

Regular Meeting #24 - 2018
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
June 5, 2018

Review

The Commissioners met at 9:02 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Todd McCullough, Mary Beth Lane, Wil Lloyd, Joshua Horacek, Amy Brown-Thompson, Ray Stemen, Michael Kaper, Loudan Klein, Lauren Strobe, Dennis Keller, Jim Bahnsen, Josh Messerly, Chief Lape, Jon Kochis, Rick Szabrak, David Miller, Jeff Porter, and Marc Fishel.

- Legal Update

Mr. Horacek stated he did not have a legal update.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Announcements

There is a public hearing this evening (June 5) at 6 pm for the proposed \$5 licensing fee.

The Economic and Workforce Development Summit is June 13.

Wear purple on June 15th to support Elder Abuse Prevention Awareness.

On July 4, county offices are closed. There is no review or regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners the week of July 3.

The next Lunch N Learn session is with IT on July 10.

The employee recognition breakfast is July 24th. This will be at Alley Park and a regular Commissioners' meeting will follow, as usual.

- b. Highlights of Resolutions

Ms. Brown highlighted resolutions for the voting agenda.

The Fairfield County District Library proposed renewal of its existing levy. There is a resolution of necessity for the renewal of their levy on the voting agenda.

ADAMH proposed appointment of Dr. Detty to the ADAMH Board. An application and recommendation was received. We had a resolution to appoint Dr. Detty to the ADAMH Board.

Human Resources proposed a resolution to approve a plan agreement with the County Commissioners Association of Ohio for inclusion the workers' compensation group retrospective rating plan program. (This was reported last week and was ready in its final form for June 5.)

We proposed the approval of appropriations from unappropriated funds at the CFLP district level to accommodate a new vehicle for the deputy assigned to litter control services.

We proposed the release of a mortgage consistent with grant terms and conditions and as recommended by Community Action.

JFS proposed the approval of a contract in network for child protective placement.

The Law Library proposes the approval of a contract with Westlaw.

The Sheriff proposed the approval of a donation of a vehicle to the village of Millersport.

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RPC proposed the approval of the Views at Pine Hills and the Violet Meadows 5.1 development agreements.

There were financial resolutions to approve, such as:

- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for the FCFACF Council, for the Sheriff (two resolutions of this type for the Sheriff special revenue funds) and for the ditch maintenance fund relating to the West Buckeye Lake (Ballard Lane) project;
- An advance for JFS; and
- Processing BWC payments.

We also proposed two additional resolutions (to highlight separately in review):

- The first was the appointment of Dr. Varney as the acting coroner effective July 1, 2018, contingent upon the resignation of Dr. Vajen as of June 30, 2018, and until the Republican Central Committee appoints the coroner.
- The second was a resolution declaring a fixed asset (flag pole and its related plaque) an obsolete asset and donating said fixed asset to the City of Lancaster.

Next week, we plan to have proposed the Meals on Wheels resolution to proceed (for their renewal with an increase levy) and the resolution to consider for the \$5 permissive fee relating to HB 26.

Mr. Davis stated that while the Commission has made it a practice to interview board appointees, for this ADAMH vacancy there is no competition and they are fortunate Dr. Detty is willing to serve. Regarding the Coroner vacancy resolution, when Dr. Vajen's retirement becomes effective, there will be some time before the Commission meets again. The contingent resolution allows for a coroner to be in office at 12:01 a.m. on July 1st.

Mr. Levacy asked if the acting Coroner would be required to re-deputize his staff.

Mr. Horacek replied that he did not believe the staff would need to be deputized until Central Committee makes their appointment.

c. Administrative Approvals & Budget Update

Ms. Brown provided an additional administrative update.

Administrative approvals for the week were included the review packet. No questions were posed.

