

Regular Meeting #30 - 2017
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
July 11, 2017

Review

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger. Commissioner Steve Davis was absent. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Jon Kochis, Dennis Keller, Alma Kiger, Todd McCullough, Joshua Horacek, Branden Meyer, Rick Szabrak, Don Rector, Kristi Burre, Amy Brown-Thompson, Aunie Cordle, Bart Hampson, Dan Neeley, Spencer Remoquillo, Ray Stemen, and Darrin Monhollen.

- Legal Update

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

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Announcements

- The next roundtable meeting for elected officials and department heads is August 10th.
 - The leadership conference is Thursday, September 28th, at 8:30 am at FMC.
 - The Formal Building dedication for the jail is Friday, September 29th at 12 noon.

- b. Highlights of Resolutions

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

We proposed a resolution declaring the necessity to renew an existing levy with an increase outside of the ten-mill limitation for child and elderly adult protective services and requesting the Fairfield County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed levy. A meeting is scheduled following review and prior to the voting meeting to review the JFS report to the community.

The County Engineer proposed approval of drawing and advertising for a Rushcreek Bridge painting project.

The County Engineer proposed an amendment to a RUMA with ODOT relating to roads near the Buckeye Lake State Park.

There was a memo of understanding for the purchase of property for the Airport use. The Airport agreed to have \$20,000 of its standard allocation go toward repayment of the purchase. The property is to be used to help ensure safety and for potential storage or maintenance. Jon Kochis will report on behalf of the Airport Board. The actual purchase agreement will be available July 18th or soon after that.

There were financial resolutions proposed, such as:

- The Tax Budget for 2018, following the hearing of July 5 (notes are attached to the resolution);
- A cash advance for EMA, relating to grant funds;
- A grant agreement with ODRC for Common Pleas Court;
- Processing multiple BWC refunds;
- Appropriations from unappropriated for State Auditor expenses (connected with the 2016 audit); for Airport Board property (a one-time purchase); for Juvenile and Probate Court (grant funds); for FCFACF (grant funds and two resolutions); and for Meals on Wheels levy related operations (Meals on Wheels will be providing a budget update on July 25);
- The payment of the UHC payment (there were no other payments to approve).

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c. Administrative & Budget Update

Administrative Update

The review packet contained a list of administrative approvals for the week. Ms. Brown asked if there were questions, and none were posed. She highlighted the amendment to the electricity agreement, adding the new jail to the agreement.

Budget Update

County budget process: The budget hearings have been set for 2017 (for the 2018 budget). We proposed a tax budget to adopt before the deadline by ORC of July 20th. The next level access for 2018 changes is level 3, and the deadline for those changes is September 1. This September 1 deadline is the final time for the general fund departments to make changes with the data entry process.

Ms. Brown reported that yesterday, there was an administrative meeting to outline action steps relating to the anticipated unspent bonds for the Utilities Department access road project. ODOT has made some changes which omits the need for the access road at present. We will monitor future needs and prepare to restrict the yield of the issue for now.

She went on to state that yesterday, there was an additional administrative meeting about the cultural facilities project for the Reese Peters House for which there is a \$60,000 grant potential, with a \$30,000 county match. The county will be the grantee, and it was thought at one point in time that DACO would be the grantee. Carri Brown and Dennis Keller will follow up. There will be multiple steps to take to prepare for the grant.

State Budget: If the General Assembly overrides the MCO solution line item veto, we will then join the effort to promote the federal approval of the new waiver. We will report on details as more information is known.

d. Jail and Public Safety Facility Update

The most recent report on the jail population shows the population is 285. The project continues to be on time and on budget.

Last week, Ms. Brown approved the addition of the new jail to the contract for electricity, and this should be helpful in reducing the electricity rates. We will monitor the expenses, as we believe there could be increases in overall electricity expenses. Capacity has increased, for example.

Ms. Brown and Dennis Keller will be meeting the week of July 17 to review parking in the existing lot near the Administrative Courthouse and formerly used by the Sheriff. Additional signage is expected to help guide public traffic.

