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Attending virtually: Arika Farrer, Belinda Nebbergall, Lori Hawk, Jeff Barron, Shelby Hunt, Josh Horacek, Sara Madenwald, Ashley Arter, Jeanie Wears, Rick Szabrak, Greg Forquer, Tiffany Wilson, Lynette Barnhart, Brian Wolfe, Tony Vogel, Jim Bahnsen, Park, Becky, and Andy Boystel.

Welcome

Commissioner Davis opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance.

Public Comment

Scott Barr of Amanda Township spoke about being an educator and a second generation resident of Amanda Township. He also spoke about the Washington Township article by Jeff Stein. Mr. Barr stated that he believed the article contained several pieces of misinformation, including political slant and ideological discussion.

Melissa Hoover Conner of Pleasantville stated that Walnut Township Trustees had a hearing the previous week and, in her approximation, 98% of the attendees were opposed to solar projects on farmland. She stated that she did not feel solar projects are a political issue but rather an issue of food production in the United States.

Ray Stemen of Lancaster stated he believes it is vital that we pass Issue 1 in August and spoke about the principles behind the proposed amendment to the Ohio Constitution.

Judy Stemen of Lancaster stated that she continues to see information regarding COVID-19 and the COVID-19 vaccine. Ms. Stemen provided a handout that is available in the minutes packet.

Stephanie Taylor of Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio spoke about the groundbreaking of the next home building at 325 E. 6th Ave., on August 2, 2023.

Legal Update

Commissioner Davis spoke about the Commissions' abilities under Senate Bill 52 regarding solar fields. He added that the Commission is awaiting a legal analysis and that the result will influence their conduct. The Commissioner stated that the Commission has included an environmental engineer for guidance and that they felt it would be prudent to get an independent opinion. He stated that people may think the Commission is not listening, paying attention, or doing anything, but they have been learning, listening, and asking questions. The Commissioner stated that he would not go through the content of the Washington Post article but would say that his decision to save money at his personal residence has nothing to do with his opinion on industrial solar.

County Administration Update

- The County Administration Update was provided by Deputy County Administrator, Jeff Porter, unless otherwise indicated.

Week in Review

American Rescue Plan Update

From the \$30,606,902.00 received as the first and second tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$28.6M has been appropriated, \$14.6M expended, \$5.1M encumbered or obligated. The second ARP quarterly report has been filed.

State of the County

Lancaster Fairfield Chamber of Commerce is now accepting registrations for the 2023 State of the County Address. Registration is \$25 and includes lunch. The event will be at the Wigwam Event Center in Pickerington on August 22nd.

2023 Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement Grant

Over \$2.4 million in grants from Governor DeWine's Recovery Ohio Law Enforcement Fund will be awarded among 32 existing drug task forces to help them identify high-level drug traffickers, dismantle large drug trafficking organizations, interrupt the flow of money and drugs from international cartels, and prevent the sale of illegal narcotics to those suffering from substance use disorder. The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office will receive \$201,526.10.

August 8, 2023, Special Election

On August 8th, Ohio voters will have a chance to vote on Issue 1 – Elevating the Standards to Qualify for an Initiated Constitutional Amendment and to Pass any Constitutional Amendment. The 2023 Statewide Issue Report includes official ballot language, explanations, and arguments for and against; and can be viewed on Secretary of State's website at VoteOhio.gov.

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

Resolution Review

There are 13 resolutions on the agenda for the voting meeting. Resolutions of note:

- A resolution authorizing three proclamations for Child Support Awareness Month (August), International Overdose Awareness Day (August 31st), and National Wellness Month (August).
- A resolution to approve the appropriation of funds to upgrade the 911 Radio Recorder.
- A resolution authorizing the repayment of an advance from Common Pleas to the General Fund (Fund 2689 to Fund 1001).

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• A resolution to authorize the creation of a four-way stop at the intersection of Basil-Western Rd. and Pickerington Rd.

County Engineer, Jeremiah Upp, stated that the four-way stop is the third to be added in the area and that the intersection's accidents qualify it for funding by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

- A resolution authorizing the County Engineer's Office to purchase a Ford F550 truck with a Stellar TMAX1-11 aluminum service body.
- A resolution amending resolution 2023-07.18.d and allowing for the addition of a prohibition of ByteDance (TikTok) to the USDA lease at the Ag Center.

Budget Review

• Budget Director, Bart Hampson, provided updated sales tax data. The spreadsheet and chart are available in the minutes packet.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- Provided by the Clerk to the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen
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Correspondence

- Correspondence received by the Commissioners' Office was provided as follows by Ms. Menningen
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<u>Old Business</u>

None

New Business

Commissioner Davis spoke about the Palmer Energy budget estimate from AEP for 2024 and stated that several County buildings are supplied by South Central Power. He added that the Commissioners and their staff will continue to examine the rising demand for energy and its associated costs.

County Treasurer James Bahnsen stated his office is in the process of collecting property taxes for the second half of the year.

Mr. Upp spoke about his crews working on storm debris and the excellent job they are doing. He also thanked Mr. Hampson for his financial assistance with the draining maintenance district.

EMA and Facilities Director, Jon Kochis, spoke about the Administrative Courthouse and JFS building leaks, and the Liberty Center sign damage, all caused by the storm. He added that a concert was safely evacuated due to the storm.

Auditor's Office's Public Information Officer, Rachel Elsea, stated that the Auditor's memo containing various information, is in the review packet.

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Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

There were no additional announcements.

Approval of Minutes for July 18, 2023

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, July 18, 2023, meeting.

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

Approval of Roundtable Minutes for July 18, 2023

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Roundtable Minutes for the Tuesday, July 18, 2023, meeting.

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Board of Commissioners

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Board of Commissioners:

2023-07.25.a A resolution authorizing the approval of proclamations.

Patrick Welsh, Jim Nietz, Kathy Hyme, and Sandy Bryan, from Job and Family Services, accepted the proclamation to support Child Support Awareness Month.

Toni Ashton from ADAMH accepted the proclamation for Overdose Awareness Day on August 31, 2023. Ms. Ashton stated there were fifty-eight overdose deaths in Fairfield County last year and that acknowledging the effects of overdose on the families, and those in recovery, helps with the healing process.

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2023-07.25.b A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category the 911 Wireless Fund #2683.

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas:

2023-07.25.c A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to the General Fund – Fund #8271 – 2021 ISP Grant – Fairfield County Common Pleas Probation.

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer:

- 2023-07.25.d A resolution to create a 4-way STOP at the intersection of Basil-Western Road (CR13) and Pickerington Road CR20).
- 2023-07.25.e A resolution to purchase a 2023 Ford F550 truck.

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Facilities

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from Fairfield County Facilities:

2023-07.25.f A resolution amending supporting documentation and adding FAR clause 52.204-27 Prohibition on a ByteDance Covered Application (June 2023) for 2023-07.18.d; authorizing the approval of lease amendment no. 8 with the United States of America/Government for Office Space at 831 College Avenue, Suites A & B.

Mr. Kochis stated that the USDA failed to include the attachment and that it was the only change from the original resolution.

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

Approval of Resolutions from Fairfield County Job and Family Services

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2023-07.25.g	A Resolution to approve a memo exp./memo receipt for the cost of Birth Certificates paid to Fairfield County Health Department as a memo expenditure for fund #2072 Public Children's Services.
23-07.25.h	A resolution to approve a subgrant agreement between Fairfield County Job and Family Services, Public Children Services Agency and Child Support Enforcement Agency departments, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid.
2023-07.25.i	A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2599 reimbursing Fund 2018.
2023-07.25.j	A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Sub Fund 8056 reimbursing Fund 2018.

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Juvenile Probate Court

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Juvenile Probate Court:

2023-07.25.k A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund #2036 Department of Youth Services (reclaim) Fund Administrator Cordle stated that the resolution allows her to complete the closing process.

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff:

2023-07.25.1	A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major
	expenditure object category for Sheriff's Office Fund
	2027, Weights

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

Approval of the Payment of Bills

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution for the Payment of Bills:

2023-07.25.m	A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for
	departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows: Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Dave Levacy, and Steve Davis Regular Meeting #31 - 2023 – July 25, 2023

<u>Adjournment</u>

Commissioner Davis spoke about the Lancaster Festival and upcoming festivals and fairs throughout the county. He stated that it was great to see young people excited at the Andy Grammer concert.

Commissioner Levacy spoke about the Lancaster Festival being a great community event.

Commissioner Fix stated that he is excited about exploring the opportunity to partner with the City of Lancaster on tackling the issue of affordable housing.

With no further business, on the motion of Jeff Fix and a second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 9:50 a.m.

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 1, 2023.

Motion by: Jeff Fix Seconded by: Dave Levacy that the July 25, 2023, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Jeff Fix, Dave Levacy, and Steve Davis ABSTENTIONS: None

NAYS: None

*Approved on August 1, 2023

Steven Davis Commissioner Dave Levacy Commissioner Jeff Fix Commissioner

Rochelle Menningen, Clerk



AGENDA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioners: Steven A. Davis Jeffrey M. Fix David L. Levacy

Tuesday, July 25, 2023 9:00 a.m.

County Administrator Aundrea N. Cordle

Deputy County Administrator Jeffrey D. Porter

> Clerk Rochelle Menningen

1. Review

Purpose of Review Meeting: *To prepare for formal actions of county business, such as Commission resolutions, and to provide a time for county leadership to connect about matters of county business.*

- 2. Welcome
- 3. Public Comment
- 4. Legal Update

5. County Administration Update

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- b. Highlights of Resolutions
- c. Budget Review
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- 6. Old Business
- 7. New Business
- 8. Regular (Voting) Meeting
- 9. Adjourn
- 10. Commission Connection Video, 10:30 a.m.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY ITEMS FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE JULY 17, 2023 TO July 23, 2023

Fairfield County Commissioners

- AA.07.17-2023.d An Administrative Approval to sign and approve the Notice of Loss of the Right to Real Property Tax Exemption form. [Commissioners]
- AA.07.18-2023.a An Administrative Approval for the payment(s) of the United Health Care (UHC) invoice for the Fairfield County Self-Funded Health Benefits Program – Fairfield County Board of Commissioners [Commissioners]
- AA.07.20-2023.a An Administrative Approval for the payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval and have bills presented that are not more than \$50,000 per invoice. [Commissioners]
- AA.07.21-2023.a An administrative approval approving the electric service agreement by and between Fairfield County and Dynegy Energy Services East, LLC. [Commissioners]

Fairfield County Facilities

AA.07.20-2023.c Administrative Approval for the purchase of an exterior sign for the new Visitation Center at 407 E. Main St. [Facilities]

Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council

AA.07.17-2023.a Administrator Approval of an amendment to a service agreement between the Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital and Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council. [Family, Adult and Children First Council]

Fairfield County Job and Family Services

AA.07.20-2023.b An Administrative Approval regarding a service agreement between Geneva Hills Group, Inc and Job and Family Services, Child Protective Services Department [JFS]

Fairfield County Sheriff

AA.07.21-2023.b An Administrative Approval authorizing the contract between the Fairfield County Sheriff and The Chillicothe Telephone Company (Horizon) [Sheriff]

South Central Major Crimes Unit

- AA.07.17-2023.b An Administrative Approval for the Major Crimes Unit-Project FORT and Integrated Services 2023 COSSAP Grant Contract [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]
- AA.07.17-2023.c An Administrative Approval for the Major Crimes Unit-Project FORT and Lighthouse Behavioral Health 2023 COSSAP Grant Contract [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]

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Public Health				
R15a	Public Health, PPE	199.90	199.90	0.00
R16a	Public Health, Medical Expenses	206,838.33	206,838.33	0.00
R16b	Public Health, COVID Medial Costs County Benefits Program	399,949.66	399,949.66	0.00
R17a	Public Health, Vaccination Clinic and Related Expenses	74,679.67	66,362.57	0.00
R17b	Public Health, Capital Investments and Public Facilities of the County	3,329,360.24	2,471,378.65	844,040.13
R17c	Public Health, Capital Investment for Air Quality Improvements	56,674.00	56,674.00	0.00
R17d	Public Health, Capital Investment for Health Equipment, Mobile Morgue	49,498.87	49,498.87	0.00
R17e	Public Health, Capital Investment for Sheriff Cruiser to Respond to Increased Violence	60,565.00	54,250.98	0.00
R18a	Professional Communications on Behalf of the Board of Health	34,577.94	34,577.94	0.00
R18b	Public Health, Creation of a Community Health Assessment (CHA)	48,943.10	48,943.10	0.00
R19a	Public Safety Payroll Support	1,655,582.09	1,255,479.14	0.00
R19b	Public Health Payroll Support	204,392.13	185,406.39	18,985.74
R19c	Other Public Sector Payroll Support	302,778.33	176,302.51	0.00
R110a	Mental and Behavioral Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Public Health		6,424,039.26	5,005,862.04	863,025.87
Negative Economic Impacts				
R210a	Emergency Assistance for Non- Profit Organizations, a Subgrant to the City of Lancaster	0.00	0.00	0.00
R210b	Emergency Assistance for Non- Profits, Subgrant The Lighthouse	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00
R210c	Salvation Army	500,000.00	500,000.00	0.00
R210d	Habitat for Humanity	610,000.00	0.00	0.00

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R210e	ADAMH/LSS Housing Projects			
		3,000,000.00	0.00	0.00
R211a	Subgrant for Tourism, Support for			
	the Fairfield County Fair	499,996.00	499,996.00	0.00
R211b	Aid to Tourism, Travel, Hospitality	23,630.61	18,278.01	0.00
R29a	Emergency Assistance Business Planning	160,178.00	146,829.87	13,348.13
R213a	Support for Agriculture and the Growing Community	45,000.00	35,000.00	10,000.00
R213b	Technical Assistance for Townships & Others	400,000.00	161,854.84	87,423.16
R213c	Contracts for Services to Support Residents Suffering Effects of the Pandemic	102,000.00	71,240.00	25,460.00
Subtotal Negative Economic Impacts		5,460,804.61	1,553,198.72	136,231.29
R310a	Housing Support, Affordable Housing Strategic Plan	39,554.00	39,554.00	0.00
Subtotal Services Disproportionately Impacted Communities		39,554.00	39,554.00	0.00
Premium Pay				
R41a	Premium Pay, Premium Pay for Emergency Management Agency Workers	27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
Subtotal Premium Pay		27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
Infrastructure				
R52a	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Airport	598,480.00	33,190.54	456,050.00
R52b	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Walnut Creek Sewer District	750,000.00	0.00	750,000.00
R56a	Clean Water, Stormwater	539,895.00	539,895.00	0.00
R511a	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Grant Hampton	1,038,515.50	800,318.61	143,786.39

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R511b	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Airport	102,000.00	0.00	38,950.00
R511c	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Greenfield	1,900,000.00	0.00	0.00
R511d	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Baltimore	613,000.00	0.00	613,000.00
R511e	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Pleasantville	659,000.00	0.00	659,000.00
R516a	Broadband, "Last Mile" Projects	500,000.00	0.00	0.00
R517a	Broadband, Other Projects	49,900.00	18,365.46	27,286.72
Subtotal Infrastructure		6,750,790.50	1,391,769.61	2,688,073.11
Revenue Loss				
R61a	SaaS and Technological Equipment	370,646.50	230,825.32	139,821.18
R61b	Recorder Document Scanning	400,000.00	337,984.72	62,015.28
R61c	Clerk of Courts Case Management	375,000.00	274,278.60	100,721.40
R61d	MARCS Tower Project	520,000.00	141,552.50	378,447.50
R61e	Dispatch Consoles	560,000.00	543,820.85	16,179.15
R61f	Fairfield Center Purchase	2,708,752.85	2,708,752.85	0.00
R61g	Fairfield Center Renovation	3,692,375.73	1,845,610.59	576,254.55
R61h	Community School Attendance Program	501,137.00	68,976.75	7,039.93
R61i	Workforce Center Expansion	0.00	0.00	0.00
R61j	Smart Growth	200,000.00	93,187.80	106,812.20
R61k	United Way and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00