We conducted a tour of the jail on Monday, June 4th. Representatives of Wayne and Ashtabula Counties were very much interested in our project. They obtained ideas and lessons from our experiences. Thanks to Dennis Keller, Sgt. Hodder, Chief Lape, and others who joined in on the tour.

We received the hard copy of the National Association of Counties Achievement Award for 2018, and given there were many departments to participate in the effort to encourage environmental stewardship, we found it appropriate for this award to be a traveling award. It will begin at the Sheriff's Office and be displayed at the jail.

The June issue of the Ohio City/County Management Association newsletter included a reprint of the Revitalization News article. The newsletter is found at this link: <http://www.ocmaohio.org/CivicAlerts.aspx?CID=4>.

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The federal COPS grant application process is delayed due to litigation; we will monitor the opportunity in case it is helpful to the county. MCU already has a COPS grant and is aware of the delay at the federal level.

To follow up on the strategic plan theme of valuing employees and improving recruitment and retention of employees, there is a work group forming of Commission department heads and other leaders to develop recommendations for recruitment, financial and related incentives, wellness, and recognition approaches. That group will seek input and feedback prior to making recommendations. For now, if anyone has specific thoughts or suggestions, he or she can provide them to Ms. Brown, Mr. Porter, Mrs. Cordle, or any Commission department head.

As a preface to the meeting about a facilities update (focusing on Baldwin and Chestnut), we included in the review packet a rendering of what the Chestnut Records Center will look like in the future. This is a common question, which is why we included it in the review packet this early in the process.

d. BRAVOs

Thanks to Donna Fox-Moore, FCFACF Council Executive Director, for her skill in planning and organizing matters relating to approvals of contracts and agreements. She has been a wonderful addition to the FCFACF Council.

Thank you to the County Auditor for rolling out the electronic processes for payroll and pay-ins. Thank you to the work group members for their support and to the departmental staff who have adapted so well. For example, Christina Foster put in place a shared folder to make approvals fast and efficient. Also, thank you to HR and the County Auditor for the new process announced for personnel action forms.

Mr. Davis stated he stopped in the Auditor's Office last week for dog tags and received very good service. Additionally, he recently visited the title office regarding some passport issues and they were very helpful as well.

- Old Business (none)
- New Business (none)
- General Correspondence Received (none)
- Calendar Review/Invitations Received
 - a. Canal Camber Golf Out – August 17th
- FYI
 - a. The jail population is 335.
 - b. Regional Planning Commission Packet for June 5th
 - c. An update from the Ohio Attorney General regarding the Ohio START interim report will be in the review packet. Sobriety, Treatment, and Recovery Teams are off to a good start with the program, demonstrating the right direction in addressing the opioid epidemic and its specific effects on the child protective services program.
 - d. We received a notice from the Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit system about services.
 - e. We received the annual report of the County Engineer for 2017.

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- Issues Bin (none)
- Open Items (none)

Executive Session – Personnel

On the motion of Steve Davis and second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 9:22 a.m.

Discussion: Commissioner Levacy stated that the following people be included in the executive session: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Levacy, Commissioner Kiger, Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Joshua Horacek, Amy Brown-Thompson, Jeff Porter, Marc Fishel, and representatives from the Court of Common Pleas.

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

On the motion of Steve Davis and second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 10:04 a.m.

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

Review continued

The Commissioners met at 10:04 a.m. to continue review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Joshua Horacek, Amy Brown-Thompson, Marc Fishel, Judge Berens, Magistrate Boone and Jeff Porter.

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 beginning at 10:06 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Joshua Horacek, Amy Brown-Thompson, Jeff Porter, Todd McCullough, Jon Kochis, Ray Stemen, Loudan Klein, Lauren Strobe, Jeff Barren, Jim Bahnsen, Paul martin, Chief Lape, Rick Szabrak, David Miller, Josh Messerly, and Dennis Keller.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

Commissioner Davis asked if there were any announcements.

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

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

Mr. Ray Stemen of 2444 West Point Road in Lancaster spoke of his concerns about government infiltration.