Dennis Keller reported that the demolition is in process for the jail on Wheeling Street. The east wall is still remaining; they still need to haul debris away and tear the slab out. After the demolition is finished, the contractor will begin on the parking lot.

Commissioner Levacy stated that he spoke with Licking County Commissioner Duane Flowers regarding their inmate population. They are out of capacity and are sending inmates to other facilities.

Ms. Brown stated that Licking County's capacity is about 280 inmates. Fairfield County now has the capacity to hold 384 inmates.

Commissioner Levacy stated that Licking County Commissioner Duane Flowers also said that the increase in inmates is due to the opioid problem. The opioid problem has also led to an increase in Child Protective Services cases.

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e. Roundtable – August 10

An email for agenda items has been sent to all elected officials and department heads. A draft agenda is a work in progress. For example, we expect updates relating to the US 33 Alliance and County On-Boarding and the Health Benefits Plan.

f. Bravo

Thank you to Staci Knisley for her work with the state of Ohio (DAS) in properly closing out the lease for the Sheriff Annex. Great Job!

- Old Business

Buckeye Lake State Park

Ms. Brown stated that the Board of Commissioners provided a letter to the ODNR Director to request Buckeye Lake State Park dam penetration. The letter was in the review packet.

Commissioner Levacy reported that he attended a planning meeting on Monday, July 10th. Senator Balderson said in his release that \$24 million is set aside for Phase 2 Construction. Senator Portman and Congressman Stivers have been helpful on a federal level with the Corps of Engineers. There was an update for the Economic Development Administration (EDA) federal government grant. Also in attendance at this meeting was Merv Bartholomew, he updated the group on the blue algae. Jerry Newton presented information regarding commercial drone use on a federal level. Perry County Commissioners were in attendance. During the meeting on July 10th, Fairfield County Engineer Jeremiah Upp presented the letter the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners signed asking Director Zehringer with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to allow dam penetration. Fairfield County Sheriff Lieutenant Marc Churchill updated the group on how the opioid problem and its effect on the increase in the number of inmates.

Commissioner Levacy added that if the dam penetration is allowed, it will resolve drainage issues, and the county will oversee the operations.

Ms. Brown stated that County Engineer Jeremiah Upp would be the county contact in working with ODNR on this matter.

- New Business

Property on Helena Drive

Ms. Brown reported that she will be meeting with Board of Developmental Disabilities Superintendent John Pekar this week regarding the Helena Drive property. This property could be explored for a business use.

STEM Summer Camp Presentations

Ms. Brown reported that the Board of Commissioners will present certificates to the attendees of the Summer Engineering & Technology Camp on Friday, July 14.

- General Correspondence Received (none)

- Invitations/Calendar

- a. Groundbreaking Ceremony for AHA! Children's Museum on Tuesday, July 18 from 11:00 a.m. to Noon – Location: 1708 River Valley Circle S., Lancaster

Commissioner Levacy & Commissioner Kiger will attend.

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- b. 9th Annual Virginia Leigh Pickering Ice Cream Social on Friday, August 4 from 11:00 am to 1:00 p.m. @ FairHope Pickering House – Location: 282 Sells Rd, Lancaster

Commissioner Levacy & Commissioner Kiger will attend.

- FYI

Ms. Brown reported that Fairfield County Commissioners plan to acquire the operations of the Greenfield Township Water and Sewer District. The District plans to dissolve as an entity, and the County will take over the full operations as part of the Fairfield County Utilities Department. The change will be seamless to the public. However, the acquisition will require an order of the Common Pleas Court and a formal agreement among the County Commissioners and the District. We will receive an update about legal issues soon.

We were approached by the District board members who indicated they desired to merge with the county. The county has been managing billing for the District for several years. Acquiring the District and managing the full, ongoing operations will help the county be more responsive overall.

