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Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
June 30, 2015

Review

The Commissioners met at 9:19 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, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Dennis Keller, Ray Stemen, Carl Burnett, Jim Bahnsen, Jon Kochis, Jon Slater, Lisa Notestone, Ed Laramée, Chief Perrigo, Aunie Cordle, Jeff Porter, Branden Meyer, David Miller, and David Uhl.

- Legal Update

Mr. Dolin stated that the Supreme Court's decision on the fundamental right for individuals to marry who they wish would most likely impact the county's health insurance coverage for all married couples. He offered to be of help however needed.

Mr. Porter replied that he would be meeting with Franklin County next week to make sure Fairfield County is complying with all laws.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Highlights of Resolutions/Proclamations

Ms. Brown provided highlights of resolutions.

There was a resolution to approve an agreement with Virginia Homes relating to a pre-annexation agreement with the City of Pickerington. The agreement provided that the county will charge city rates for taps, whether higher or lower ultimately and reiterates the access needed for county utilities. This is for a one-time occurrence.

There was an agreement for grant funds from the Ohio EPA for the recycling program administered by Community Action.

The Major Crimes Unit proposed adjustments to the state grant budgets. EMA proposed the authorization of a GIS cost sharing plan in order to allow for their contributions to be consistent with their grant terms and conditions.

There were allocations proposed for the Airport, Engineer, GIS, and RPC for the second half of the year.

JFS proposed financial resolutions relating to their combined agency structure and reimbursements. Further, there was a transfer of appropriations from unanticipated emergencies for technology projects,

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such as for AIMS and temporary services for an information systems specialist to support the departments (especially the courts) with IT needs during a time of transition for the effort to develop the records center. There were appropriations from unappropriated to manage the AIMS project for scanners for which the costs were previously underestimated. There was an account to account transfer of appropriations to manage copier expense, too.

There was a resolution to approve repayment dates for three advances, with the date being December 15, 2015.

The Buckeye Lake Sewer Assessments for March 2015 – April 2015 were proposed.

Finally, there were the “then and now” bill list items proposed.

b. Administrative Approvals & Budget Update

The review packet contained a list of administrative approvals for the week. Ms. Brown asked if there were any questions, and there were none.

On June 25th, we provided the tax budget to the County Auditor. If there are questions, we are hoping for those questions to come well before the meeting with the Budget Commission. The Budget Commission set a meeting for the Commissioners on August 10th.

Mr. Slater mentioned that the budget was on the conference table in the Auditor's Office should anyone wish to view it.

c. Public Safety Facility and Financing Update

Ms. Brown reported that Granger press release was issued last week. A copy is in the review packet. The contact person with Granger at this point is Rob Train, rtrain@grangerconstruction.com

There is a bidders' meeting to be held on July 1 at the Agricultural Center.

At this point, there is one question regarding the placement of a fire hydrant that needs addressed prior to project approval. Mr. Davis believed this to be the final issue and appreciates everyone's work in resolving the issue.

d. Employee Recognition and Appreciation

This morning, the June 30th Employee Recognition event was held at Alley Park.

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On July 21 and August 7, there are Commissioners sponsored employee appreciation cookouts. We appreciate the work of Fairfield County employees who are serving, connecting, and protecting. Rachel Elsea sent out email notification and fliers.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Porter for his office's work.

Mr. Porter stated it could not have been done without the work of Julie, Jay, Katie, Kayla, and Theresa.

Mr. Davis stated he had already heard positive feedback from those in attendance.

Mr. Porter thanked the Commissioners for their support.

Mr. Levacy and Mr. Kiger also stated the event was great.

e. Customer Service Priority

Recently, the elected officials and department heads were surveyed about their opinions on the recognition of employees who demonstrate exceptional customer service. Of 31 respondents, 84% are interested in a departmental level recognition of customer service efforts; 89% report interest in a county-wide recognition.

We will send out email encouraging department level recognition, with some suggestions. We will announce during the October 8 leadership conference the approach for county-wide recognition, such as a proclamation from the Board of Commissioners. We will also consider ways to include the Going the Extra Mile (GEM) program in this recognition in the future. From IT, we will receive an update about GEM in August.