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Project/Category		As of 7/20/23 Appropriations	As of 7/20/23 Expenditure	As of 7/20/23 Obligation
R61I	Auditor Historical Records Scanning	20,000.00	0.00	11,157.40
R61m	Engineer's Radios	80,000.00	0.00	0.00
Revenue Loss		9,452,912.08	6,269,989.98	1,398,448.59
Administration				
R71a	Administrative Expenses	412,415.82	268,222.20	0.00
Subtotal Administration		412,415.82	268,222.20	0.00
Grand Total		\$28,568,423.99	\$14,556,504.27	\$5,085,778.86

2023 RecoveryOhio Law Enforcement Grants

RECOVERY

Task Force	Grant Amount	Counties Served
Allen County Sheriff's Office	\$38,313.66	Allen
Amberley Village	\$250,674.52	Hamilton
Ashtabula County Sheriff's Office	\$88,831.90	Ashtabula
Butler County Sheriff's Office	\$7,500.00	Butler
City of Bedford	\$108,975.00	Cuyahoga
Clermont County Sheriff's Office	\$193,542.06	Clermont
Cleveland Division of Police	\$48,029.98	Cuyahoga
Columbiana County Sheriff's Office	\$39,925.40	Columbiana
Defiance County Sheriff's Office	\$7,500.00	Defiance
Fairfield County Sheriff's Office	\$201,526.10	Fairfield
Greater Warren County Drug Task Force	\$115,299.52	Warren
Lake County Narcotics Agency	\$67,500.00	Lake
Lawrence County Prosecutor's Office	\$44,762.94	Lawrence
Licking County Sheriff's Office	\$65,500.00	Licking
Lorain County Sheriff's Office	\$90,399.90	Lorain
Mahoning County Sheriff's Office	\$7,500.00	Mahoning
Mansfield Police Department	\$192,608.66	Richland
Medina County Drug Task Force	\$47,450.38	Medina
MEDWAY Drug Enforcement Agency	\$139,534.79	Wayne
Montgomery County Sheriff's Office	\$7,500.00	Montgomery
Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office	\$139,236.83	Ottawa
Portage County Sheriff's Office	\$36,615.15	Portage
Portsmouth Police Department	\$7,500.00	Scioto
Ross County Sheriff's Office	\$61,435.21	Ross
Sandusky County Drug Task Force	\$39,192.40	Sandusky
Springfield Township Police Department	\$7,500.00	Hamilton
Stark County Sheriff's Office	\$7,500.00	Stark
Summit County Sheriff's Office	\$120,106.50	Summit
Tuscarawas County Sheriff/LEAD Drug Task Force	\$93,047.79	Tuscarawas
Union County Sheriff's Office	\$27,500.00	Union
Washington County Sheriff's Office	\$16,500.00	Washington
Westshore Enforcement Bureau	\$94,213.74	Cuyahoga



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FLYERS PIZZA & SUBS OPENS TENTH CENTRAL OHIO LOCATION

JULY 19, 2023, DUBLIN, OH - Flyers Pizza & Subs proudly announces the opening of its tenth location in Central Ohio at 8220 Refugee Road, Pickerington, Ohio, 43147. To celebrate, the store will welcome guests on Tuesday, July 25, at 11:30 a.m., for a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Members of Flyers Pizza & Subs' leadership team will attend, along with community leaders.

"We have had our eyes on the Pickerington market for several years. The location makes perfect sense for Flyers in relation to our other stores, filling the gap between Groveport and Blacklick," said Doug May, Flyers Co-President. "More importantly, the population growth in Eastern Central Ohio and Pickerington's excellent business environment made the decision to expand to Pickerington an easy one."

Kim Barlag, President and CEO of the Pickerington Area Chamber, added, "The Pickerington Area Chamber welcomes Flyers Pizza & Subs to our thriving business community. We are excited that the company selected Pickerington as its newest location to grow its business. Pickerington loves pizza!"

Opening a tenth location marks an important milestone for the company. "After nearly 50 years in business, the opening of our tenth store is a significant moment for us. The entire Flyers team looks forward to continuing the legacy my father, Wayne Ulrey, started when he purchased the first store in West Jefferson in 1976," commented Scott Ulrey, also Flyers Plzza Co-President.

Flyers invited the Pickerington Food Pantry to serve as its benefiting charity for the opening, and will donate the proceeds of a customer round-up campaign which will begin July 25, 2023, and conclude August 31, 2023. Flyers will also offer a 50/50 raffle to benefit the pantry, with tickets available for purchase at the Pickerington location's cash register.

The newly built store offers a pick-up window, delivery service and outdoor patio seating. Hours of operation are 11 am to 9 pm Sunday through Wednesday, 11 am to 10 pm Thursday, and 11 am to 11 pm Friday. Customers can order online (www.flyerspizza.com), on the Flyers app, and via phone 614-494-0444.

The store management team includes Jamie Kraft, a 14-year veteran of Flyers, Josh Bush, Natasha Harding, and Winfield Hegeman.

ABOUT FLYERS PIZZA: Flyers Pizza was founded in 1976 by Wayne Ulrey after acquiring Tonni's Pizza in West Jefferson, Ohio. Flyers remained a family-operated business until 2016, when it became a 100% employee-owned company, offering qualifying employees an Employee Stock Ownership Plan (ESOP). The Ulrey family remains actively involved with the company in various roles, proudly serving high-quality products, including family-recipe pizza sauce and Italian sausage, Ezzo Company pepperoni, Wisconsin Cheese, Sanfillipo Produce, and Brakebush poultry. The company is dedicated to the communities it serves, supporting local schools, the Mid-Ohio Food Bank and Autism Speaks, to name a few.

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Join the Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce and Fairfield County officials for the annual State of the County address.

Hear from Commissioners Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy as they present updates on Fairfield County.

When: Tuesday, Aug. 22, 11:30 a.m.

Where: Wigwam Event Center 10190 Blacklick-Eastern Road, Pickerington

All Registrations: \$25

Registration closes Tuesday, Aug. 15 at 4 p.m.

Register Here

Questions? Contact the Chamber of Commerce at 740-653-8251



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NEWS RELEASE

For Immediate Release

United Way of Fairfield County Announce New CEO

LANCASTER, Ohio (July 19, 2023) - United Way of Fairfield County is excited to announce that Christine Simmons will be starting as the new CEO on July 31st, 2023.

As the Business Account Specialist at Fairfield Federal Savings and Loan, Christine has spent the last 26 years developing strong ties in our community and has dedicated herself to helping others, including but not limited to many of the United Way partners throughout Fairfield County.

"Christine is someone who cares about the local community. She has shown years of dedication to the United Way and is a wonderful addition. I'm looking forward to working with her to help drive funding to aide those in the most need throughout our county." Said Keith Kumler, President, United Way Board of Trustees.

"Assuming the role of CEO of United Way of Fairfield County is a deeply personal journey for me," said Simmons, "as I have experienced firsthand the impactful transformations this organization can bring to lives, and I am thrilled to contribute to its mission from this influential position."

A Lancaster High School graduate with a BA from Ohio University, Christine serves on the Pickerington Chamber Board of Trustees, is a founding member of the Rivet Society, is a former President of the United Way's Board of Trustees, volunteers for numerous non-profits throughout the community. In her spare time, she enjoys shopping, spending quality time with my family and friends, and indulging in the joy of listening to music.

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Emily Cordle, Campaign and Event Coordinator United Way of Fairfield County P.O. Box 2299 Lancaster, OH 43130 740.653.0643 (Office) www.uwayfairfieldco.org

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Community Care & Campaign Kick-off will be held on September 13th, at 7:45am. This year it will take place at Ohio University-Lancaster Gymnasium. We hope to see you there!



SCAN HERE TO VOLUNTEER TODAY TO:







Fairfield County Commissioner's office Honorable Steven A. Davis 210 E. Main St. Lancaster, OH 43130

July 19, 2023

Dear Commissioner Davis:

For the upcoming August 8, 2023 Special Election, Ohio voters will have the chance to vote on a statewide ballot issue:

 Issue 1 – Elevating the Standards to Qualify for an Initiated Constitutional Amendment and to Pass any Constitutional Amendment

As Secretary of State and Chairman of the Ohio Ballot Board, I want to ensure information about this important issue is available and accessible to all Ohio voters and am seeking your help in this endeavor.

The **2023 Statewide Issue Report**, which includes the official ballot language, explanation, arguments for and against, and the full text of the statewide issue. The Report is also now posted prominently on my office's website at VoteOhio.gov. The website is also a resource for information on your three voting options and election security.

I encourage you to direct interested voters to this webpage and, if possible, to include a link to the 2023 Statewide Issue Report on your own website. For your convenience, we have created an Issues Report Widget (available at OhioSoS.gov/SpreadTheWord) to use on your website.

Simply copy and paste the code to create a custom button that will stand out to Ohio voters who may be visiting your website now through the election. We also encourage you to share the State Issues Information link through social media.

If we can provide additional information or assistance, please contact us at 877.767.6446 or info@OhioSoS.gov.

Thank you for all you do to promote civic involvement and an informed electorate.

Yours in service,

Ohio Secretary of State





County Auditor Carri L. Brown, PhD, MBA, CGFM carri.brown@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Wednesday, July 19, 2023

County Auditor's Office Participates in Statewide Parcel Project

Lancaster, Ohio – The Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program is a statewide parcel project that is a comprehensive effort to collect and standardize geospatial parcel and basic assessment data from all 88 counties in Ohio. The objective of this data collection is to create a single, standardized statewide dataset using authoritative data maintained by each county. The resulting dataset will be made available to county and state stakeholders, and the data is of particular interest to realtors, surveyors, and GIS professionals.

Over the past few months, the project leadership team, which includes Dave Burgei, Fairfield County REA Director, has dedicated significant efforts to the planning phase of this project. This involved stakeholder outreach, schema design, and engaging with county software vendors. The team conducted research and outreach to identify common data extracts utilized by Ohio counties.

Dr. Carri L. Brown, Fairfield County Auditor, stated, "Fairfield County is now transmitting our data for the project, and we look forward to the group's continued progress."

Land parcel data in digital form allows for easier access and use of the data. The statewide project will allow parcel data from different jurisdictions provide integrated and consistent maps of larger regions.

For questions contact the County Auditor's Real Estate Office at (740) 652-7030.

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Est. 2024 Electric Budget

2024 Total Estimated Usage	2024 Total Estimated	2024 Total Estimated	2024 Total Estimated	2024 Total Estimated Unit
(kWh)	Generation Costs	Distribution Costs	Electricity Costs (kWh)	Costs (kWh)
8,011,000	\$472,000	\$540,000	\$1,012,000	\$0.126

<u>Notes:</u>	
All costs are based upon historic acc	count information from previous County RFP's, current and past suppliers, and available utility data.
Actual usage and demand will vary l	based upon several factors including but not limited to weather, facility operations, energy management & efficiency efforts, etc.
Estimated usage includes approximation	ate load added and/or deleted during the current contract term.
Est. Generation costs are based upo	on current contract rate(s) and include est. capacity costs for capacity pass-through agreements
Capacity costs are estimated using k	known PLCs and auction results as of 02/28/2023. Costs will vary based on final auction results and future PLC values.
For contracts expiring during calend	lar year 2024, future generation costs are estimated based upon recent RFP results for various counties and current market conditions.
Contracts set to renew in 2024 may	see higher generation costs due to increases in the wholesale electric market.
Updated budget projections can be	provided once a renewal agreement is executed to better estimate these future costs.
Est. Distribution costs are based upo	on utility tariff rates as of 06/27/2023 for each rate code.
Utility tariff rates and riders are upc	lated periodically and can vary substantially, therefore actual distribution costs will vary.
Est. Distribution costs are based upo	on historic and/or estimated demand.
All values are rounded as they are e	stimated.

From County Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown:

As part of our "Making Numbers Count" effort, please see the attached memo for the review packet. Here are highlights:

- From a broad perspective, the top three categories of revenue county-wide are property taxes, operating grants, and sales tax in that order. Charges for services round out the top revenue sources.
- The ratio of bonded debt to the estimated true value of the county is .30% as of December 31, 2022, which is the same ratio as of December 31, 2014, prior to the issuance of the jail debt. Relatively speaking, the county has a low amount of debt.
- As announced at the roundtable, Bev Hoskinson will join us in August.

Finally, we received nice notes of thanks from Athens, Darke, and Brown counties this week for our help with policy, just in case the Commissioners happen to touch base with others in those counties.

To:	Fairfield County Commissioners & Staff
From:	Dr. Carri Brown, County Auditor
Date:	July 20, 2023
Subjects:	Revenues by Source – Governmental Activities; Legal Debt Margin & Ratio of Bonded Debt
-	to the County's Estimated True Value; and New Financial Systems Director

Revenues by Source - Governmental Activities

For 2022, the top three revenue sources of county-wide *governmental activities* were, in order of significance:

- property taxes,
- operating grants, and
- sales taxes,

Charges for services are also significant resources from a broad perspective. Here, these direct charges to citizens include real estate transfer fees; property tax collection fees; judicial fines, forfeitures, and settlements; and licenses and permits.



Legal Debt Margin & Ratio of Bonded Debt to the County's Estimated True Value

State statutes limit the amount of total debt. The County's total legal debt margin is \$114,211,779 for 2022 and it was \$110,524,461 for 2021. **This legal debt margin is the additional amount of debt the County could issue.** The debt margin increased \$3,687,318 from 2021 to 2022 due to an increase in overall assessed property values (which is a statutory variable in calculating the legal debt margin) and the reduction of debt.

The ratio of bonded debt to the estimated true value of the county is .30% as of December 31, 2022, which is the same ratio as of December 31, 2014, prior to the issuance of the jail debt. This is a relatively low ratio as compared to counties of similar size in Ohio and as evaluated within our own county over time. Over the past ten years, the ratio has ranged from .30% to .61%.

New Financial Systems Director

A graduate of Southeastern Business College and The Ohio State University Certified Public Manager program with the John Glenn School of Public Administration, **Bev Hoskinson will join us on August 21**, **2023**, **as the new Financial Systems Director.** She most recently served as the CFO for Ohio's Public Utilities Commission. She has 28+ years of leadership experience with local government, and she is returning to where she began her career – in Fairfield County. Bev is a skilled accountant with experience in preparing financial reports, conducting GAAP conversions, setting up enterprise resource management ₀₂₉ systems, and communicating effectively with executives. We are excited to welcome her back.



GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP ZONING

4663 CARROLL CEMETERY RD

CARROLL, OH 43112

LEGAL NOTICE TO ADJACENT LANDOWNERS

July 19, 2023

The Greenfield Township Zoning Commission, Fairfield County, Ohio, gives Notice that a Public Hearing is scheduled for July 25, 2023 at 6:00 PM. The hearing will take place at the Greenfield township fire department at 3245 Havensport Rd., Carroll, Ohio 43112. The purpose of the scheduled hearing is to receive public comment regarding the Zoning Amendment Application to change the classification of the following property:

OWNER: Michael Frankenhauser

PROPERTY ADDRESS: O Dolson Ct

TAX PARCEL #: 0130094200

Current Zoning Classification: R-3 Residential

Proposed Zoning Classification: Industrial

A copy of the Application is on file and will be available for inspection 10 days prior to the Hearing upon request to the Greenfield Township Zoning Inspector, 4663 Carroll Cemetery Road, Carroll, Ohio 43112. After the conclusion of the Hearing, the matter will be submitted to the Greenfield Township Trustees for Public Hearing.