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Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, May 29, 2018

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, May 29, 2018 Regular Meeting.

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

Approval of the Auditor's Office Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Auditor's Office resolution to approve the allocation of employer BWC premium paid in January 2018 as memo expenditures for various funds/orgs; see resolution 2018-06.05.a

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

Approval of the Commissioners Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Commissioners resolution to approve the appointment of Dr. Paul Detty to the ADAMH Board; see resolution 2018-06.05.b.

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

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Commissioners resolution to approve the Fairfield County Library Board Renewal Levy; see resolution 2018-06.05.c.

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

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Commissioners resolution approving the appointment of the Acting Coroner of Fairfield County; see resolution 2018-06.05.d.

Discussion: Mr. Davis stated this resolution was discussed at length in review and that it was contingent on Dr. Vajen retiring on June 30th.

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

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Commissioners resolution to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category for capital outlay for fund# 2050, Subfund# 2057 – SA Ditch Maintenance/Petition Ballard Lane – Fairfield County Commissioners; see resolution 2018-06.05.e.

Discussion: Ms. Brown stated this resolution was in anticipation of the project being funded by grant dollars with support from the ditch maintenance fund.

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

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On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Commissioners resolution declaring a fixed asset (flag pole and plaque) an obsolete asset and donating said fixed asset to the City of Lancaster; see resolution 2018-06.05.f.

Discussion: Mr. Martin thanked the Commissioner. The plaque will be put in the courtyard. Ms. Brown noted that Mr. Russell was very happy with the outcome as they were not able to relocate the flag pole and plaque to their new location. Mr. Levacy thought it was a good addition to the municipal court.

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

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Commissioners resolution approving the satisfaction of mortgage for Kristina L. Blevins – FY2012 Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP); see resolution 2018-06.05.g.

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

Approval of the Family, Adult, and Children First Council Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Family, Adult, and Children First Council resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Family, Adult, & Children First Council Fund 7521, General Pool; see resolution 2018-06.05.h.

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

Approval of the Human Resources Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Human Resources resolutions to approve a plan agreement with the County Commissioners Association of Ohio for inclusion the workers' compensation group retrospective rating plan program; see resolution 2018-06.05.i.

Discussion: Mr. Porter stated this resolution was for the 2019 agreement and that the county has had a good experience in the program.

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

Approval of the JFS Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following JFS resolutions:

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| 2018-06.05.j | A resolution regarding Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Community Teaching Homes, Inc., Child Protective Services Department [JFS] |
| 2018-06.05.k | A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to PA Fund #2018 org. 12201807. Fairfield County JFS. [JFS] |

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

Approval of the Law Library Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Law Library resolution to approve the Request for Proposals for Online Legal Research Services for the Fairfield County Law Library; see resolution 2018-06.05.1.

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

Approval of the Regional Planning Commission Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Regional Planning Commission resolutions:

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| 2018-06.05.m | A resolution to approve a Development Agreement for the Views at Pine Hills Section 1 [Regional Planning] [Regional Planning Commission] |
| 2018-06.05.n | A resolution to approve a Development Agreement for the Violet Meadows Section 5, Phase 1 Subdivision [Regional Planning] [Regional Planning Commission] |

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

Approval of the Sheriff's Office Resolutions

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

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| 2018-06.05.o | A resolution authorizing the donation of a vehicle to the village of Millersport [Sheriff] |
| 2018-06.05.p | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Sheriff's Office Fund 2442 Commissary [Sheriff] |
| 2018-06.05.q | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Sheriff's Office Fund 2711 Continuous Professional Training [Sheriff] |
| 2018-06.05.r | A resolution to submit a contract amendment for the current year Coshocton Fairfield Licking Perry Solid Waste District budget relating to the provision of litter control services by the Fairfield County Sheriff [Sheriff] |

Discussion: Chief Lape stated that while the vehicle was no longer able to be used for a deputy, Millersport would be able to fix it to be used for their Community Watch.

