

**Regular Meeting #27 - 2018**  
**Fairfield County Commissioners' Office**  
**June 26, 2018**

**Review**

The Commissioners met at 9:00 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, Mary Beth Lane, Tony Vogel, Todd McCullough, Aunie Cordle, Jeff Barron, Ray Stemen, Patrick O'Malia, Jeff Porter, Dennis Keller, Branden Meyer, Jim Bahnsen, Chief Lape, Lisa Notestone, David Miller, Jon Kochis, Joshua Horacek, David Burgei, and Jon Slater.

- Legal Update

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

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Announcements

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 24<sup>th</sup>. This will be at Alley Park and a regular Commissioners' meeting will follow, as usual.

- b. Highlights of Resolutions

We proposed a resolution to *reaffirm customer service as a core value of Fairfield County* and to recognize the Going the Extra Mile Participants through the end of May. We will recognize participants again later in the year. We will also recognize exceptional customer service at the employee recognition ceremony. Further, we are also reviewing ways to build upon the GEM program with ruby, emerald, and diamond levels of participation. There will be more information proposed about this by the end of the year as part of recruitment and retention efforts.

Juvenile Court proposed the approval of a *lease renewal* for Connexion West.

We proposed a resolution to consider a petition to *vacate a portion of public roads*, Cottonwood Court and Lakeview Boulevard, and to establish a viewing and hearing date.

RPC proposed approval of the final plat for *The Views at Pine Hill Phase 1* and the establishment of a ditch maintenance district.

Economic Development proposed the approval of the Revolving Loan Fund committee proposal to fund the *Titan Industries Plastics* project.

There were *financial resolutions* to approve, such as:

- A cash transfer from the Certificate of Title Fund (thank you to Branden Meyer);
- Draws for CDBG/CHIP and CDBG/Home programs;
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for the County Engineer (four resolutions), Juvenile Court, Common Pleas Court, Utilities (two resolutions), and the Sheriff (all non-general fund appropriations);
- Account to account transfers of appropriations for the Commissioners relating to payment of real estate taxes for right of way not yet exempted; for MCU relating to grant accounting; IT; and the Sheriff; and
- The payment of a PRC-related bill.

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c. Administrative Approvals & Budget Update

*Administrative approvals* for the week were included the review packet. Ms. Brown asked if there were questions, and none were posed.

Ms. Brown went on to describe the “*level 2*” *budget*. The preliminary projections show a \$5M increase expenditure projected by the Board of Elections for election equipment. SB 135 provides for reimbursement, although no reimbursement is specifically reflected in the estimated receipts now. We requested documentation from the Board of Elections as soon as they receive information. We have not received documentation yet. Ms. Brown scheduled a meeting to discuss this issue with Jane Hanley and Brett Riffle. The administrative meeting will be Wednesday, July 27, at 9:15 a.m.

For most departments, it appears as if general fund parameters have been generally followed with few exceptions. We will dig into details in the coming months. General fund departments have until September 5 with level 3 to present changes.

In continuing to monitor the sales tax revenues, a pay-in of \$1,847,291.80 was made last week. This is more than approximately \$100,000 of an increase over this month's pay-in in 2017 and brings us nearly flat for year-to-date comparisons. Currently, extrapolated sales tax revenues exceed \$21.5 M. We will continue to monitor sales tax and other revenue sources to determine if any adjustments are required. It is unlikely any formal adjustments will be needed, given the County Auditor's estimate for sales tax is \$19.5 M.

We reviewed an article about the *United States Supreme Court decision* relating to a state's ability to enforce sales tax for online purchases.

In addition, Ms. Brown will be attending the *Community Action board meeting* for Commissioner Kiger in July. She also reported that *Meals on Wheels* has requested an extension for their financial report for the year ending December 31, 2017, and such report is expected by August 31, 2018.

On July 10, we will have a presentation about the DACO parking lot improvements and the projects for the Baldwin and Chestnut Street buildings.

d. BRAVOs

Thank you to Kellie Ailes and the Community Action team for their work in planning for the repurposing of the Utica School.

Mr. Davis stated that Fairfield County Elected Officials have a high level of cooperation. He thanked Mr. Meyer for going above and beyond in his cooperation.