July 18th, 2023

Walnut Township Zoning Commission 11420 Millersport Rd. N.E. Millersport, Ohio 43046

Re: Regulation of Solar Projects 50 MW and Greater

Dear Walnut Township Zoning Commission:

EDF Renewables ("EDF") is providing this letter to you to help inform you about the regulation of solar projects 50 megawatts ("MW") and greater, such as the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project. As you may know, the Eastern Cottontail Project is a 220 MW solar project being developed by Eastern Cottontail Solar LLC ("Eastern Cottontail"), a subsidiary of EDF, in Walnut Township in Fairfield County, OH.

While development projects in general must comply with various federal, state, and local regulations, Ohio law explicitly preempts local regulation of the construction and operation of major utility facilities, which are subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of a state agency known as the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). Specifically, an electric generating plant with a capacity of 50 MW or more, including a solar facility, falls under the sole jurisdiction of the OPSB. The citation for the law that preempts local regulation is Ohio Revised Code 4906.13(B).

The OPSB's sole jurisdiction over major utility facilities like the Eastern Cottontail Project was not changed by Substitute Senate Bill 52 ("SB 52") which took effect on October 11, 2021. SB 52 revised the OPSB approval process in that county boards of commissioners can now restrict the development of such a project in all or part of an unincorporated area of the county even before a project application is submitted to the OPSB or presented to the county.^{1,2} In addition, once a solar project with a capacity of over 50 MW more is presented to the county, the county also has the ability to prohibit the development of the project or reduce its footprint.³ SB 52, however, did not change the fact that Ohio law preempts a township or a county's ability to regulate a solar project with a capacity of 50 MW or more.

Furthermore, certain solar projects, like the Eastern Cottontail Project, which are still under development, are exempted from SB 52. Specifically, a 50 MW or more solar project is grandfathered under SB 52, if (1) it is in the transmission grid operator's (PJM Interconnection LLC) new service queue at the time that the application is deemed complete by the OPSB, and (2) as of the effective date of the law (October 11, 2021) the applicant has (a) received a completed system impact study from PJM Interconnection LLC and (b) the applicant has paid the facilities study fee to PJM.⁴ An exempt project is not subject to a county's decision to

¹ R.C. 4906.01(B)(1), (G).

² R.C. 303.58.

³ R.C. 303.62(A).

⁴ Sub. S.B. No. 52, Section 4(A)(1)-(2).

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above, Walnut Township will have an additional voice when the OPSB votes on the Project application through the Township's ad hoc representative.

We hope the above information is helpful to you as you consider whether and how to zone solar projects in the Township. We continue to remain more than willing to meet with the Township to discuss the Project and answer any questions you may have on the OPSB's role in the process. Further, we will continue to remain actively involved throughout the community to continue sharing factual education on solar, providing requisite project updates, and developing relationships with residents throughout Walnut Township and Fairfield County.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly, any member of our Project Team, or stop by our local office at any time for additional information or with any questions.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Lucania

Nicholas Lucania Senior Project Developer EDF Renewables

cc: Fairfield County Commissioners Davis, Fix, and Levacy Fairfield County Prosecutor Kyle Witt Walnut Township Trustees Horn, Leith, and Yates Gentlemen:

We are soybean and corn fields in this county whose farmers voted today July 12.

Our farmers tell us they saw a big solar panel or two at the government complex on West Fair Avenue. To hear that was like hearing a death notice, because it means the county leaders like planting those big panels and we will never grow again in our fields.

Our farmers tell us they don't dislike solar panels. Not panels on roofs or vacant land or former industrial sites.

They weep for panels that take away cropland forever, turn neighbors against neighbors and are difficult to remove. There is a good reason this county was named for its fair fields, and taking crops from those fields takes away sources of food that are sorely needed everywhere.

Our farmers tell us they weep that "fields" of solar panels are called a "utility" and therefore are not under zoning jurisdiction. We don't see any lines from our grain fields to towering power lines nearby.

We decided it is time to speak up.

But, will anybody listen? Sincerely,

Your Soybean and Corn Fields.

& a farm land taxpayer.

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July 20, 2023 Fairfield County, Ohio Fairfield County Commissioners Commissioner Steve Davis <u>steve.davis@fairfieldcountyohio.gov</u>

Subject: Eastern Cottontail Solar, Fairfield County, Ohio

Dear Commissioner Davis,

As a land owner of Fairfield County, I am writing to convey my support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project and I encourage you, as a Commissioner of Fairfield County to support this Project and to provide a letter of support to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB).

My father inherited a 100 acre farm located in Fairfield County/Walnut Township when he was just a boy. After serving in the Air Force during the Korean War, he married my mom, and moved to the farm. The farm needed major renovations. My mom and dad worked hard on our farm while making many friends throughout the community. This is where I grew up and have so many wonderful memories with my best friends and family. When my husband and I had children we visited the farm often, and now our 3 adult children have the same love for the farm that I do.

I share this brief personal story because our land means so much to our family, and I have a strong desire to keep the farm in my family. When the opportunity to sign a lease for renewable energy came along I felt blessed because I knew we could pass along my farm to my children and to their children. I'm also proud that my farm will be providing clean energy to our region, Ohio, and the United States.

I also recognize that not everyone in the community has this opportunitiy and some land owners may choose to sell their land to build homes, warehouses, manufactuing facilities or they may choose not to sell or lease their land. I believe all landowners have the right to do what they wish with their land, and do what's best for their families. For me, I happy the solar panels on my farm may supply the energy for those new homes, warehouses, and manufactuing facilities that are popping up across the region.

My father would spend hours in his later years on the porch enjoying the peacefulness of his farm. I know when we sit on the porch in the future instead of seeing soy or corn, we will see solar panels, but also enjoy the peacefullness of our farm. My dad would be very happy knowing we've kept the family farm while supplying fellow Americans with clean energy.

I respectfully request that you support the development, construction, and operation of Eastern Cottontail Solar, to provide clean, reliable energy in Fairfield County, Ohio.

Sincerely, Cheryla, Satusko

Cheryl & Greg Tatusko 6275 Meriden Court Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110 <u>cheryl.tatusko@gmail.com</u>

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Thursday, July 13, 2023

Commissioner Steve Davis 210 E. Main Street #301 Lancaster, OH 43130

Dear Commissioner Davis,

On July 3, Governor DeWine signed the Biennium State Budget for 2024 and 2025. Included in this budget were several provisions to support Ohio's residents as they age. One such initiative is the creation of Healthy Aging Grants, which provide one-time funds intended to foster improved quality of life for seniors so they can remain in their homes and connected to their communities. The Ohio Department of Aging will distribute these grant funds to county commissioners over the next few months. Fairfield County is expected to receive \$359,409.12 to support these efforts.

As a partner in facilitating home and community-based services for older adults in our community, COAAA is committed to ensuring that the Healthy Aging Grants are utilized to support sustainability in Central Ohio's aging network. As the number of older adult residents continues to rise, it is vital that these Healthy Aging Grants are used to support as many residents as possible going forward. In the spirit of collaboration, we recommend working with our focal point agency in your county, Meals on Wheels of Fairfield County, for support and guidance on how best to utilize this funding. We have worked closely with these community leaders over the past few months to advocate for the inclusion of these grants in the State Budget. Meals on Wheels Executive Director, Anna Tobin, has expressed interest in discussing how these grants can be transformational for Fairfield County. She can be reached at (740) 681-5050 ext. 116 or by email at atobin@mowfc.org.

Thank you for your leadership and partnership in supporting older adults in your community. We look forward to continuing our collaboration in ensuring older adults have the necessary services and support to remain in their homes and communities.

Sincerely,

Katie White Administrator, Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging

CC: Anna Tobin, Meals on Wheels of Fairfield County Executive Director

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Wands & Wizards Weekend Returns to Fairfield County



LANCASTER, Ohio (July 20, 2023) - A special event is brewing in Fairfield County. Ohio! Wands & Wizards Weekend in Lancaster and Beyond returns August 10th, 11th, and 12th. This magical weekend takes place across several communities in Fairfield County including Lancaster, Pickerington, Lithopolis, Carroll, and Baltimore. Businesses and organizations in these areas will host fun, family-friendly events that will make you feel as though you've stepped into another world. Visit local restaurants to sample potions fresh from the cauldron, enjoy scavenger hunts to find fantastical creatures, or enroll in a class to create your own wand or magic orb. The possibilities during Wands & Wizards Weekend are endless!

Start your wicked fun adventure on Thursday, August 10th by visiting the Fairfield County visitor center at 158 W. Wheeling Street in downtown Lancaster. The *Visit Fairfield County* staff have prepared a special map for wandering wizards to make the most of this enchanted weekend! Or enhance your experience by purchasing a VIP (*Very Important Professor*) package online that can be picked up at the visitor center and includes food and beverage vouchers, terrifically tasty treats, a VIP wristband, a special goodie bag,
and more. Other packages are available and include a Friday overnight stay, or a Saturday day trip that comes with a custom Gay Fad Studios phoenix glass, a magical plant workshop at STUMP, and a Wands & Wizards t-shirt.

Events and wizardly specials will be taking place all three days, but be sure to make time to visit the Fairfield County District Library in Lancaster. This seemingly ordinary library will transform into something straight out of the Harry Potter series! Fans of this legendary wizard will delight in a sorting ceremony, treats from Honeydukes, photo opportunities, trivia, and more. The library will also host Magician Rusty Ammerman, magical creatures courtesy of Ohio Nature Education, and Miami Valley Falconry.

Wizard Faire is a brand new event happening this year during Wands & Wizards Weekend. On Friday, August 11, visit Victory Park in Pickerington for a free, renaissanceinspired festival for all ages. There will be games, crafts, food trucks, and vendors selling *spell-tacular* wares. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair to enjoy live entertainment happening on the stage, or travel around the park to spot wandering musicians, a magician, and costumed characters.

The fun doesn't stop there, though! *Destination Downtown Lancaster* will host its monthly Saturday Cinema with a special showing of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. Also on Saturday, a Potions & Pubs Bar Crawl will take place at many of the local bars and restaurants. Participants will sample potions and receive a complementary, custom shot glass designed by Gay Fad Studios. Other businesses are joining in with their own unique activities and specials, so be sure to follow Wands & Wizards Weekend on Facebook for the latest updates! There's so much for witches and wizards of all ages to enjoy right in downtown Lancaster!

For those seeking a thrill, the castle-like Wagnalls Memorial Library in Lithopolis is hosting a ball on Saturday, August 12. From 12-2 p.m., enjoy a family-friendly scavenger hunt to solve the case of the missing headmaster. It's up to you to use your magical sleuthing skills to solve the mystery! There will be costumed actors, crafts, magical bingo, photo ops, and buttery beverages at this fantastic event. And as with all Wands & Wizards events, costumes are encouraged!

With so many events to choose from, you may need to take an occasional break at one of the local coffee shops or bakeries offering sweet, wizard-themed treats and buttery beverages– like Carroll Cup Coffee House, Sorso Coffee, and Juniper & Ivy to name a few. Or enroll in a class to create a wand, a magical orb, or your very own cauldron. Wizardly workshops are around every corner during Wands & Wizards Weekend, as well as scavenger hunts. Whether you're finding dragons at Hartland Farm, creatures and cryptids at Lancaster Camp Ground, or magical creatures and fairy houses in Pickerington, there's something for everyone to discover.

Most events are free for all to enjoy, but some may be ticketed or have limited capacity. Be sure to check with the participating businesses to verify details regarding their event or special; you can also go to *VisitFairfieldCounty.org/Wands-And-Wizards* to learn more or find other whimsical and mystical events. And don't forget to download the free *Visit Fairfield County* app on iOS and Android to check out the Wands & Wizards Weekend tour– making it easier than ever to find magical events happening near you!







Staff at the Fairfield County District Library during Wands & Wizards Weekend.

Wizard Faire participants at Victory Park in Pickerington.

A Wands & Wizards Weekend t-shirt, tote bag, magnet, and glasses - available with getaway packages.

For additional information, please call Visit Fairfield County at 740-654-5929.

To learn more about *Visit Fairfield County*, visit <u>VisitFairfieldCounty.org</u>, or follow the organization on Facebook: <u>www.facebook.com/VisitFairfieldCountyOhio</u>.

Visit Fairfield County: The Fairfield County Visitors and Convention Bureau is a non-profit destination marketing organization that promotes places to visit and things to do in Fairfield County to visitors and residents alike. The information center is located at 158 W. Wheeling Street in Lancaster, Ohio.

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Welcome to the July 2023 Imagine Newsletter



Imagine

Bringing about a vibrant community where people lead fulfilling lives and make meaningful contributions

July in Lancaster is my favorite month. It starts off with the July 4th festivities and goes all the way to the Lancaster Festival finale. We come together to learn, listen, support, and have fun while everyone's unique abilities are celebrated. What a great time to be a part of our vibrant community!



The support of our community, as we move our mission forward, makes Fairfield County an

exceptional place to call home. During the month of June, Fairfield DD was honored to be chosen as part of the Buckeye Family of Dealerships and Buckeye Toyota Cares sponsorship. The donation we received, in the form of a percentage of each car sold in June, allows us to continue supporting people and families as we move our mission forward. We greatly appreciate their support!

I encourage you to take some time this month to be part of the events and activities happening in Fairfield County. We each make a valuable contribution to our community when we are engaged and participate in the many experiences and opportunities offered!

It's going to be a great July!

Vibrant Community Connection

Life's Adventure's

A bucket list is a list of things that a person hopes to have or accomplish during their lifetime. It allows us to reflect on what matters most to us, our personal values, and identify important life milestones and experiences that we want to have. This summer, Michaelangelo (Mic) started checking things off his list.

Mic is highly motivated and enjoys being busy. For the past two years, he has worked at Fairfield Union Schools as a member of the maintenance and grounds crew doing a variety of jobs around the buildings throughout the district. Mic loves his job and takes pride in working at his alma mater.

Earlier this year, during a conversation with his Individual Support Coordinator, Mic made plans to begin to cross items off his bucket list this summer. The first thing he wanted to cross off was flying on a commercial airplane. Mic made a 7/25/2023 step-by-step plan and saved money from working to plan a vacation to Florida. Mic included his mom in the planning, and they scheduled time to visit friends and other tourist destinations. While in Florida, Mic visited the beach, bought himself a souvenir, went on a dolphin tour, and ate some really good food.

Mic recently obtained a second job at a local restaurant near his home. He was there dining and received an offer of employment as a result of his conversation. He's already thinking of ticking off the next items on his bucket list.



A picture of the beach Mic visited in Florida and a selfie of Mic while on vacation.

Reading Really Matters

Fairfield DD staff were honored to raise funds to support 14 children to receive free books of their very own, at no cost to the parent/caregiver through <u>Dolly</u> <u>Parton's Imagination Library.</u> Thanks to United Way of Fairfield County, local sponsors and partners, and Dolly Parton for keeping this program thriving in Fairfield County!



Community Partnership Corner







Art & Clay/Square 7 at the Lancaster Farmer's Market

Saturdays, during the summer. in Downtown Lancaster include the Farmer's Market. Art & Clay/ Square 7 Coffee House offers to-go coffee and makes clay impressions. Stop by the Lancaster Farmer's Market Saturdays from 8:30 am to noon.

United Way Day of Action

Fairfield DD is proud to have participated in the United Way of Fairfield County's Day of Action events in both Lancaster and Pickerington. Many in attendance and enjoyed all the available activities and community resources.

Partnering for a Vibrant Community

Fairfield DD is honored to partner with the Lancaster Festival to provide additional parking for the concerts at OUL Wendel Concert Stage, and community members were participation during the Art Walk through Art & Clay on Main, Square 7 Coffee House.