Mr. Davis suggested that since the county isn't always able to convey positive news it is good to work on conveying the negative news in a kind manner.

f. Energy Savings

Ms. Brown reported that at 11 months, we have experienced savings that exceed the annual estimate. The estimated annual savings was \$122,921.33, and the savings to date is \$134,439.51. We do get some push back in terms of the temperature being a little warmer than what people have experienced in the past, but there appears to be good acclimation to the temperatures.

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Mr. Slater stated he was interested in seeing a savings breakdown by department.

Mr. Keller replied that they may be able to do a building breakdown, but that he'd have to look into it. The expense is something that is centralized and not broken down by department.

Mr. Davis stated that would be appreciated if manageable.

g. Follow-up on the Baldwin Drive Property

We have a tentative closing date of July 28th. We are working with Brian Boltz for a title search and await some additional information from the seller regarding the Phase 1 study. If the tentative closing date needs to be later in time, that is okay. We are examining all contingencies and conducting an inspection, as expected.

h. BRAVO

Thanks to the HR Department for hosting the employee recognition event.

Thanks to the Commission Department Heads for integrating on multiple projects.

Mr. Kiger thanked Barbie for catering the employee recognition breakfast.

- Old Business

- a. State Budget/Buckeye Lake State Park Dam

The State Budget Bill as approved in conference committee included many program changes and financial items. For example, it generally:

- Includes \$12.8 million so that county election boards can upgrade to electronic pollbooks.
- Grants 5-percent annual pay raises for judges and for county and township elected officials, their first pay increases since 2008. (In term increases are not typically permitted.)
- Earmarks \$29 million for the Buckeye Lake dam-repair project. Also puts \$500,000 into a revolving loan fund for people living on lakes in distress.

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CCAO indicated they would be sending an update, and we will review it in detail. We expect that the reimbursement increase for indigent expense is included, but we will need to confirm that. The reimbursement is expected to be codified at 50%.

Mr. Levacy stated he had spoken with state legislators and expects a go forward plan for the Buckeye Lake State Park to be announced in the upcoming weeks. This plan should address the approach and water levels among other issues.

Ms. Cordle indicated that she will schedule a meeting with Ms. Brown to discuss the state budget's impact on JFS from a programmatic basis. They are not anticipating any additional funding.

Mr. Davis stated he looked forward to updates.

- New Business (none)
- General Correspondence Received (none)
- Calendar Review/Invitations Received
 - a. Retirement Reception for Municipal Clerk of Courts Sherry Eckman – Friday, July 31st from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - 1. Rachel Elsea will prepare a proclamation.
 - b. Taste of Fairfield County – Thursday, September 3rd from 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Home of Joy Farm.
 - 1. Commissioner Levacy will attend.
- FYI
 - a. Ohio Department of Youth Services Notice re: RECLAIM Ohio and Youth Service Grant amendment approval
 - b. Lancaster CAFR
 - c. Pickerington Senior Center July 2015 Newsletter
- Issues Bin
 - a. Sensory Trail & Park
 - b. Airport Board Vacancy

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- Open Issues

- a. Annexation for 3.284 +/- acres from Greenfield Township into Lancaster

This was received on June 29th and is being circulated among RPC, GIS, and the Engineer for review. We anticipate it to be on the voting agenda in the next month or so.

At 9:41 a.m. Commissioner Davis stated the Commission would be in recess until the Regular Meeting.

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, June 30, 2015 beginning at 10:05 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Jon Kochis, Carl Burnett, David Uhl, Jim Bahnsen, Ray Stemen, Chief Perrigo, Branden Meyer, Jon Slater, Ed Laramée, Jeff Porter, Aunie Cordle, Lisa Notestone, and David Miller.

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.

Ms. Elsea stated 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 about the Supreme Court's ruling on same sex marriage. Mr. Stemen indicated that this was the opinion of five attorneys. He agreed with Chief Justice Robert's opinion. The Court swung the opposite way of their DOMA ruling 5 years ago. He suggested everyone band together to stand for what this country stands for. He mentioned www.NALC.org which he indicated is a site that gives information on a group that is attempting to bring together all states to force Congress to impeach the current administration.