Ms. Brown reported there is new posting for a water operator within the county to address the future sub-district and related needs. Mr. Rector added that they are ready for the challenge and hopes it streamlines things. Mr. Rector also reported that there is an additional job posting for a construction inspector. Right now they are pulling their maintenance and pump station workers to inspect construction projects. Ms. Brown reported the position is justified based on the increase in residential construction in the area.

- Issues Bin (none)

Meeting with Aunie Cordle, JFS Director

The Commissioners met at 9:30 a.m. for a JFS report to the community. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger. Commissioner Davis was absent. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Jon Kochis, Dennis Keller, Alma Kiger, Todd McCullough, Joshua Horacek, Branden Meyer, Rick Szabrak, Don Rector, Kristi Burre, Amy Brown-Thompson, Aunie Cordle, Bart Hampson, Dan Neeley, Spencer Remoquillo, Ray Stemen, and Darrin Monhollen.

Ms. Cordle and Ms. Burre provided an update on the JFS report to the community, as attached.

Ms. Brown complimented the JFS team on the report to the community. We wish to convey the importance of the child and elderly adult protective services levy, which provides critical funding for children and elderly who are physically and sexually abused, neglected, maltreated, and exploited. We are thankful to our community for their support of the levy because so many children and elderly need our help.

In addition, and as previously discussed, the opioid epidemic is a major challenge for our community and for multiple communities in our country. Today, 8 of 10 kids placed into protective services in Fairfield County have parental substance abuse. Drug positive newborns have increased 60% since 2015.

With protective services cases for the elderly, investigated reports of abuse, neglect, and exploitation have increased by 75% over the last three years, and 62% of all cases have substance abuse or mental illness as a contributing factor. In addition, family members comprise 85% of the perpetrators of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of the elderly.

Spending per person for protective services in Fairfield County is significantly lower than the state average, and costs continue to rise.

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Ms. Burre reported that the state has decided to place the responsibility for funding at the county level. Ohio, as a state, is 50th, last in the nation, in terms of providing financial support for protective services.

Commissioner Levacy stated that he appreciated all of the work accomplished at JFS.

Ms. Cordle stated that she has dedicated staff to help.

Meeting with Jon Kochis, Airport Board representative

The Commissioners met at 9:51 a.m. for an update on the intended use of the Columbus Road property, located at the Airport. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger. Commissioner Davis was absent. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Jon Kochis, Dennis Keller, Alma Kiger, Todd McCullough, Joshua Horacek, Branden Meyer, Rick Szabrak, Don Rector, Kristi Burre, Amy Brown-Thompson, Aunie Cordle, Bart Hampson, Dan Neeley, Spencer Remoquillo, Ray Stemen, and Darrin Monhollen.

Jon Kochis reported on the intended use of the Columbus Road property, relating to the memo of understanding to be proposed. Updating overall Airport property records and documents regarding the use of Airport Property is a work in progress. This is a coordinated effort with the County Prosecutor's Office.

Mr. Kochis indicated he appreciates the Commissioners' support. The Columbus Road property sets a security perimeter and is also a potential office space for aeronautical businesses. In the long term future, the Airport Board sees this property as a future maintenance equipment storage area. The Airport Board voted unanimously for the memorandum of understanding.

Commissioner Kiger stated at 9:55 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, July 11, 2017 beginning at 10:04 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger. Commissioner Steve Davis was absent. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Jon Kochis, Dennis Keller, Alma Kiger, Todd McCullough, Joshua Horacek, Branden Meyer, Rick Szabrak, Don Rector, Kristi Burre, Amy Brown-Thompson, Aunie Cordle, Bart Hampson, Dan Neeley, Spencer Remoquillo, Ray Stemen, Darrin Monhollen, and Jeremiah Upp.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

Commissioner Kiger asked if there were any announcements.

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

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

Fairfield County Engineer Jeremiah Upp reported that he attended the July 10th Buckeye Lake 2030 planning meeting. It was a very productive meeting regarding the economic rebound and planning of the area. He commented on the letter from the Board of Commissioners to the ODNR Director requesting an ability to penetrate the dam with county oversight.