Growth and Dedication

At Fairfield DD, we remain committed to our core reason for existing: To build a community that recognizes the value of every person. As an organization, we have to continue to evolve to meet new challenges and demands. Fairfield DD is proud to announce Cindy Hillberry has been appointed as Assistant Superintendent at Fairfield DD. As assistant superintendent, Cindy will be responsible for the areas of Human Resources, Forest Rose School, and Early Intervention. Her experience and knowledge in these areas will serve our organization and those we support well!

Fairfield DD works everyday to be a good steward of funds. The assistant superintendent position was budgeted for, and this change will result in the elimination of the Director of HR position with no new positions created.

Cindy is a Lancaster native and a graduate of Lancaster High School. She has a bachelor's and master's degree from Ohio University. She also holds superintendent certification with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. She has been married to Thom for 33 years and is a mom of 2 sons. Jon and Josh. She believes in the mission of Fairfield DD and is committed to continue moving it forward in our community!



Read more about Cindy's career with Fairfield DD.

Fairfield DD Feature Department

At Fairfield DD, each department works together to further our mission. The fiscal department organizes and manages the finances and monetary tasks within the agency so that staff can work to coordinate services for those we serve throughout the community. This team works closely with the Fairfield County Auditor and is responsible for financial reporting to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and the Ohio



Department of Education. These reports are crucial to ensure we receive federal and state funds. Beth Seifert, CFO, leads Fairfield DD through the budget process, where she projects income and expenditures looking forward 10 years based on the local levy cycle and funds anticipated. This guarantees that Fairfield DD can offer all services needed throughout the year and be a responsible steward of taxpayer money.

Meet Our Board

We are fortunate and thankful to have Board members that support the mission of Fairfield DD. Board President, Sharon Scruggs, said that she "loves that we have a mission that challenges our community to provide equality for those we serve, where we do not see what a person cannot do, but just the opposite, as we work together building a vibrant community where people lead fulfilling lives and make meaningful contributions."

Sharon enjoys being a member of the Fairfield DD Board and appreciates the commitment and unity of the team



of leadership and board. Together they accomplish much through compassion, commitment, and fun!

Upcoming Events



Festival Fair Day

Join the Lancaster Festival for fresh air and family fun at the Fairfield County Fairgrounds on Saturday, July 22, from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

There will be music, pop-up entertainment, animals, creative activities, food trucks, and the ever-popular Operator for a Day provided by Company Wrench.

Click to learn more



Fairfield County Parks Howl at the Moon Hike

Bring your furry best friends and walk with us! Meet Fairfield County Parks Department at Smeck Park, in front of the log-framed house, for the two-mile loop trail.

Meet outdoors at Rising Park, with other kids ages 6 through 10, to learn ways to help keep their "cool"

Funding is provided by the United Way of Fairfield

7:30 pm -9:00 pm

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Summer Cool Down Spot

Learn and play to stay calm.

emotionally this summer.



11:30 am -12:30 pm

Click to learn more

County.



Music in the Park

Rhythm-N-You Presents Music in the Park Olivedale Shelter House Dancing through the Decades (1960's - 2000's) Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the music!

10:30 am -11:30 am

Click to learn more





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2007-2026 YOY Total Sales Tax



REGULAR MEETING #31 - 2023 FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE JULY 25, 2023

AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2023

9:00 AM Review

Regular Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Announcements

Approval of Review and Regular Minutes for July 18, 2023

Approval of Roundtable Minutes for July 18, 2023

Commissioners

- 2023-07.25.a A resolution authorizing the approval of proclamations. [Commissioners]
- 2023-07.25.b A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category the 911 Wireless Fund# 2683. [Commissioners]

Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas

2023-07.25.c A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to the General Fund – Fund #8271 – 2021 ISP Grant – Fairfield County Common Pleas Probation [Common Pleas Court]

Fairfield County Engineer

- 2023-07.25.d A resolution to create a 4-way STOP at the intersection of Basil-Western Road (CR13) and Pickerington Road (CR20). [Engineer]
- 2023-07.25.e A resolution to purchase a 2023 Ford F550 truck. [Engineer]

Fairfield County Facilities

2023-07.25.f A resolution amending supporting documentation and adding FAR clause 52.204-27 Prohibition on a ByteDance Covered Application (June 2023) for 2023-07.18.d; authorizing the approval of lease amendment no. 8 with the United States of America/Government for Office Space at 831 College Avenue, Suites A & B. [Facilities]

Fairfield County Job and Family Services

2023-07.25.g A Resolution to approve a memo exp./memo receipt for the cost of Birth Certificates paid to Fairfield County Health Department as a memo expenditure for fund #2072 Public Children's Services. [JFS]

- 2023-07.25.h A resolution to approve a subgrant agreement between Fairfield County Job and Family Services, Public Children Services Agency and Child Support Enforcement Agency departments, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid. [JFS]
- 2023-07.25.i A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2599 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]
- 2023-07.25.j A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Sub Fund 8056 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]

Fairfield County Juvenile Probate Court

2023-07.25.k A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund #2036 Department of Youth Services (reclaim) Fund [Juvenile/Probate Court]

Fairfield County Sheriff

2023-07.25.1 A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category for Sheriff's Office Fund 2027, Weights [Sheriff]

Payment of Bills

2023-07.25.m A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval [Commissioners]

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

Adjourn

Commission Connection Video, 10:30 a.m.

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room at 210 E. Main St., Lancaster. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order, and the following Commissioners were present: Dave Levacy and Steve Davis. Also present: Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, Bart Hampson, Corey Clark, Dan Neeley, Jon Kochis, Rick Szabrak, Steven Darnell, Dr. Carri Brown, Lisa McKenzie, James Bahnsen, Jeremiah Upp, Heather O'Keefe, Francis Martin, Barb Martin, Lisa Thomas, Sherry Pymer, Seth Pymer, Earl Cole, George Bennett, Melissa Hoover Conner, Judy Stemen, Ray Stemen, Josephine Price, and Clarence Price.

Attending virtually: Tony Howard, Jim Bahnsen, Greg Forquer, Tony Vogel, Lori Hawk, Toni Ashton, Deb, Shelby Hunt, Sara Madenwald, EM, Andy Boystel, Jessica Murphy, Ashley Arter, Stacy Hicks, Becky, Belinda Nebbergall, Tiffany Murphy, and Britney Lee.

Welcome

Commissioner Davis opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and spoke about the Commission's budget responsibilities.

Second Quarter Budget Update

Budget Director, Bart Hampson, provided an update on the budget for the second quarter of 2023, and a PowerPoint which is contained in the minutes. Mr. Hampson spoke about working with County departments on the 2024 budget and the streamlining and standardization of financial analysis and reporting.

Commissioner Davis asked about the data for expected financial expenses in December of 2023.

Mr. Hampson stated that projected expenses that have unknown purchase dates, are culminated in December. Mr. Hampson continued by speaking about financial data by category, and the creation of a financial dashboard for actual and forecasted revenue and expenses.

Commissioner Davis asked if projected percentages were incorporated in the financial data by category.

Mr. Hampson stated that the figures were for actual revenue and expenses for the first two quarters of 2023, and projected figures for the second half of the year. Mr. Hampson continued by speaking about General Fund revenues and expenditures, sales tax, and 2024 Budgets.

Commissioner Davis stated that when inflation moderates, it is not deflation, but a leveling of inflation.

Commissioner Fix asked about the original budget, total expenses, and expected carryover.

Mr. Hampson stated that the expected carryover is higher than anticipated.

Commissioner Davis spoke about the parameters that departments are currently operating under and stated those parameters may need to be adjusted.

Commissioner Fix thanked Mr. Hampson and stated that the analysis provided took a great deal of work. He also thanked Staci Knisley.

The PowerPoint presentation provided by Mr. Hampson is in the minutes.

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Public Comment

Ray Stemen of Lancaster spoke about the Bible and how impressive it is that the past, the present, and the future are recorded. He also spoke in opposition to abortion and provided a prayer.

Judy Stemen of Lancaster spoke about Billy Graham and the importance of asking for God's guidance. She also read highlights of articles on the internet regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

Lisa Thomas of Pleasantville played a pre-recorded message about solar energy and the inability for landowners to vote on a proposed solar project in Walnut Township.

Sherri Clymer of Walnut Township spoke about a public broadcast regarding Ohio's land and electric grid, and how the broadcast asked why so much agricultural land is being used for solar projects. She stated that farmland and jobs in Ohio need to be discussed when considering solar projects.

Earl Cole of Pleasantville stated he has lived in his home for forty-four years and added that he is quite concerned about the devaluation of property due to solar farms. He asked that everyone think about the proposed farms and not allow the destruction of homes and land.

Legal Update

No report.

County Administration Update

- The County Administration Update was provided by County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle, unless otherwise indicated.

Week in Review

American Rescue Plan Update

From the \$30,606,902.00 received as the first and second tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$28.6M has been appropriated, \$14.5M expended, \$5.1M encumbered or obligated.

Roundtable

Today is the quarterly department head and elected official roundtable at 1:00 p.m. at the Workforce Center. A light lunch and networking opportunity is being provided at 12:30.

State of the County

The annual State of the County event is scheduled for August 22nd at the Wigwam Event Center. The Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce hosts this event and assures me a Save the Date announcement will be coming out shortly.

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals. *Resolution Review*

There are 14 resolutions on the agenda for the voting meeting. Regular Meeting #29 - 2023 - July 18, 2023

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Resolutions of note:

• A resolution to approve the selection of a firm for the design and construction administration for the Airport Hangar Project.

EMA and Facilities Director, Jon Kochis, stated that there was an RFQ for the project and that one architectural firm, CMT (Crawford, Murphey, and Tilley) provided a proposal that was closest to the County's requirements.

Commissioner Davis asked questions about the engineering firm and their selection.

Mr. Kochis stated that the firm that was not selected had some items on their proposal that were not clear and that the selected proposal should be available in a couple of weeks for review. He added that the firm selected for the project is the same firm that was used for the SWAT Garage.

- A resolution authorizing the approval of a lease amendment with the USDA for space located at 831 College Ave., Suites A and B.
- A resolution authorizing the Commissioners to enter into a purchase and lease agreement with William and Neal Diley for property in Violet Township.

Utilities Director, Tony Vogel, stated that the county has the first right of refusal on the 18 acres in the agreement.

Budget Review

• Budget Director, Bart Hampson,

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- Provided by the Clerk to the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen
 - Eastern Cottontail Community Open House, August 2, 2023, 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Pleasantville Community Center, 207 W. Columbus St., Pleasantville
 - Everyday Heroes Celebration, American Red Cross, August 9, 2023, 11:00 a.m., Wigwam Event Center, 10190 Blacklick Eastern Rd. NW, Pickerington
 - Fairfield Community Health Center Open House Event, August 11, 2023, 4:30 p.m., 220 E. Walnut St., Lancaster

Commissioner Davis stated that the South School now houses the Fairfield Community Health Center and is an impressive project. He recommended the community visit the facility.

 Ohio Coalition for Adult Protective Services Conference, "The Pathway to Success: Working Together with People, Purpose, and Passion", August 11, 2023, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., OSU Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus

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• CCAO/CEAO 2023 Winter Conference, December 6-8, 2023, Hilton Columbus Downtown, 402 N. High St., Columbus

Correspondence

- Correspondence received by the Commissioners' Office was provided as follows by Ms. Menningen
 - Fairfield County Municipal Court Criminal/Traffic Division Fee Report, June 2023
 - Backpack Giveaway, August 6, 2023, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m., Connexion West, 625 Garfield Ave., Lancaster
 - Fairfield County Farm Bureau Letter, July 6, 2023, Re: Growth and Development in Central Ohio
 - Memo, Dr. Carri Brown, County Auditor, July 12, 2023, Subjects: Employers of Fairfield County; Improvements in the Homestead Program Help Seniors & Veterans Stay in their Homes; Taping for the Heritage Association; Support for HRCD; and Way to Go!
 - A Letter from a County Resident Regarding Madison Township Roads
 - Ohio Division of Liquor Control, Liquor Permit Transfer, Permit #9887575 to Permit #2485484, 4985 Cincinnati Zanesville Rd., Lancaster
 - Press Release, Office of County Auditor, July 13, 2023, "Auditor's Office Provides Conveyance Standards Online"
 - Excerpt from TravelMag, "Most Charming Towns and Small Cities in the Midwest", Michael C. Upton. July 10, 2023.
 - A Letter from a Fairfield County Resident Regarding Solar Farms
 - Email and Flyer, "Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency COVID-related Home Relief Programs Ending on 7/31/2023"

Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Director, Clinton Davis, spoke about grant support, and programs and financial support that is ending. He added that the ending of these programs will have an impact on housing, but programs for heating and cooling assistance and housing programs will still be in place.

Old Business

None

New Business

County Engineer, Jeremiah Upp, stated that Coonpath Rd. is progressing and confirmed for Commissioner Davis that the start date was originally delayed. Mr. Upp stated that he would provide a project finish date as soon as it is available.

County Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown, spoke about the fact sheet provided for the Hunters Run Conservancy District, and the tax bill special assessment.

Commissioner Davis asked about the Hunters Run Conservancy District Board members.

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Jon Kochis provided names of the Board members and stated that they meet in the EMA office once a month.

Auditor Brown stated that Licking Co is using her office's reassessment videos and correspondence. She also spoke about information provided in her July memorandums which are provided in the Minutes Packet.

Ms. Cordle stated that the Fairfield County Records Center is hosting an art exhibit for the Lancaster Festival.

Commissioner Davis spoke about the many events that would be a part of the Lancaster Festival and stated that he hoped everyone had an opportunity to participate.

Regular (Voting) Meeting

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Attending virtually: Tony Howard, Jim Bahnsen, Greg Forquer, Tony Vogel, Lori Hawk, Toni Ashton, Deb, Shelby Hunt, Sara Madenwald, EM, Andy Boystel, Jessica Murphy, Ashley Arter, Stacy Hicks, Becky, Belinda Nebbergall, Tiffany Murphy, and Britney Lee.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

There were no additional announcements.

Approval of Minutes for July 11, 2023

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, July 11, 2023, meeting.

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Board of Commissioners

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Board of Commissioners:

2023-07.18.a A Resolution to approve the selection of the Architectural/Engineering Services for Fairfield County Airport Hangar Project

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2023-07.18.b	A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category and fund to fund transfer for the match for fund # 3011, Subfund#8273 Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Grant FY2021
2023-07.18.c	A resolution to approve a memo expense for interest allocation reimbursements for Fairfield Department of Health, Fairfield County Parks, & Fairfield County Port Authority – Fund #7012, #7321, #7308, & #7865.

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Facilities

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Facilities:

2023-07.18.d A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Lease Amendment No. 8 with the United States of America/Government for Office Space at 831 College Avenue, Suites A & B

Commissioner Davis asked Mr. Kochis to review the energy costs of county facilities with Mr. Hampson.

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council:

2023-07.18.e A resolution to approve a reimbursement for Residential Treatment paid for by Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities as a memo expense receipt for fund# 7521 Family, Adult, and Children First Council

Administrator Cordle stated this is a cost sharing agreement between Council and DD.

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

Approval of Resolutions from Fairfield County Job and Family Services

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from Fairfield County Job and Family Services:

- 2023-07.18.f A resolution approving Fairfield County Plan for Child, Family and Adult Community and Protective Services Expenditures (State Budget Line Item 533) Job & Family Services
- 2023-07.18.gA resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield
County Job & Family Services, Fund 2758 reimbursing Fund 2018

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2023-07.18.h	A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2072 reimbursing Fund 2018
2023-07.18.i	A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2015 reimbursing Fund 2018
2023-07.18.j	A resolution approving Fairfield County Plan for Income Maintenance Expenditures Job & Family Services
2023-07.18.k	A Resolution regarding an amendment for a previously approved Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between National Youth Advocate Program and Child Protective Services Department.

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff:

2023-07.18.1 A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and Bloom Carroll Schools

Administrator Cordle stated that the resolution was to provide a school resource officer.