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Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, June 16, 2015

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, June 16, 2015 Regular Meeting.

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

Approval of the Commissioners' Office Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners' Office resolutions:

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| 2015-06.30.a | A resolution to enter into contract between the County and the Community Action Agency to administer the 2015 EPA Community Grant. [Commissioners] |
| 2015-06.30.b | A resolution authorizing the approval of an agreement between Virginia Homes, LTD and the Fairfield County Commissioners. [Commissioners] |
| 2015-06.30.c | A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category – Fund# 1001, General Fund [Commissioners] |
| 2015-06.30.d | A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer for the 2nd half 2015 Allocation for the Fairfield County Airport - Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners] |
| 2015-06.30.e | A resolution approving an account to account transfer into a major expense category, fund to fund transfer, and Appropriate from Unappropriated into a major expenditure category to General Fund# 1001 for IT and Records Management purposes and additional match to the LGIF/AIMS grant – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners] |
| 2015-06.30.f | 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 March 15, 2015 through April 15, 2015 [Commissioners] |
| 2015-06.30.g | A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer for the 2nd half 2015 |

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Allocation for Fairfield County Engineer [Commissioners]

- 2015-06.30.h A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer for the 2nd half 2015 Allocation for Fairfield County GIS - Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]
- 2015-06.30.i A resolution authorizing the approval to extend three (3) repayment dates for the advance of funds– Fund # 3011 FAA Commissioners' Office [Commissioners]
- 2015-06.30.j A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer for the 2nd half 2015 Allocation – Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission (RPC) Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Emergency Management Agency Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Emergency Management Agency resolution to authorize the policy for cost sharing of a GIS committee project; see resolution 2015-06.30.k.

Discussion: Mr. Kochis thanked the Auditor Office for their patience while dealing with the requirements of the EMA grant.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the JFS Resolutions

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

- 2015-06.30.l A resolution to amend the certificate, update receipt line item & request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts for PA Fund 2018. JFS [JFS]
- 2015-06.30.m A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2072 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]

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- 2015-06.30.n A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2015 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]
- 2015-06.30.o A resolution authorizing the approval to extend the repayment date for the advance of funds– Fund # 2812 14-Hope Grant, Job and Family Services [JFS]
- 2015-06.30.p A resolution approving an account to account transfer Fund 2812 HOPE Grant. [JFS]
- 2015-06.30.q A resolution to approve repayment of an advance made for Sub Fund 8057, a fund used to account for the Resource Center Grant, administered by JFS on behalf of Fairfield County [JFS]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Major Crimes Unit Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Major Crimes Unit resolutions:

- 2015-06.30.r A resolution complying with the 2014 DLEF Grant Award Agreement for the Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit [Prosecutor-Major Crimes Unit]
- 2015-06.30.s A resolution authorizing the adjustment in major expenditure object category appropriations and to align with approved OCJS budget adjustments. [Fairfield Hocking Major Crimes Unit – Fund 2765 DLEF Grant] [Prosecutor- Major Crimes Unit]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Payment of Bills Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Payment of Bills resolution to approve the payment of a vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders for all Departments that are approved by the Commissioners; see resolution 2015-06.30.t.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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Ms. Elsea announced that the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Review Continued

The Commissioners met at 10:08 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, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Jon Kochis, Carl Burnett, David Uhl, Jim Bahnsen, Ray Stemen, Chief Perrigo, Branden Meyer, Jon Slater, Ed Laramie, Jeff Porter, Aunie Cordle, Lisa Notestone, and David Miller.

Mr. Davis wished everyone a happy and safe 4th of July.

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Dave Levacy and a second of Mike Kiger the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:08 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, July 7, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by:

Seconded by:

that the June 30, 2015, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:

ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on July 7, 2015

NAYS: None



Steven A. Davis
Commissioner



Dave Levacy
Commissioner



Mike Kiger
Commissioner



Rachel A. Elsea, Clerk