- Old Business (none)
- New Business (none)
- General Correspondence Received
  - a. Vacation Petition for Cottonwood Court and Lakeview Boulevard – Viewing and Hearing to be scheduled for July 31<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- Calendar Review/Invitations Received
  - a. TID Meeting – Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Engineer's Office
  - b. Bike Buckeye Lake Quarterly Meeting – Thursday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

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- c. Grand Opening - Changes Columbus Springs Pickerington Campus – Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- d. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mental Health Summit sponsored by the Chillicothe VAMC – Wednesday August 29<sup>th</sup> at the Ross County Service Center.
- FYI
  - a. The jail population is 297.
  - b. FEMA Notice re: DHS Floodplain Approval – James Mako will respond
  - c. USDA Dates to Remember from the Fairfield County Farm Service Agency
  - d. It was mentioned last week during the Reentry Coordinator's update that Community Action lost their grant funding for GED services. JFS provides these services as does Eastland-Fairfield Career Center. There is also an alternative path through work experience with the Pickaway Ross Vocational School. Ms. Cordle, JFS Director, can connect anyone interested in a GED with resources.
- Issues Bin (none)
- Open Items

Mr. Bahnsen reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee is hard at work. The fireworks are completely funded by donations, 60% of which come from the parking fees collected the day of the event.

Commissioner Davis stated at 9:14 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the 9:30 meeting with Jason Knox.

**Meeting with Jason Knox**

The Commissioners met at 9:29 a.m. for a meeting with Jason Knox, Field Director for Senator Portman. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jeff Porter, Ray Stemen, Todd McCullough, Tony Vogel, Jon Kochis, Jason Knox, Branden Meyer, Jeff Barron, Jim Bahnsen, and Dennis Keller.

Mr. Knox introduced himself as the new Central Ohio Field Director for Senator Portman. Mr. Knox replaced Steve White. Mr. Knox is reaching out to everyone in the area to let them know how the office can help them. He provided a brief update on the Senator's efforts to fight the opioid epidemic head-on and to work on workforce development issues.

Mr. Davis stated that he would give Mr. Knox Mr. Szabrak's contact information so that they could discuss the county's workforce needs in further detail.

Ms. Brown mentioned that the county has combined workforce and economic development and serves as the fiscal agent for the local WIOA. The county also is collaborating with local schools to issue work readiness certificates.

Mr. Levacy added that the opioid issue is greatly affecting workforce development. He applauded Senator Portman for his work in this area.

Mr. Knox agreed that the opioid epidemic has an effect throughout everything in the community. He added that Senator Portman was a key supporter of the omnibus bill passed in the spring that addressed this issue.

Mr. Levacy added that the first responders are doing a great job responding to the epidemic.

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Mr. Davis stated that while Governor Kasich has done a great job balancing the State's budget it has come at the expense of the local governments. The opioid epidemic expenses are becoming a burden for local governments. In Fairfield County, about 60% of inmates are related to the epidemic. There is pressure building that will eventually become insurmountable. In 2020 or 2021, most counties will be suffering greatly.

Mr. Knox replied that this is not unique to Fairfield County. While the unemployment rate is low, the rate of people out of the workforce (who have given up looking for work) is double that.

Mr. Davis stated that while there are little signs of the economy recovering, it really is not.

Mr. Knox replied that he has been hearing about the local government burden from others including CCAO. He will pass the concerns on to Senator Portman.

Mr. Levacy stated that the loss of the MCO Sales Tax hurt the county, but the recent supreme court decision about online sales should help.

Mr. Knox replied that Senator Portman supports leveling the playing field for all businesses.

Ms. Brown stated that the county recently held an economic development summit. She will send these statistics and the county's strategic plan to Mr. Knox.

Mr. Knox asked if there were any other issues of concern.

Mr. David replied he is concerned about the debt that is being passed on to his kids and further generations. He has a high level of frustration with continued federal spending.

Mr. Stemen stated he read that there was a letter from the Heritage Foundation regarding outdated programs and committees. He thinks the money that goes towards those programs and committees should be allocated to the drug epidemic. There is a bill that has been introduced to address that issue. He asked if the Senator had heard of that bill and how he felt about it. Mr. Knox indicated he was not certain about this specific bill but would check on the matter.

Ms. Brown asked for additional information on a compendium of best practices or evidence-based practices for grants and programs to address the opioid epidemic.