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Utilities

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Utilities:

2023-07.18.m A resolution authorizing the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners to enter into a purchase and lease agreement with William and Neal Diley to purchase property located in Violet Township, Fairfield County Parcel 0360028300

Administrator Cordle stated that the resolution allows her to complete the closing process.

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

Approval of the Payment of Bills

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution for the Payment of Bills:

2023-07.18.n	A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for
	departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval.

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

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Adjournment

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

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, July 25, 2023.

Motion by: Jeff Fix Seconded by: Dave Levacy that the July 18, 2023, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Jeff Fix, Dave Levacy, and Steve Davis ABSTENTIONS: None

NAYS: None

*Approved on July 25, 2023

Steven Davis Commissioner Dave Levacy Commissioner Jeff Fix Commissioner

Rochelle Menningen, Clerk

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Roundtable Meeting

The Elected Officials and Department Heads met at 1:00 p.m. at the Fairfield County Workforce Center, 4465 Coonpath Rd. NW, Carroll, OH. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order, and the following persons were in attendance: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, Dave Levacy, Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, Corey Clark, Amy Brown-Thompson, Josh Horacek, Nikki Drake, Jim Bahnsen, Michael Kaper, Tony Vogel, Jon Kochis, Rick Szabrak, Bart Hampson, CJ Roberts, Dan Neeley, Dr. Carri Brown, Jason Grubb, Joe Ebel, Kyle Witt, Lisa McKenzie, Marcy Fields, Alex Lape, Tommy Springer, Heather O'Keefe, Shannon Carter, Clint Davis, and Michelle Carper.

Welcome

Commissioner Davis spoke about the Roundtable and provided information on the budget's trajectory. He also spoke about the positive position of the County and added that he felt it was largely due to the people in attendance.

Commissioner Fix thanked everyone for taking the time to attend and for providing an update on their work areas at the meeting.

Commissioner Levacy spoke about Fairfield County being innovative and on how wonderfully collaborative employees and departments are in the County.

Commissioner Davis spoke about the Investment Advisory Committee meeting earlier that day, and thanked James Bahnsen for the information provided.

County Administration Updates

County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle, thanked all in attendance and welcomed Clint Davis from the Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency.

State of the County

Ms. Cordle stated that the Fairfield County State of the County Address will be held on August 22, 2023, at the Wigwam Event Center in Pickerington. She added that the Commissioners will conduct their Review and Regular meeting that morning at the same location.

County Communications Plan

Ms. Cordle stated the County is working on a communications plan with Krile Communications to boost engagement with the community and County employees. Krile will be coordinating communications with the other County departments who already work with them.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Columbus Dispatch once covered County business on a weekly basis and that the communications plan will increase transparency and awareness of government activities.

CRMS Best Practices

Ms. Cordle added that CRMS best practices is a reiteration of tips and reminders for those who draft resolutions and administration approvals.

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Budget Update

Budget Director, Bart Hampson, stated he will begin meeting with departments to follow up on budget meetings held earlier in the year. He added that the process will be largely the same as it was for the budget meetings in 2022 and asked everyone to remember to include facility needs in their 2024 budget.

Administrator Cordle urged departments to consider large items that might need addressed in the budget.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Commission listens to departments that have capital improvement project needs but that it is easier to digest the expenditure if the capital improvement has funding set aside in the budget.

IT Update

Multi-Factor Authentication

IT Director, Dan Neeley, stated that 60 % of users in the county are enrolled in multi-factor authentication and that the goal is to have the project completed by the end of August.

Unified Communications

Mr. Neeley added that ATT has approved the Unified Communications port for August 8th which will include the Justice Building, Title Offices, and Health Department. He also added that the ATC contract provided for help desk assistance from here forward and that there would be a forthcoming communication regarding how to reach ATC.

Service Desk

Mr. Neeley stated that the Service Desk has reconstructed staff and is working through department training. He spoke about the staff's county work experience and the processing of IT tickets. Mr. Neeley thanked everyone who helped with the user audit.

HR/Risk Management Update

Deputy County Administrator, Jeff Porter, stated that insurance groups typically have one or two catastrophic claims a year and that the county has had five this year. He added that the county has an insurance reserve but will need to adjust rates to maintain the reserve. Mr. Porter also added that increasing service costs and pharmaceutical costs are driving up the county's total insurance costs.

Drug Testing

Mr. Porter stated that the drug testing policies have been vetted by the prosecutor's office and thanked Municipal Court for helping with program costs.

Health Benefits Renewal

Mr. Porter spoke about anticipated health renewal costs for both the county and its employees.

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EAP Renewal

Mr. Porter stated that the county is reviewing the EAP renewal.

Health Clinic and Biometric Screenings

Mr. Porter added that the Health Clinic is still in its temporary location and that it will be October or later before it moves to its permanent address. He stated that the two biometric screening dates in August filled quickly and that additional dates would be added. He reminded everyone that \$50 would be added to their HRA account if they participate in the screening.

CORSA Claims

Mr. Porter stated that CORSA claims have increased in the county and added that comprehensive driving training classes are available for employees.

Employee Recognition Event

Mr. Porter also stated that the employee recognition event will be held on the Administrative Courthouse lawn and thanked the staff who are working on the event.

Departmental Updates

County Prosecutor, Kyle Witt, stated that his office updated to a new Matrix system. He added that they were recently successful in the litigation of a case that went to the Supreme Court and spoke about a new law in Ohio which allows his office to prosecute strangulation cases as felony and that these cases previously were misdemeanors.

Deputy Clerk of Courts, Michelle Carper, spoke about a software conversion from Courtview 2 to Courtview 3 and added that the new Pickerington Title Office has been very busy.

Bart Hampson stated the county is involved in sixty-five ARPA projects and that his department is working with the Engineer's Office regarding the Drainage Maintenance District.

Engineer's Office Deputy Director of Operations, Jason Grubb, spoke about the Coonpath Road project and its anticipated completion; and the bidding process for the Refugee Road project. He also spoke about the TID, the Basil-Western project, and the Pickerington Rd interchange.

Treasurer Jim Bahnsen stated that the last day to collect property taxes is coming up. He also reported that there has been an increase in home foreclosures.

Michael Kaper spoke about the Land Bank and stated that many Sheriff's Sales properties have not sold and that he believes this is indicative of the market. He added that many of the properties were poorly maintained and that the Land Bank will receive money allotted for demolitions from the State Budget.

Dan Neeley spoke about facility access control upgrades and thanked Jon Kochis for his part. He added that his department is currently involved in a server cluster migration.

Utilities Director, Tony Vogel, stated his office will relocate a water line on Pickerington Road and that they have an airport ARP project beginning soon. He added that a posting was placed for an RFP for hydraulic assistance for wells in Walnut and Liberty Townships. He added that he recently met with a realtor regarding a site for future development.

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County Recorder, Lisa McKenzie, thanked Jon Kochis and the facilities department for the upgrades in the Recorder's Office. She added that the space looks great and that staff and customers like the updates. She also added that there is artwork on the walls relating to the county and that her office has been reviewing scanned images back to 1980.

Economic and Workforce Development Director, Rick Szabrak, stated that the DHL project is a \$58 million project which will create 200 jobs and attract workers from the County and decrease the number of workers transporting out of the county. He added that the project will also bring about \$3 million in road improvements and that the Port Authority has been more involved this year with additional development in the County. Mr. Szabrak also spoke about an open house on August 24th on County-wide development and \$4.5 million for improvements to the Workforce Center being provided in the State budget.

Commissioner Fix spoke about the \$4.5M in the Budget and the vision of Mr. Szabrak, Dr. Brown, and Commissioner Levacy which brought the Workforce Center to fruition.

Commissioner Levacy stated he met with the Chancellor of Higher Education, Randy Gardner, regarding Fairfield County and the Workforce Center.

Mr. Szabrak added that Google invited him to speak about the Workforce Center at an upcoming conference.

Director of the Soil and Water Conservation District, Nikki Drake, spoke about the department's upcoming annual meeting and the celebration of its 80th birthday. She added that they have five board members who serve three year terms and that two of the members have terms that are expiring. Ms. Drake spoke about the August 28th "Take Back Drug Day" and added that the department's recent audit received a perfect score. She added that it is her twenty-four year anniversary with Soil and Water and spoke about Lauren Byers, the new education Wildlife Specialist.

Executive Director of ADAMH, Marcy Fields, stated the STARLight Center continues to be pushed back but they anticipate construction will begin in October. She added that they are looking for a new Mental Health Provider for the Center and that Venture Place will be a new facility in Lancaster which will offer shelter for the homeless. Ms. Fields also added that ADAMH is working with a software system which helps offer services to providers in other counties and creates another stream of funding.

Commissioner Davis spoke about the difficult and growing homelessness in our community and throughout the State and thanked ADAMH for working to help those that are suffering from this issue.

Marcy Fields stated that Tim Hubble with Lutheran Social Services has been collecting data on homelessness and meeting with individuals to connect them to services.

Commissioner Davis stated that he and his colleagues would like to hear the data being collected by M. Hubble.

Commissioner Levacy said that one of the main topics at a recent MORPC forum was affordable housing/workforce housing.

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Executive Director of Lancaster Fairfield Community Action (LFCAA), Clinton Davis, stated that the Home Relief Program is coming to an end on July 31, 2023, and that the CHIP grant is on track, and they are waiting for response on the application for the next grant. He also stated that the CFLP grant is almost done. Mr. Davis added that dumpster trailers have been switched out for easier pick up and public use, that the Head Start program is getting back to full enrollment after COVID, and that LFCAA's lobby will fully re-open once they have access control.

Auditor Carri Brown reported that her office has been holding drop-in meetings, and that Licking County has begun using Fairfield County's communications and videos. She added that her office will plan to post fact sheets for the three levies for the November election on the Auditors website and that Bev Hoskinson will be joining the Auditors Office to fill the vacancy left by Chris Wagner.

Sheriff Lape thanked everyone in the room who works with the Sheriff's Office. He added that his officers are continuing professional training with OPATA and that the closing of OPATA's London training facility had created some obstacles. He continued by stating that his office is in the second month of the application process with the US Marshalls' office to hold criminals in the jail and that the Fair/Festival season is upcoming throughout municipalities and townships in the county. He reported that there were a few issues with the 911 system over the 4th of July holiday and that measures are being taken to ensure protocols are working. He also reported that a human trafficking investigation that included two cases was concluding that day.

Health Commissioner, Joe Ebel, stated the Health Department had an open house for the WIC facility located in the same building as the Health Department. He added that the Health Department received a grant for naloxone distribution and can supply them to any agency upon request in response to the increased number of overdose deaths. He also added that the department is working with partners to address suicide in the community and that the Health Department's vaccine clinic has been busy vaccinating children for the new school season.

Magistrate Josh Horachek stated that Judge Berens hires attorneys on two year terms and has one attorney leaving that will be joining the Prosecutor's Office.

Shannon Carter with the OSU Extension spoke about various programs including youth day and resident camps where students learned independence and the counselors learn leadership skills. She also spoke about upcoming food preservation classes, a "Cooking Matters" class, and the Clear Creek County Vineyards Tour. She added that a link to the information was provided in the update which is in the Roundtable Packet.

Facilities and EMA Director, Jon Kochis, stated that the Lancaster Festival and other summer events involve a lot of time for the Emergency Management team. He also stated that the Fairfield County Airport will be building new hangars soon and will provide general and commercial aviation opportunities and that the old Parks District building will become the new Domestic Relations Visitation Center location, which will free up space at the Amstutz building. He added that roofing projects on multiple buildings will soon be completed, and that the Facilities team is working to get the solar array running at the Liberty Center.

Aundrea Cordle thanked Jon and his team for the work they are doing across the county.

Deputy Director of the Parks District, Tommy Springer, stated that two additional properties were acquired for the agency. He spoke about updates at existing park locations and added that Rockmill is open and operational and that the mill has been repaired. Mr. Springer spoke about the Geo-cashers project and that it is bringing visitors to the parks, even many from outside of the state. He closed by stating that the mitigation wetland project is now complete.

County Engineer, Jeremiah Upp, texted an update that Coonpath Road is to cautiously open on August 18th.

Director of Job and Family Services (JFS), Corey Clark, stated that JFS is preparing for the end of pandemic Medicaid benefits and that, as a result, they are redetermining every Medicaid case in Fairfield County. He added that they are two months into that project and that the project is going better than anticipated. He also added that the State budget could create a new department of Children and Youth which would take on programs in six different state agencies with some of them currently falling under JFS. Mr. Clark stated that these new programs will be at the State level and will not create a new county department.

Commissioner Davis asked about the number of cases and households being affected by the ending of pandemic Medicaid benefits.

Mr. Clark stated that cases peaked during the pandemic and that there are new groups of customers monthly that are up for eligibility and added that there can be multiple eligibility cases in a household.

Commissioner Davis stated the Commissioners would be interested in the metrics of that topic.

Deputy Director, Interim Communications and Human Resources Director, and Interim Deputy Director of the Resource Center, CJ Roberts, spoke about the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative and Handle with Care Initiatives. She also stated that the supervision program is going live and added that programming is available for anger management, life skills, and career assessments.

Aunie spoke about the structuring of the Family, Adult and Children First Council (FACFC.

Deputy Director of JFS, Heather O'Keefe, spoke about FACFC and stated that many grants are ending and being renewed. She added that the transition has been smooth and that JFS is working to get FACFC's financial information loaded into MUNIS. She also added that the Council Manager position has had six applicants and that they hope to begin interviews soon.

Holly Mattei with the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) provided an update that was read by the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen. The update stated that the department is still short-staffed but will continue to search for additional planners and that RPC has seen an uptick in zoning amendments for items such as solar farm regulations.

Deputy County Administrator, Jeff Porter, stated that RPC will have a long-term contract with Holly Mattei, but they will also look to hire planners.

Ms. Cordle thanked Jenny Sturgeon from the Workforce Center for her assistance with the Roundtable meeting.

Commissioner Davis thanked Mr. Szabrak and his staff for offering his facility for the Roundtable meeting.

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Commissioner Levacy stated that it was good to hear from other elected officials and the department heads and encouraged everyone to keep up the excellent work.

Commissioner Fix also thanked everyone in attendance and spoke about being a part of a county which is doing some exceptional things.

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Jeff Fix and a second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 3:02 p.m.

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

Motion by: Jeff Fix Seconded by: Dave Levacy that the July 18, 2023, Roundtable minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Jeff Fix, Dave Levacy, and Steve Davis ABSTENTIONS: None

NAYS: None

*Approved on July 25, 2023

Steven Davis Commissioner Dave Levacy Commissioner Jeff Fix Commissioner

Rochelle Menningen, Clerk

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2023-07.25.a

A resolution authorizing the approval of proclamations.

WHEREAS, it is the pleasant responsibility of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners to recognize people, organizations, and occasions; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have reviewed and approved the attached proclamations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Board of Commissioners approves the attached Proclamations of Recognition.

Prepared by: Rochelle Menningen

Fairfield County Board of Commissioners

A Proclamation Recognizing August as Child Support Awareness Month

WHEREAS, it is the pleasant responsibility of the Fairfield County Commission to recognize people, organizations, and occasions of outstanding achievement and significance; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners recognizes that child support is an essential element in providing family stability, helping children grow up safe and healthy, and providing children with the opportunity for a better life; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield County Child Support Enforcement Agency collects over \$21M per year in child support and during Child Support Awareness Month, we recognize the importance and impact that financial stability has on the lives of children; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners agrees upon the importance of education and outreach as part of a customer service philosophy and as part of efforts to help encourage compliance with court-ordered obligations for child support; and

WHEREAS, in order for Fairfield County to continue to build upon its successes in collecting child support, continued education, outreach, and partnership development are required.

