. Porter added that had the rules not changed, Fairfield County would've been hit in 2017 or 2018.

Mr. Kovach stated that the Cadillac tax is not based on plans, but amount of money spent.

Mr. Levacy stated he was apprehensive of self-funding.

Mr. Kovach replied Fairfield County was certainly large enough to self-fund and that either option was better than the current co-op.

Mr. Porter stated that Franklin County does do behind the scenes administrative work such as reporting requirements with the Affordable Care Act and tracking of larger claims. These are things CEBCO would provide for that a self-funding option would not.

Mr. Kovach stated the next step is to ask the strongest recipients for more detailed information, reports, and presentations.

Ms. Hubben stated that Fairfield County is in a very good position.

Mr. Davis stated he was surprised that UHC was in the game with a competitive rate and without Franklin County. He was also curious why Anthem did not make the list as a self-funding option.

Mr. Kovach replied that UHC's rates were based on projected claims.

Mr. Hubben stated that smaller groups (100-150 employees) would benefit from a co-op like Franklin County's but larger employers like Fairfield County would not see the advantages the smaller groups see.

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Mr. Kovach reviewed dental, vision, and life insurance options as well. Delta Dental would have more providers in network. For vision, VSP would be the easiest transition for employees as their in-network eye doctors would remain the same. EyeMed works with Lenscrafters and UHC works with WalMart.

Mr. Davis asked if many people would be impacted with a disruption to dental or eye coverage.

Mr. Porter replied that most of the calls they receive are regarding eye, dental, or prescription coverage.

Mr. Davis asked if a self-funded medical coverage would build in a reserve.

Mr. Kovach replied that a small reserve was built in the rates.

Mr. Davis asked what Willis recommended.

Mr. Kovach replied that the options are two different philosophies with self-funding being a five year plan and co-ops being more short term.

Mr. Davis stated that he would like to see more data and was not sure how the extraction from the Franklin County Co-Op would go.

Mr. Porter stated that either option was better than staying with Franklin County.

Mr. Kovach stated the stewardship and knowledge of Mr. Porter and Ms. Brown was incredibly helpful. There is no question that Fairfield County needs to leave their current co-op.

Mr. Davis agreed and added they were carrying two other counties.

Ms. Brown added that self-funding would have additional employee or contracted services costs, and such costs would need to be planned as they would not be a part of the current presentation.

Mr. Levacy requested they set up presentations with the workgroup to provide more information about the two basis options, obtaining information about what the best deal for the county would be. He thanked everyone for their time.

Review Continued

The Commissioners met at 11:38 a.m. to continue review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jeff Porter, Aunie Cordle, and Jim Bahnsen.

Mr. Levacy suggested the Commissioners notify Franklin County of their intent to withdraw from the co-op.

Mr. Davis stated it was prudent of the Commissioners to have early guidance and now that they have it, it would be prudent of the Commissioners to provident formal notice of their intent to withdraw.

Motion to allow Mr. Porter and Mrs. Brown to work with Counsel to Draft Notice of Intent to Leave and Present to the Commissioners on June 7th.

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board vote to allow Mr. Porter and Mrs. Brown to work with Counsel to Draft Notice of Intent to Leave and Present to the Commissioners on June 7th.

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Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger, and Dave Levacy

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Steve Davis and a second of Mike Kiger the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 11:45 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger, and Dave Levacy

The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, June 7, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by:

Seconded by:

that the May 31, 2016, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on June 7, 2016

		
Steven A. Davis Commissioner	Dave Levacy Commissioner	Mike Kiger Commissioner


Rachel A. Elsea, Clerk