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

Mr. Stemen concluded his remarks regarding government infiltration.

Commissioner Davis stated at 10:20 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing.

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Public Hearing – Motor Vehicle License Fee

The Commissioners met at 6:00 p.m. to hold a Public Hearing regarding the requested increase to the Motor Vehicle License Fee. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Mary Beth Lane, Jeff Barron, Terry Dunlap, James Mako, Jeremiah Upp, Loudan Klein, David Poston, Gail Ellinger, Craig Getz, Don Keller, Rick Szabrak, and Paul Rhymer.

Mr. Davis opened the hearing and reviewed the hearing process.

Mr. Upp presented the attached presentation which included the background for this kind of funding; funding history; counties in Ohio who have already enacted the additional increase or have hearings scheduled; construction cost inflation; revenue sources; the proposed fees; where the money would go; road and bridges up keep; and photos of deteriorating roads and bridges throughout the county.

Mr. Davis asked if there were any comments in support of the proposed increase.

Mr. Terry Dunlap, representing Violet Township and the Fairfield County Township Trustees Association, of 7155 Basil Western Road in Canal Winchester, spoke in favor of the effort. The Violet Township Trustees voted unanimously to support this effort. He mentioned that townships are limited in how and where they can get funding. This will benefit townships, the county, and the TID. It is a fantastic move to support everyone in the county. The Fairfield County Ohio Township Association also voted unanimously to support the increase. This does not put the burden on property owners or businesses, but everyone who uses the roads. He does not believe \$5 is much. He encouraged the Commissioners to support the increase.

Craig Getz, Liberty Township trustee, also supports the additional funding. County roads are in bad shape, and the Engineer has done the best he can. They would like to see the projects spread out so the people in the township can see the fruits of their taxes.

Mr. Davis asked if there were any comments opposed to the proposed increase.

Gail Ellinger of 1500 Westfall Road, Hocking Township Trustee, spoke against the increase. She is not against more funding, but she has spoken to her constituents, and she feels this is an unfunded mandate for the people of Fairfield County. If revenue is going to be increased then the residents should have a say and be able to vote on it. She was not saying the county does not need the increase, but she does not think it should be passed in this manner. Her constituents are not in favor of any more fees. She feels there are other ways to go about this so that the people of Fairfield County have a say in it. She said not all thirteen townships had attendance at the meeting previously mentioned. She would like to see a levy in lieu of this increase.

Mr. Davis stated that the law as passed precluded putting this issue to a vote before residents.

Paul Rhymer of 5930 Westfall Road asked what is preventing doing another increase in a few years. He thinks the people should vote on the issue.

Mr. Davis asked if there were any additional comments.

Ms. Brown mentioned the entities who sent letters of support for the increase.

Mr. Dunlap added that this will not place an unfair burden on property owners; it will benefit everyone who uses the roads, and he thinks this is the fair way to go.

Mr. Davis asked if there were any additional comments.

With no additional comments, Mr. Davis closed the public hearing at 6:33 p.m.

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Review (continued)

The Commissioners met at 6:33 p.m. to continue review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Mary Beth Lane, Jeff Barron, Terry Dunlap, James Mako, Jeremiah Upp, Loudan Klein, David Poston, Gail Ellinger, Craig Getz, Don Keller, Rick Szabrak, and Paul Rhymer.

Ms. Brown mentioned that contracts with ADAMH (services by New Horizons) and SEPTA were in place relating to the Targeting Community Alternatives to Prison program, well ahead of the July 1st deadline.

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Dave Levacy and a second of Steve Davis the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 6:34 p.m.

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by:

Seconded by:

that the June 5, 2018, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on June 12, 2018



Steven A. Davis
Commissioner



Dave Levacy
Commissioner

Absent

Mike Kiger
Commissioner



Rachel A. Elsea, Clerk