Mr. Knox asked if the local ADAMH board was part of other counties or by itself.

Ms. Brown replied that it was an agency in Fairfield County but not represented at the meeting today. She indicated we would be sure to share information we received about evidence-based practices.

Commissioner Davis stated at 9:57 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting.

### **Commissioners' Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 26, 2018 beginning at 10:01 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Jeff Porter, Chief Lape, Tony Vogel, Todd McCullough, Jon Kochis, Branden Meyer, Joshua Horacek, Jim Bahnsen, Jon Slater, Mark Conrad, David Miller, Lisa Notestone, Ray Stemen, Loudan Klein, and Jeff Barron.

### **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.

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There were no announcements.

**Public Comment**

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

Ray Stemen of 2444 West Point Road in Lancaster stated that the Ohio House would be considering HB228. He believes this is a lousy bill without the two proposed amendments attached to it.

**Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, June 19, 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, June 19, 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 approving an account to account transfer into a major expenditure object category – IT; see resolution 2018-06.26.a.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy and Steve Davis

Absent: Mike Kiger

**Approval of the Clerk of Courts - Legal Resolution**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Clerk of Courts – Legal resolution to approve to declare a surplus for the Clerk of Courts Title Fund #2326 and a fund to fund transfer from the Clerk of Courts Title Fund #2326 to the General Fund #1001; see resolution 2018-06.26.b.

Discussion: Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Meyer again for his extraordinary cooperation. Mr. Meyer replied he was glad to have the money in the Clerk of Courts Certificate of Title Fund to transfer.

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 following Commissioners resolutions:

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| 2018-06.26.c | A resolution authorizing the approval of a request for payment and status of funds report, drawdown for \$25,470 for FY2016 CDBG Funds Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners] |
| 2018-06.26.d | A resolution authorizing the approval of a request for payment and status of funds report–FY2016 Home Funds – Drawdown for \$14,026 [Commissioners]                                   |
| 2018-06.26.e | A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category – Fund# 1001 – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]                                |

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2018-06.26.f            A resolution acknowledging “customer service” as a core value and recognizing exemplary customer service in Fairfield County government. [Commissioners]

2018-06.26.g            A resolution to consider a petition to vacate a portion of public roads, Cottonwood Court and Lakeview Boulevard, and establish a viewing and hearing date. [Commissioners]

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

**Approval of the Common Pleas Resolution**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Common Pleas resolution to appropriate from unappropriated into major object expense categories for Fund #2689, subfund #8151 – 2018 ISP Grant – Fairfield County Common Pleas Probation; see resolution 2018-06.26.h.

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

**Approval of the Economic Development Resolution**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Economic Development resolution to approve the recommendation of the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Committee for a proposal to fund Titan Industrial Plastics, as an RLF EDA project; see resolution 2018-06.26.i.

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

**Approval of the Engineer's Office Resolutions**

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

2018-06.26.j            A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for tree cutting services [Engineer]

2018-06.26.k            A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for caterpillar excavator from state purchasing #800525 [Engineer]

2018-06.26.l            A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for Lancaster-Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce membership [Engineer]

2018-06.26.m            A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for culvert supplies and pipes [Engineer]

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

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**Approval of the Juvenile/Probate Court Resolutions**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Juvenile/Probate Court resolutions:

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| 2018-06.26.n | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category – Juvenile Court Fund #2630 Special Projects Fund [Juvenile/Probate Court] |
| 2018-06.26.o | A resolution to authorize a lease agreement with the Connexion West Inc. for the Fairfield County Juvenile Courts. [Juvenile/Probate Court]                       |

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 Resolution**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Regional Planning Commission resolution to approve The Views at Pine Hill Estates, Phase 1 Final Plat and Establishment of Drainage Maintenance District; see resolution 2018-06.26.p.

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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| 2018-06.26.q | A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer Fund 2394 CFLP Litter Enforcement [Sheriff]  |
| 2018-06.26.r | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Sheriff's Office Fund 2503 Police Revolving [Sheriff] |

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

**Approval of the Utilities Resolutions**

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

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| 2018-06.26.s | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Utilities Fund 5046 Water Admin [Utilities]               |
| 2018-06.26.t | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Utilities Fund 7814 Greenfield Township Water [Utilities] |

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