NOW THEREFORE, the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners does hereby formally declare its respect for and recognition of:

August as Child Support Awareness Month

We in Fairfield County encourage employees and citizens to participate in the planned activities promoting partnerships that help ensure that the children of Fairfield County receive the financial support they need and deserve.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and caused the seal of the County of Fairfield to be affixed to this Proclamation on the 25th day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

Steven A. Davis Commissioner

Jeffrey M Fix

Commissioner

Commissioner

Fairfield County Board of Commissioners

A Proclamation Recognizing International Overdose Awareness Day 2023

WHEREAS, it is the pleasant responsibility of the Fairfield County Commission to recognize people, organizations, and occasions of significance and outstanding achievement; and

WHEREAS, International Overdose Awareness Day is recognized globally on August 31st, to raise awareness about the risks of overdosing; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day aims to publicly challenge the stigma associated with substance use disorders and overdosing; and

WHEREAS, Overdose Awareness Day is an opportunity to educate the community and encourage those struggling with addiction to reach out for help; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners wish to honor the individuals whose lives have been lost from overdosing, and to acknowledge the grief felt by families, friends, and communities; and

WHEREAS, every person deserves our best efforts to prevent injury and death from overdose, and it is imperative to support overdose prevention policies and projects.

NOW THEREFORE, the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners does hereby formally declare its respect for and recognition of:

August 31st as International Overdose Awareness Day

We call upon citizens in Fairfield County to observe this day to increase awareness and encourage those struggling with addiction; and we offer our gratitude to those who work tirelessly to help with recovery.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and caused the seal of the County of Fairfield to be affixed to this Proclamation on the 25th day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

Steven A. Davis Commissioner

Jeffrey M. Fix Commissioner

David L. Levacy Commissioner

Fairfield County Board of Commissioners

A Proclamation Recognizing August as National Wellness Month

WHEREAS, it is the pleasant responsibility of the Fairfield County Commission to recognize people, organizations, and occasions of outstanding achievement and significance; and

WHEREAS, the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners recognizes that wellness, both physical and mental, is an essential element in promoting self-care, healthy routines and stress management and it is necessary to promote the health and wellbeing of our employees and their families, and the citizens of Fairfield County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners agrees upon the importance of employee and community wellness as part of its overall business operations and as part of efforts to help encourage a healthier community for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners acknowledge the stress of everyday life and its effect upon employees and the community and recognize that self-care is necessary to continue to build our sense of family and community wellbeing; and

WHEREAS, Fairfield County will continue to build upon its successful health benefits program, promote employee and family health, education, community outreach, and partnerships with healthcare providers to accomplish its mission of supporting community wellness.

NOW THEREFORE, the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners does hereby formally declare its respect for and recognition of:

August as National Wellness Month

We in Fairfield County encourage employees and citizens to participate in National Wellness Month and support their physical and mental wellness by taking part in activities to promote their health. We salute our employees and their families, and the citizens of Fairfield County for their continued efforts to maintain their health and wellness, and for their continued efforts to make Fairfield County a safe, happy, and healthy community for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto subscribed our names and caused the seal of the County of Fairfield to be affixed to this Proclamation on the 25th Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three.

Steven A. Davis Commissioner

Jeffrey M. Fix Commissioner

David L. Levacy Commissioner

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Resolution No. 2023-07.25.a

A resolution authorizing the approval of proclamations.

(Fairfield County Commissioners)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

2023-07.25.b

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category the 911 Wireless Fund# 2683.

WHEREAS, appropriations are needed in capital outlay for upgrading the 911 Radio Recorder; and

WHEREAS, this purchase is permitted to expend out of the 911 Wireless fund# 2683; and

WHEREAS, to appropriate from unappropriated will allow proper accounting in the major expenditure object category for capital outlay.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners appropriate from unappropriated into the following category:

Capital Outlay - \$ 31,000 12268300

For Auditor's Office Use Only:

Section 1. \$31,000 GL# 12268300 574000 Software/Equipment

Prepared by: Staci Knisley

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Resolution No. 2023-07.25.b

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category the 911 Wireless Fund# 2683.

(Fairfield County Commissioners)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

2023-07.25.c

A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to the General Fund – Fund #2689-8271 – 2021 ISP Grant – Fairfield County Common Pleas Probation

WHEREAS, an advance was approved on June 22nd, 2021, Resolution 2021-06.22.e for \$92,956.00; and

WHEREAS, the monies have been collected and deposited to make repayment to the General Fund Advance.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. Request that the Fairfield County Auditor repay the following advance:

- DEBIT: 8271 090001 (#2689) FY21ADULT <\$92,956.00>
- CREDIT: 1001 223000 General Fund Advance \$92,956.00

Prepared by: Brian Wolfe

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Resolution No. 2023-07.25.c

A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to the General Fund – Fund #8271 – 2021 ISP Grant – Fairfield County Common Pleas Probation

(Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.
2023-07.25.d

A resolution to create a 4-way STOP at the intersection of Basil-Western Road (CR13) and Pickerington Road (CR20).

WHEREAS, the intersection of Basil-Western Road and Pickerington Road has consistently had a crash rating that places it in the top ten of worst intersections by crash rate, that are under jurisdiction of the Fairfield County Engineer's Office, and

WHEREAS, this intersection has remained in the top ten through several studies despite numerous mitigating measures that have been taken in the way of installing additional warning and stop signs, and installing L.E.D. Blinkerlight STOP signs on Basil-Western Road. All efforts to abate the hazardous nature of the intersection have resulted in not being able to maintain an acceptable crash rate, and

WHEREAS, the intersection has exceeded the crash warrants as described in Section 2B.07 (B) of the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, with seven intersection-related crashes in a 12-month period.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: That this Board of Commissioners resolves to approve, and hereby does designate the intersection of Basil-Western Road and Pickerington Road as a 4-way STOP and orders the erection of R1-1 signs with ALL-WAY plates to conform with the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 2: That the Clerk of this Board furnish the County Engineer with one signed copy of this Resolution for further processing.

Prepared by: Cheryl Downour cc: Engineering Office

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Resolution No. 2023-07.25.d

A resolution to create a 4-way STOP at the intersection of Basil-Western Road (CR13) and Pickerington Road (CR20).

(Fairfield County Engineer)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

2023-07.25.e

A resolution to purchase a 2023 Ford F550 truck.

WHEREAS, the Fairfield County Engineer has selected a 2023 Ford F550 truck with a Stellar TMAX1-11 aluminum service body installed for the County Engineer's Road Department (reference State Purchasing Contract RS1010870); and

WHEREAS, Ricart Automotive; 4255 South Hamilton Road; Columbus, OH 43227 is selling a 2023 Ford F550 truck for \$172,910.00; and

WHEREAS, the County Engineer is requesting approval to purchase the 2023 Ford F550 truck with a Stellar TMAX1-11 aluminum service body installed for a total of \$172,910.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: that this Board of Commissioners resolves to and does hereby approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford F550 truck with a Stellar TMAX1-11 aluminum service body installed.

SECTION 2: that the Clerk of this Board furnish the County Engineer with one signed copy of this resolution for further processing.

Prepared by: Cheryl Downour cc: Engineering Office

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Resolution No. 2023-07.25.e

A resolution to purchase a 2023 Ford F550 truck.

(Fairfield County Engineer)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

2023-07.25.f

A resolution amending supporting documentation and adding FAR clause 52.204-27 Prohibition on a ByteDance Covered Application (June 2023) for 2023-07.18.d; authorizing the approval of lease amendment no. 8 with the United States of America/Government for Office Space at 831 College Avenue, Suites A & B.

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners previously approved resolution 2023-07.18.d, authorizing the approval of lease amendment no. 8 with the United States of America/Government for Office Space at 831 College Avenue, Suites A & B; and

WHEREAS, the United Stated Department of Agriculture requires that their contracts bar the downloading of TikTok applications on Federal computers as provided in FAR 52.204-27; and

WHEREAS, this amendment approves adding FAR 52.204-27 to 2023-07.18.d.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves amending resolution 2023-07.18.d by adding FAR 52.204-27 to its supporting documentation.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners will provide a signed reproduction copy to the USDA, after approval.

2023-07.18.d

A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Lease Amendment No. 8 with the United States of America/Government for Office Space at 831 College Avenue, Suites A & B

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners previously approved the lease agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture per resolution 2002-04.23w for space located at 831 College Avenue, Suites A, B & C;, and

WHEREAS, seven (7) amendments have been approved since the original lease approval, and

WHEREAS, Suite C has been previously removed; and

WHEREAS, the United States of America, hereinafter called the "Government" has submitted a request for amendment #8; and

WHEREAS, the annual rent has increased since the last amendment #7 at \$72,675.00; and

WHEREAS, the renewal dates are effective January 1, 2024, expiring on December 31, 2029; and

WHEREAS, the amendment as attached has been approved as to form by the County Prosecutor's Office, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves the attached amendment #8 with the Government, and authorizes its Board President to sign.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Board of Commissioners will provide a signed reproduction copy to the USDA, after approval.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE	LEASE AMENDMENT No. 8	
FARM PRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION	LEASE NO. Fairfield County Ohio USDA Service Center (GS-CCC-2, dated 5/30/2002)	
LEASE AMENDMENT		
ADDRESS OF PREMISES		
831 College Ave. Suite A & B,		
Lancaster OH 43130		

THIS AMENDMENT is made and entered into between Fairfield County

whose address is 210 East Main Street, Room 201, Lancaster, OH 43130

hereinafter called the Lessor, and the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, hereinafter called the Government:

WHEREAS, the parties hereto desire to amend the above Lease to extend the term of the Lease.

NOW THEREFORE, these parties for good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, covenant and agree that the said Lease is amended, effective upon execution by the Government as follows:

This Lease Amendment (LA) is hereby issued to reflect a 60-month extension of the term of the Lease for 4,845 Rentable Square Feet (RSF)/ 4,845 ANSI BOMA Office Area Square Feet (ABOA) of office space, located at 831 College Ave. Suite A & B, Lancaster OH 43130. ("the Premises").

This Lease Amendment contains 5 pages.

All other terms and conditions of the lease shall remain in force and effect. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties subscribed their names as of the below date.

FOR THE LESSOR:	FOR THE GOVERNMENT:
Signature:	Signature:
Name:	Name:
Title:	Title: Lease Contracting Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Entity:	Date:
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Signature:	
Name:	
Title:	
Date:	

- A. The current expiration date of the Lease is 12/31/2023. The term is hereby extended for an additional 60-months and expires on 12/31/2028.
- B. The Government may terminate this Lease, in whole or in parts, at any time during this Lease Extension, by providing not less than 60 days' prior written notice to the Lessor. The effective date of the termination shall be the day following the expiration of the required notice period or the termination date set forth in the notice, whichever is later. No rental shall accrue after the effective date of the termination.
- c. During the Extension Term, the Government shall pay the Lessor an annual rent payable in monthly installments in arrears.
 - Effective 1/1/2024, five-year extension rate \$72,675.00 Annually, \$6,056.25 Monthly, \$15.00 p/rsf.
- D. 52.204-25 Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (August 2020) is hereby incorporated and attached to the lease and lease amendments.
- E. No change in service/offerings as stated in the original lease/lease amendments.

52.204-25 Prohibition on Contracting for Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment (Aug 2020)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause-

Backhaul means intermediate links between the core network, or backbone network, and the small subnetworks at the edge of the network (*e.g.*, connecting cell phones/towers to the core telephone network). Backhaul can be wireless (e.g., microwave) or wired (*e.g.*, fiber optic, coaxial cable, Ethernet).

Covered foreign country means The People's Republic of China.

Covered telecommunications equipment or services means-

(1) Telecommunications equipment produced by Huawei Technologies Company or ZTE Corporation (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

(2) For the purpose of public safety, security of Government facilities, physical security surveillance of critical infrastructure, and other national security purposes, video surveillance and telecommunications equipment produced by Hytera Communications Corporation, Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Company, or Dahua Technology Company (or any subsidiary or affiliate of such entities);

(3) Telecommunications or video surveillance services provided by such entities or using such equipment; or

(4) Telecommunications or video surveillance equipment or services produced or provided by an entity that the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence or the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, reasonably believes to be an entity owned or controlled by, or otherwise connected to, the government of a covered foreign country.

Critical technology means-

(1) Defense articles or defense services included on the United States Munitions List set forth in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations under subchapter M of chapter I of title 22, Code of Federal Regulations;

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Prosecutor's Approval Page

Resolution No.

A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Lease Amendment No. 8 with the United States of America/Government for Office Space at 831 College Avenue, Suites A & B

(Fairfield County Facilities)

Approved as to form on 7/13/2023 8:41:18 AM by Amy Brown-Thompson,

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Amy Brown-Thompson Prosecutor's Office Fairfield County, Ohio

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FOR THE LESSOR:	FOR THE GOVERNMENT:
Signature:	Signature:
Name: Steven Davis	Name:
Title: Fairfield County Commissia	Cience Contracting Officer, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Entity: Fairfield County	Date:
Date: July 18, 2023	
WITNESSED FOR THE LESSOR BY:	
Signature: Rochelle M. Menninger	zen
Title: Clerk to the Poard of Co	mmissioners
Date: July 18,2023	

Lease Amendment Form REV (10/20)

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Resolution No. 2023-07.18.d

A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Lease Amendment No. 8 with the United States of America/Government for Office Space at 831 College Avenue, Suites A & B

(Fairfield County Facilities)

Upon the motion of Commissioner Jeffrey M. Fix, seconded by Commissioner David L. Levacy, this resolution has been Adopted:

Voting:

Steven A. Davis, President	Aye
David L. Levacy, Vice President	Aye
Jeffrey M. Fix	Aye

Board of County Commissioners Fairfield County, Ohio

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

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FAR 52.204-27 PROHIBITION ON A BYTEDANCE COVERED APPLICATION (JUN 2023)

(a) Definitions. As used in this clause-

Covered application means the social networking service TikTok or any successor application or service developed or provided by ByteDance Limited or an entity owned by ByteDance Limited.

Information technology, as defined in 40 U.S.C. 11101(6)-

(1) Means any equipment or interconnected system or subsystem of equipment, used in the automatic acquisition, storage, analysis, evaluation, manipulation, management, movement, control, display, switching, interchange, transmission, or reception of data or information by the executive agency, if the equipment is used by the executive agency directly or is used by a contractor under a contract with the executive agency that requires the use—

(i) Of that equipment; or

(ii) Of that equipment to a significant extent in the performance of a service or the furnishing of a product;

(2) Includes computers, ancillary equipment (including imaging peripherals, input, output, and storage devices necessary for security and surveillance), peripheral equipment designed to be controlled by the central processing unit of a computer, software, firmware and similar procedures, services (including support services), and related resources; but

(3) Does not include any equipment acquired by a Federal contractor incidental to a Federal contract.

(b) *Prohibition*. Section 102 of Division R of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023 (Pub. L. 117-328), the No TikTok on Government Devices Act, and its implementing guidance under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Memorandum

M-23-13, dated February 27, 2023, "No TikTok on Government Devices" Implementation Guidance, collectively prohibit the presence or use of a covered application on executive agency information technology, including certain equipment used by Federal contractors. The Contractor is prohibited from having or using a covered application on any information technology owned or managed by the Government, or on any information technology used or provided by the Contractor under this contract, including equipment provided by the Contractor's employees; however, this prohibition does not apply if the Contracting Officer provides written notification to the Contractor that an exception has been granted in accordance with OMB Memorandum M-23-13.

(c) *Subcontracts*. The Contractor shall insert the substance of this clause, including this paragraph (c), in all subcontracts, including subcontracts for the acquisition of commercial products or commercial services.