Approval of Minutes for Thursday, July 6, 2017

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On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Thursday, July 6, 2017 Regular Meeting.

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

Approval of the Auditor's Office Resolutions

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

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| 2017-07.11.a | A resolution to approve a refund as a memo expenditure for fund #7428 |
| 2017-07.11.b | A resolution to approve a refund as a memo expenditure for fund #7428 |
| 2017-07.11.c | A resolution to approve a refund as a memo expenditure for fund #7428 |

Discussion: Ms. Brown reported that these resolutions relate to BWC refunds.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger
Absent: 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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| 2017-07.11.d | A resolution approving the adoption of Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2018 |
| 2017-07.11.e | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major category expense for contractual services, General Fund# 1001 – Fairfield County Commissioners |
| 2017-07.11.f | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major category expense for contractual services, General Fund# 1001 – Fairfield County Commissioners |
| 2017-07.11.g | A resolution declaring the necessity to renew an existing levy with an increase outside of the ten-mill limitation for child and elderly adult protective services and requesting the Fairfield County Auditor to certify the total current tax valuation of the County and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the proposed levy. |
| 2017-07.11.h | A resolution to approve the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding by and between the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners and the Fairfield County Airport Board |

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

Approval of the Commissioners/Meals on Wheels Resolution

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On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in major expenditure categories for Meals on Wheels/Older Adult Agency Fund# 2617; see resolution 2017-07.11.i.

Discussion: Ms. Brown reported that Meals on Wheels was to provide a budget presentation to the Board of Commissioners on July 25th.

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

Approval of the Common Pleas Court Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the resolution to authorizing the FY2018 Grant agreement with the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction and the Fairfield County Common Pleas Court; see resolution 2017-07.11.j.

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

Approval of the Economic Development & Workforce Development Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the resolution that authorizes the reimbursement of expenses incurred by the Board of County Commissioners Economic Development Department, the administrative and fiscal agent for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Area 20/21 for administering the program as a memo expenditure for fund# 7831 Workforce Innovation OPP Act 20/21; see resolution 2017-07.11.k.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger
Absent: 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 resolution to authorizing the advance from the general fund to the EMA Fund# 2707, Emergency Management Performance Grant FY2017; see resolution 2017-07.11.l.

Discussion: Mr. Kochis stated that the resolution aligns the budget with the most recent information about an EMA grant.

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

Approval of the Engineer's Office Resolutions

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

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| 2017-07.11.m | A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the RUS-10, FAI-CR49-0.418 Marietta Road over Rush Creek Bridge Painting Project. [Engineer] |
| 2017-07.11.n | A Resolution to Approve the Construction Drawings for the RUS-10, FAI-CR49-0.418 Marietta Road over Rush Creek Bridge Painting Project. |
| 2017-07.11.o | A resolution to approve a Road Use, Repair, and Maintenance Agreement |

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between Fairfield County, Walnut Township, and the Ohio Department of
Natural Resources.

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

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

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Family, Adult, and Children First Council resolutions:

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| 2017-07.11.p | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Family, Adult & Children First Council Fund 7521, General Pool |
| 2017-07.11.q | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Family, Adult & Children First Council Fund 7521, Help Me Grow |

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

Approval of the Juvenile/Probate Court Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Juvenile/Probate Court resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category; see resolution 2017-07.11.r

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

Approval of Payment of Bills Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the authorization for payment to United Health Care for purposes of the Fairfield County Health Benefits Plan – Fairfield County Board of Commissioners; see resolution 2017-07.11.s

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

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 10:11 a.m.

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

The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.

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Motion by:

Seconded by:

that the July 11, 2017, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

*Approved on July 18, 2017

Abstained
~~*Absent*~~

Steven A. Davis
Commissioner

[Signature]

Dave Levacy
Commissioner

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Mike Kiger
Commissioner

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Staci A. Knisley, Acting Clerk