(End of clause)

Prosecutor's Approval Page

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Approved as to form on 7/21/2023 1:29:57 PM by Amy Brown-Thompson,

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Amy Brown-Thompson Prosecutor's Office Fairfield County, Ohio

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Resolution No. 2023-07.25.f

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This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

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2023-07.25.g

A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Birth Certificates paid to Fairfield County Health Departments as a memo expenditure for fund# 2072 Public Children's Services

WHEREAS, FCJFS is responsible for paying the Health Department for their Birth Certificate costs; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1: That the Fairfield County Auditor reflect the following memo receipt:

71700300- 434410 Reimbursement - \$96.00

This amount represents monies owed to the Health Department for FCJFS's costs paid to the Health Department as denoted in the attached documentation.

Section 2: That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners approves the following expenditure of other expenses and requests that the Fairfield County Auditor accomplish the transaction as if a regular County Auditor warrant reimbursing the Health Department for FCJFS's Birth Certificate costs.

Memo expenditure as referenced in supporting documentation:

Vendor # 7482 Fairfield County Health Department

Account: 12207207-533000 Other Professional Services Amount: \$96.00

Prepared by: Jenny Lewis, Eligibility Referral Specialist cc: Jamie Ehorn, Fairfield County Health Department

Signature Page

Resolution No. 2023-07.25.g

A Resolution to approve a memo exp./memo receipt for the cost of Birth Certificates paid to Fairfield County Health Department as a memo expenditure for fund #2072 Public Children's Services.

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

2023-07.25.h

A resolution to approve a subgrant agreement between Fairfield County Job and Family Services, Public Children Services Agency and Child Support Enforcement Agency departments, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

WHEREAS, the Fairfield County Job & Family Services (FCJFS) Public Children Services Agency (PCSA) and Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) departments are requesting the County Administrator approval of a subgrant agreement with the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM); and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the agreement is for ODM to outline requirements associated with funding provided to the FCJFS PCSA and CSEA departments; and

WHEREAS, this agreement shall be effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, there is no cost associated with this contract; therefore, no purchase order encumbering funds is required; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecuting Attorney has approved the agreement as to form.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Board of Commissioners resolve to approve the attached subgrant agreement with the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

Prepared by: Sarah Darnell cc: JFS / Budget Manager

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES SUBGRANT AGREEMENT

G-2425-11-6131

RECITALS:

This Subgrant Agreement is entered into between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (hereinafter referred to as "ODJFS"), the Ohio Department of Medicaid (hereinafter referred to as "ODM") and the Fairfield County Board of County Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as "Board"), in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Sections 307.98, 5101.21, and 5160.30.

The intent of this Subgrant Agreement is to establish between ODJFS, ODM and the Board the relationship of two "pass-through entities" and a "subrecipient" as those terms are used in 2 CFR 200, promulgated by the United States Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

This Subgrant Agreement is applicable to all subawards by ODJFS and ODM to Fairfield County for the operation of the Fairfield county department of job and family services (CDJFS) that is a combined agency and performs all CDJFS duties set forth in ORC Section 329.04, and all public children services agency (PCSA) duties and all child support enforcement agency (CSEA) duties. It is not applicable to subawards funded or authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), ORC Chapter 4141, the Wagner-Peyser Act, or any other funds for which the United States Department of Labor is responsible for direct or indirect oversight. Subawards subject to this Subgrant Agreement include subawards of grant awards to the State of Ohio by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Subawards subject to this Subgrant Agreement are not for research and development purposes.

DEFINITIONS:

- A. "County family services agency" means a county department of job and family services (CDJFS), a public children services agency (PCSA) and a child support enforcement agency (CSEA), as designated by the board of county commissioners in ORC Section 307.981. County family services agency also means a joint CDJFS formed by a written agreement entered into between boards of county commissioners as described in ORC Section 329.40.
- B. "Departments" means ODJFS and ODM relative to this three-way Subgrant Agreement.
- C. "Family services duty" means a duty state law requires or allows a county family services agency to perform including all financial and administrative functions associated with the performance of those duties. Family services duty does not include duties or activities funded or authorized by the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), ORC Chapter 4141, the Wagner-Peyser Act, or any other funds for which the United States Department of Labor is responsible for direct or indirect oversight.
- D. "Financial assistance" means all cash, reimbursements, allocations of funds, cash draws, and property provided by ODJFS to a county family services agency. All requirements in this Subgrant Agreement related to financial assistance also apply to any money used by the county to match state or federal funds.
- E. "State and federal laws" include all federal statutes and regulations, appropriations by the Ohio General Assembly, the ORC, uncodified law included in an Act, the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules, any Treasury State Agreement or state plan, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Guidance, circulars, or any other materials issued by OMB that a federal statute or regulation has made applicable to state and local governments, and any Governor's Executive Orders to the extent that they apply to counties. The term "state and federal laws" not only includes all state and federal laws existing on the effective date of this Subgrant Agreement, but also those state and federal laws that are enacted, adopted, issued, effective, amended, repealed, or rescinded on or after the effective date of this Subgrant Agreement.
- F. "Subgrantee" has the same meaning as "county grantee," as that term is defined in ORC Section 5101.21 (A) (1).

G. "Subgrant agreement" has the same meaning as "grant agreement," as that term is defined in ORC Section 5101.21 (A) (6).

THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THE MUTUAL COVENANTS CONTAINED IN THIS SUBGRANT AGREEMENT, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE OF THE SUBGRANT/SUBGRANT DUTIES

- A. The purpose of the Subgrant and this Subgrant Agreement is to establish the terms, conditions, and requirements governing the administration and use of the financial assistance received by or used by the Fairfield CDJFS/CSEA/PCSA.
- B. This Subgrant Agreement is entered into by the Board on behalf of Fairfield County and of the Fairfield CDJFS/CSEA/PCSA (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Subgrantee").

ARTICLE II. STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF ODJFS

As a pass-through entity under OMB 2 CFR 200 (Uniform Guidance), ODJFS may:

- A. Provide financial assistance to the Subgrantee in accordance with this Subgrant Agreement and state and federal laws.
- B. Provide annual financial, administrative, or other incentive awards to the Subgrantee subject to ORC Section 5101.23.
- C. Monitor the Subgrantee to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial assistance provided pursuant to this Subgrant is used in accordance with all applicable conditions, requirements, and restrictions.
- D. Provide information on current and any subsequent changes to the terms and conditions of the grant awards addressed by the funding provided under this Subgrant Agreement.
- E. Provide technical assistance and training to assist the Subgrantee in complying with its obligations under state and federal law and this Subgrant Agreement.
- F. Take action to recover funds that are not used in accordance with the conditions, requirements, or restrictions applicable to the family services duties for which these funds are awarded. Any ODJFS enforcement action against the Subgrantee will be taken in accordance with ORC Section 5101.24, unless another section provides authority for a different action. If ODJFS takes an action authorized by ORC Section 5101.24, ODJFS will provide written notice to the Board, the county auditor, and the CDJFS director. The entity against which any action is taken may request an administrative review in accordance with ORC Section 5101.24, except as provided by Section 5101.24 (E). Additionally, any further ODM enforcement action against the Subgrantee will be taken in accordance with ORC Sections 5160.20 and 5160.37.

ARTICLE III. RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUBGRANTEE

As a subrecipient of the state of Ohio under OMB 2 CFR 200 (Uniform Guidance), Subgrantee must:

- A. Ensure that the funds included in this Subgrant Agreement are used, and the family services duties for which the grants are awarded are performed in accordance with conditions, requirements and restrictions established by the Departments and state and federal laws, as well as the federal terms and conditions of the grant award.
- B. Monitor its subgrantees to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial assistance provided pursuant to this Subgrant is used in accordance with all applicable conditions, federal and state requirements, and restrictions under OMB 2 CFR 200, including the provision of timely audits subject to the threshold requirements of 45 CFR 75.501, 2 CFR 400.1 and 2 CFR 200.501.
- C. Utilize a financial management system that meets the requirements established by ODJFS and use the ODJFS designated software programs to report financial and other data according to the standards

established by ODJFS. Subgrantee will provide to ODJFS all program and financial reports and updates in accordance with the timeliness schedules, formats and other requirements established by ODJFS.

- D. Promptly reimburse ODJFS the amount the Subgrantee is responsible for, pursuant to action ODJFS takes under ORC Section 5101.24 (C), of funds the department pays to any entity because of an adverse audit finding, adverse quality control finding, final disallowance of federal financial participation, or other sanction or penalty.
- E. Promptly reimburse the Departments the amounts of any cash overdrafts or excessive cash draws paid to Subgrantee by ODJFS.
- F. Take prompt corrective action if the Departments, the Ohio Auditor of State, any federal agency, or other entity authorized by federal or state law to determine compliance with the conditions, requirements, and restrictions applicable to a family services duty for which this Subgrant is awarded determines compliance has not been achieved. Correct action includes, but is not limited to, paying amounts resulting from an adverse finding, sanction, or penalty.
- G. Where Subgrantee identifies reimbursements or other payments due the Departments, promptly notify ODJFS and request direction as to the manner in which such payments shall be made. Where the Departments identify reimbursements or other payments due to the Departments and ODJFS notifies Subgrantee, payment shall be made in the manner specified by the Departments.
- H. Make records available to the Departments, the Auditor of the State, federal agencies, and other authorized governmental agencies for review, audit and investigation.
- I. Provide and ensure the existence and availability of local non-federal funds for the purpose of matching any federal funding for allowable operating expenses incurred by Subgrantee. Subgrantee must also ensure that any matching funds, regardless of their source, that Subgrantee manages are clearly identified and used in accordance with federal and state laws and the requirements of this Subgrant Agreement.
- J. Maintain documentation of all subgrant related activity in accordance with the requirements of OAC Section 5101:9-9-21, 5101:9-9-21.1 and 5101:9-9-29.
- K. Comply with all requirements of state and federal laws which are required by OAC Section 5101:9-4-04 to be included in a county written code of standards of conduct and with all additional requirements and prohibitions specified in that administrative rule.
- L. Comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. § 2000d et seq.), Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 (20 U.S.C. §1681 et seq.), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. § 794), the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. § 6101 et seq.); Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 U.S.C § 12131 et seq.); all provisions required by the implementing regulations of the Department of Agriculture and Department of Health and Human Services; Department of Justice Enforcement Guidelines, 28 CFR 50.3 and 42; and Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) directives and guidelines to the effect that, no person shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability or political beliefs or association, be excluded from participation in, be denied benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity for which the program applicant receives Federal financial assistance from FNS.
- M. Immediately take measures to incorporate paragraph K above, into existing agreements and contracts and shall incorporate the above language in all future agreements and contracts with other entities. Subgrantee shall require all entities with which it sub-grants and contracts with to incorporate Sections K and A, above, in all its existing agreements and contracts that are funded in whole or in part with funds from the U.S. Department of Agriculture or Health and Human Services, and shall further require those entities to incorporate the language in all future agreements and contracts with other entities.
- N. Post and require all entities with which it sub-grants and contracts to post the most recent version of the AD-475A and/or AD-475B "And Justice for All" poster.
- O. Comply with OAC 5160:1-2-01 (I) and (L) and C.F.R 435.916 by ensuring Medicaid determinations and renewals are completed timely and renewal signatures are captured and stored properly.

P. Ensure all Medicaid eligibility case documentation is entered timely into Ohio's Electronic Data Management System (EDMS).

ARTICLE IV. EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE SUBGRANT

- A. This Subgrant Agreement will be in effect from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025, unless this Subgrant Agreement is suspended or terminated pursuant to ARTICLE VII prior to the above termination date.
- B. In addition to Article IV-A above, it is expressly understood by the Departments and Subgrantee that this Subgrant Agreement will not be valid and enforceable until, pursuant to ORC Section 126.07, the State of Ohio Director of the Office of Budget and Management, first certifies there is a balance in the appropriation not already allocated to pay current obligations.

ARTICLE V. AMOUNT OF GRANT/PAYMENTS

- A. The total amount of the Subgrant for State Fiscal Years (SFY) 2024 and 2025 and grant specific terms and conditions such as, but not limited to, the applicable period of performance, will be provided to Subgrantee in formal notices. The Departments will provide this funding expressly to perform the Subgrant activities described in ARTICLE I of this Subgrant Agreement. This amount will be determined by the methodology required by OAC Chapter 5101:9-6. ODJFS will notify Subgrantee of revisions to subgrant amounts and terms through the issuance of supplementary notices as changes arise.
- B. Subgrantee will limit cash draws to the minimum amount needed for actual, immediate requirements in accordance with the Cash Management Improvement Act, 31 CFR 205, 45 CFR 75 and 2 CFR 400, and ODJFS requirements including Chapter 7 of the Fiscal Administrative Procedures Manual. Subgrantee agrees that amounts submitted as the basis for claims for reimbursement will not exceed the amount of actual cash expenditures for lawfully appropriate purposes under the terms of the subaward in question.
- C. Subgrantee understands that availability of funds is contingent on appropriations made by the Ohio General Assembly or by funding sources external to the State of Ohio, including federal funds. If at any time the Departments' Directors determines that state or federal funds are insufficient to sustain existing or anticipated spending levels, said Director may reduce, suspend, or terminate any allocation, reimbursement, cash draw, or other form of financial assistance as the Director determines appropriate. If the Ohio General Assembly or the external funding source fails at any time to continue funding the Departments for the payments due under this Subgrant Agreement, this Subgrant Agreement will be terminated as of the date funding expires without further obligation of ODJFS or the State of Ohio.
- D. In all circumstances under which budgetary information is maintained or is required to be maintained for a grant, Subgrantee must be able to reconcile budgetary expenditures to actual costs when required by the Departments.
- E. As a subrecipient of federal funds, Subgrantee hereby specifically acknowledges its obligations relative to all federal funds provided under this Subgrant Agreement pursuant to OMB 2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 300, 2 CFR 400, as well as 45 CFR 75, 45 CFR 95, and 45 CFR 96, including but not limited to, the following federal rules:
 - 1. <u>Standards for financial management systems</u>: Subgrantee and its subgrantee(s) will comply with the requirements of 2 CFR 200 Subparts (D) and (E), 45 CFR 75.302, and 2 CFR 400.1, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Fiscal and accounting procedures.
 - b. Accounting records.
 - c. Internal control over cash, real and personal property, and other assets.
 - d. Budgetary control to compare actual expenditures or outlays to budgeted amounts.

- e. Source documentation; and
- f. Cash management.
- 2. <u>Period of performance and availability of funds</u>: Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.309, 2 CFR 200.343, 45 CFR 75.309, and 2 CFR 400.1, Subgrantee and its subgrantee(s) may charge to the Federal award only costs resulting from obligations incurred during the funding period specified in the notices under Article V-A, above, unless notified by ODJFS that carryover of these balances is permitted, in which case the carryover balances may be charged for costs resulting from obligations of the subsequent funding period. All obligations incurred under the award must be liquidated in a timely manner in accordance with federal and state law and specifications by ODJFS, not to exceed 90 days.
- 3. <u>Cost sharing or matching</u>: Pursuant to 2 CFR 200.306, 45 CFR 75.306, 2 CFR 200 and 2 CFR 400.1, cost sharing or matching requirements applicable to the Federal program must be satisfied by allowable costs incurred or third-party in-kind contributions and must be clearly identified and used in accordance with all applicable federal and state laws.

For Federal programs in which state funds are made available to use as matching funds, the Subgrantee is required to use, in addition to the amounts required under ORC Section 5101.16, additional local funds for matching funds in the event that the state funding allocated for that purpose is exhausted.

- 4. <u>Program income</u>: Program income must be used as specified in 2 CFR 200.307, 45 CFR 75.307, 2 CFR 200 and 2 CFR 400.1.
- 5. <u>Real property</u>: If Subgrantee is authorized to use Subgrant funds for the acquisition of real property, title, use, and disposition of the real property will be governed by the provisions of 45 CFR 200.311, 45 CFR 75.318, 2 CFR 200 and 2 CFR 400.1.
- 6. <u>Equipment</u>: Title, use, management (including record keeping, internal control, and maintenance), and disposition of equipment acquired by Subgrantee or its subgrantee(s) with Subgrant funds, will be governed by the provisions of 2 CFR 200.313, 45 CFR 75.320, 2 CFR 200 and 2 CFR 400.1.
- 7. <u>Supplies</u>: Title and disposition of supplies acquired by Subgrantee or its subgrantee(s) with Subgrant funds will be governed by the provisions of 2 CFR 200.314, 45 CFR 75.321, 2 CFR 200 and 2 CFR 400.1.
- F. Subgrantee expressly certifies that neither it, nor any of its principals, is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs.

ARTICLE VI. AUDITS OF SUBGRANTEE

- A. Subgrantee agrees to provide for timely audits as required by OMB 2 CFR 200. Subject to the threshold requirements of 45 CFR 75.501, 2 CFR 400.1, and 2 CFR 200.501, Subgrantee must ensure that the county of which they are a part has an audit with a scope as provided in 2 CFR 200.514 that covers funds received under this Subgrant Agreement. Costs of such audits are allowable as provided in 2 CFR 200.425. Subgrantee must send one (1) copy of the final audit report to the ODJFS Office of Fiscal and Monitoring Services, Audit Resolution Section, at 30 East Broad Street, 37nd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215, within two (2) weeks of the Subgrantee's receipt of any such audit report.
- B. Subgrantee has additional responsibilities as an auditee under 45 CFR 75.508, et seq., and OMB Omni-Circular, 2 CFR 200.508, et seq., that include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Proper identification of federal awards received.
 - 2. Maintenance of required internal controls.
 - 3. Compliance with all state and federal laws, and regulations, and with all provisions of contracts, grant agreements, or subgrant agreements that pertain to each of its federal programs.

- 4. Procuring or otherwise arranging for the audit required by this Article in accordance with 2 CFR 200.509, and ensuring it is properly performed and submitted when due in accordance with 2 CFR 200.512.
- 5. Preparation of appropriate financial statements, including the schedule of expenditures of Federal awards in accordance with 2 CFR 200.510.
- 6. Promptly follow up and take corrective action on audit findings, including preparation of a summary schedule of prior audit findings and a corrective action plan in accordance with 2 CFR 200.511; and
- 7. Provide the auditor with access to personnel, accounts, books, records, supporting documentation, and other information as needed for the auditor to perform the audit required by this Article. Subgrantee must take prompt action to correct problems identified in an audit.

ARTICLE VII. SUSPENSION AND TERMINATION, BREACH AND DEFAULT

- A. This Subgrant Agreement may be terminated in accordance with any of the following:
 - 1. The parties may mutually agree to a termination by entering into a written termination agreement that is signed by the Departments' Directors and the Board, and the termination agreement is adopted by resolution of the Board. An agreement to terminate is effective on the later of the date stated in the agreement to terminate, the date it is signed by all parties, or the date the termination agreement is adopted by resolution of the Board.
 - 2. Any of the parties may terminate after giving ninety (90) days written notice of termination to the other parties by registered United States mail, return receipt requested. The effective date is the later of the termination date specified in the termination notice or the 91st day following the receipt of the notice by the other party.
 - 3. Either of the Departments may immediately terminate this Subgrant Agreement if there is a loss of federal or state funds, a disapproval of the Subgrant Agreement by a federal administrative agency, or illegal conduct affecting the operation of the Subgrant Agreement. In the event of such a termination, the Departments will send a notice to the Board and other county signatories to this Subgrant Agreement, specifying the reason for the termination and the effective date of the termination.
- B. Pursuant to ORC Section 5101.24, 45 CFR 75.371, 2 CFR 200 and 2 CFR 400.1, the Departments may take any or all of the following actions if Subgrantee, or any of its subgrantee(s) materially fails to comply with any term of an award, state and federal laws, an assurance, a State plan or application, a notice of award, this Subgrant Agreement, or any other applicable rule.
 - 1. Temporarily withhold cash payments pending correction of the deficiency by the Subgrantee or its subgrantee(s) or more severe enforcement action.
 - 2. Disallow all or part of the cost of the Subgrant activity or action not in compliance.
 - 3. Wholly or partly suspend or terminate the current award for the Subgrantee or its subgrantee(s)' Subgrant activity.
 - 4. Withhold further awards for the Subgrant activity; or
 - 5. Take any other remedies that may be legally available, including the additional remedies listed elsewhere in this Subgrant Agreement.
- C. Subgrantee, upon receipt of a notice of suspension or termination, will do all of the following:
 - 1. Cease the performance of the suspended or terminated Subgrant activities under this Subgrant Agreement.

- 2. Take all necessary steps to limit disbursements and minimize costs that include, but are not limited to, the suspension or termination of all contracts and subgrants correlated to the suspended or terminated Subgrant activities.
- 3. Prepare and furnish a report to ODJFS, as of the date Subgrantee received the notice of termination or suspension, that describes the status of all Subgrant activities and includes details of all Subgrant activities performed and the results of those activities; and
- 4. Perform any other tasks that ODJFS requires.
- D. Upon breach or default by Subgrantee of any of the provisions, obligations, or duties embodied in this Subgrant Agreement, the Departments will retain the right to exercise any administrative, contractual, equitable, or legal remedies available, without limitation. A waiver by the Departments of any occurrence of breach or default is not a waiver of subsequent occurrences. If one of the Departments or the Subgrantee fails to perform any obligation under this Subgrant Agreement and the failure is subsequently waived by the other parties, the waiver will be limited to that particular occurrence of a failure and will not be deemed to waive failures that may subsequently occur.

ARTICLE VIII. NOTICES

- A. Notices to the Departments from Subgrantee that concern this award, termination, suspension, breach, default, or other formal notices regarding this Subgrant Agreement will be sent to the ODJFS Deputy Director of Fiscal and Monitoring Services at 30 East Broad Street, 37th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.
- B. Notices to the Subgrantee from the Departments concerning any and all matters regarding this Subgrant Agreement, including changes in the amount of funding or in the source of federal funding, will be sent to the Board and other county signatories to this Subgrant Agreement.
- C. All notices in accordance with Section A of this ARTICLE VIII will be in writing and will be deemed given when received. All notices must be sent using a delivery method that documents actual delivery to the appropriate address herein indicated (*e.g.*, certified mail).

ARTICLE IX. AMENDMENT, ADDENDA, AND SUBGRANTS

A. **Amendment**: This document, along with any related addenda, constitutes the entire agreement between the Departments and Subgrantee with respect to all matters herein. Otherwise, only a document signed by both parties may amend this Subgrant Agreement. The Departments and Subgrantee agree that any amendments to laws or regulations cited herein will result in the correlative modification of this Subgrant Agreement without the necessity for executing written amendments. Any written amendment to this Subgrant Agreement will be prospective in nature.

If one of the Departments notices a need for correction of erroneous terms and conditions, ODJFS will immediately send Subgrantee an amended Subgrant Agreement for signature. If Subgrantee notices a need for correction of erroneous terms and conditions, it will immediately notify ODJFS.

B. **Addenda**: ODJFS will provide information concerning changes to the requirements of this Subgrant Agreement in addenda thereto. Any addenda to this Subgrant Agreement will not need to be signed. Any draw of the funds following the receipt of an addendum will constitute acceptance of changes specified therein.

C. Subgrants

 Any subgrants made by Subgrantee to another governmental entity, university, hospital, other nonprofit, or commercial organization will be made in accordance with 2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 200.201, 45 CFR 75.352 and 2 CFR 400.1 and will impose the requirements of 45 CFR 75 and 2 CFR 400, as applicable, as well as federal and state law. Any award of a subgrant to another entity shall be made by means of a county subgrant agreement which requires the entity awarded the county subgrant to comply with all conditions, requirements, and restrictions applicable to Subgrantee regarding the grant that Subgrantee subgrants to the entity, including the conditions, requirements, and restrictions of ORC Section 5101.21.

- 2. Debarment and Suspension: As provided in 2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 200.205, 45 CFR 75.212 and 2 CFR 400.1, Subgrantee, its principals, and its subgrantee(s) must not make any award or permit any award at any time to any party that is debarred or suspended or is otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance programs. Prior to making any such award or permitting any such award, Subgrantee must confirm that the party to which the award is proposed to be made is not debarred or suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in federal assistance.
- 3. Procurement: While Subgrantee and its subgrantee(s) must use their own documented procurement procedures, the procedures must conform to all applicable federal laws, including, as applicable, 2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 200.320, 2 CFR 400.1, 2 CFR 416.1 and 45 CFR 75.327 through 45 CFR 75.335. In the event of conflict between federal, state, and local requirements, the most restrictive must be used.
- 4. Monitoring: Subgrantee must manage and monitor the routine operations of Subgrant supported activities, including each project, program, subgrant, and function supported by the Subgrant, to ensure compliance with all applicable federal and state requirements, including 2 CFR 200, 2 CFR 200.328, 45 CFR 75.342, 2 CFR 400.1, and OAC Section 5101:9-1-88. If Subgrantee discovers that subgrant funding has not been used in accordance with state and federal laws, Subgrantee must take action to recover such funding.
- 5. Duties as Pass-through Entity: Subgrantee must perform those functions required under state and federal laws as a subrecipient of the Departments under this Subgrant Agreement and as a pass-through entity of any awards of subgrants to other entities.

ARTICLE X. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. Limitation of Liability: To the extent permitted by law, ODJFS agrees to be responsible for any liability directly relating to any and all acts of negligence by ODJFS. To the extent permitted by law, Subgrantee agrees to be responsible for any liability directly related to any and all acts of negligence by Subgrantee. In no event shall any party be liable for any indirect or consequential damages, even if the Departments or Subgrantee knew or should have known of the possibility of such damages.
- B. This Subgrant Agreement will be governed, construed, and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. Should any portion of this Subgrant Agreement be found unenforceable by operation of statute or by administrative or judicial decision, the remaining portions of this Subgrant Agreement will not be affected as long as the absence of the illegal or unenforceable provision does not render the performance of the remainder of the Subgrant Agreement impossible.
- C. Nothing in this Subgrant Agreement is to be construed as providing an obligation for any amount or level of funding, resources, or other commitment by the Departments to the Board, to any county signer required by ORC Section 5101.21 (B), or to any county family services agency that is not specifically set forth in state and federal law. Nothing in this Subgrant Agreement is to be construed as providing a cause of action in any state or federal court or in an administrative forum against the State of Ohio, the Departments, or any of the officers or employees of the State of Ohio or the Departments.
- D. Subgrantee agrees that no agency, employment, joint venture, or partnership has been or will be created between ODM and Subgrantee. Subgrantee further agrees that, it assumes all responsibility for any federal, state, municipal or other tax liabilities along with workers compensation, unemployment compensation and insurance premiums that may accrue as a result of funds received pursuant to this Agreement. Subgrantee agrees that it is for all purposes including, but not limited to, the application of the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Social Security Act, the Federal Unemployment Tax Act, the Federal Insurance Contribution Act, provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, Ohio tax law, Workers Compensation law, and Unemployment Insurance law.

- E. Risk Assessment. In accordance with 2 CFR 200.331 and 2 CFR 200.207, the Departments as a passthrough entity evaluate Subgrantee's risk of noncompliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward. If deemed required, Subgrantee agrees to comply with specific conditions and monitoring requirements posed by the Departments to ensure proper accountability and compliance with program requirements and achievement of performance goals.
- F. Counterpart. This Agreement may be executed in one, or more than one counterpart, and each executed counterpart shall be considered an original, provided that such counterpart is delivered to the other party by facsimile, mail courier or electronic mail, all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

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OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES SUBGRANT AGREEMENT

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THE PARTIES HAVE EXECUTED THIS SUBGRANT AGREEMENT AS OF THE DATE OF THE SIGNATURE OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES.

Fairfield County DJFS/PCSA/CSEA

OHIO DEPARTMENT OFJOB AND FAMILY SERVICES

CDJFS/PCSA/CSEA Director	Date	Matthew Damschroder, Director Date						
		OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID						
County Commissioner	Date	Maureen Corcoran, Director		Date				
County Commissioner	Date							
County Commissioner	Date							



A Contract regarding Ohio Department of Medicaid between Job and Family Services and

Approved on 7/18/2023 12:15:28 PM by COREY CLARK, Director of JFS

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COREY CLARK Director of JFS

Approved on 7/19/2023 3:44:03 PM by Corey Clark, Director of Fairfield County Job & Family Services

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Corey Clark, Director Fairfield County Job & Family Services

Certified Search for Unresolved Findings for Recovery

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE

Auditor of State - Unresolved Findings for Recovery Certified Search

I have searched The Auditor of State's unresolved findings for recovery database using the following criteria:

Contractor's Information:

Name: ,

Organization: Ohio Department of Medicaid Date: 7/18/2023 12:12:47 PM

This search produced the following list of **6** possible matches:

Name/Organization	Address
Mohiuddin, Leah	1665 Saffron Drive
Northern Ohio Rural Water Board Members	
Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc.	P.O. Box 2083
Ohio Works First Program, Prevention, Retention and Contingency	
Somali Bantu (Youth Community of Ohio)	3823 Sullivant Avenue
Southern Ohio Academy	522 Glenwood Ave

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ROUTING FORM FOR CONTRACTS
The undersigned designee of the County affirms that he/she has reviewed the attached contract to ensure that it complies with County's needs and previous negotiations. The undersigned designee further affirms that the County has complied with the competitive selection process, as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code, by selecting one of the boxes below.
A. Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via an Invitation to Bid, pursuant to R.C. 307.86-307.92
B. Goods and/or Services in excess of \$50,000.00—competitively selected via a Request for Proposals, pursuant to R.C. 307.862
C. Dublic Improvement contracts – competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 153.08-153.12
D. Architect/Engineer design services for public improvements—selected through the Request for Qualifications process pursuant to R.C. 153.65-153.72
E. County Road Improvement/Construction-competitively selected pursuant to R.C. 5555.61
F. The subject matter was exempt from competitive selection for the following reason(s):
 Under \$50,000 State Term #: (copy of State Term Contract must be attached) ODOT Term #: (See R.C. 5513.01) Professional Services (See R.C. 307.86) Emergency (Follow procedure under ORC 307.86(A)) Sole Source (attach documentation as to why contract is sole source) Other: (cite to authority or explain why matter is exempt from competitive bidding)
G. Agreement not subject to Sections A-F (explain):
H. Compliance with Fairfield County Board of Commissioners Procurement Guidelines
 No County employee, employee's family member, or employee's business associate has an interest in this contract OR such interest has been disclosed and reviewed by the Prosecutor's Office No Finding for Recovery against Vendor as required under R.C. 9.24 (search via "Certified Search" on http://ffr.ohioauditor.gov/) Obtained 3 quotes for purchases under \$50,000 Purchase Order is included with Agreement
Signed this day of, 20
Name and Title Sarah Larnell Budget Manager

* Please note that this checklist only addresses County and statutory requirements. If a contract is paid for with state and/or federal funds, please consult with the appropriate state and/or federal agency to ensure your department is complying with any additional requirements. By submitting a request for approval, you are certifying you have addressed County, statutory, and grant requirements.*

There is no cost associated with this contract and therefore no PO is needed.

The contract is not signed by the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) at this point because ODM typically requires county signatures before ODM signs.

Prosecutor's Approval Page

Resolution No.

A resolution to approve a subgrant agreement between Fairfield County Job and Family Services, Public Children Services Agency and Child Support Enforcement Agency departments, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

Approved as to form on 7/20/2023 3:08:27 PM by Steven Darnell,

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Resolution No. 2023-07.25.h

A resolution to approve a subgrant agreement between Fairfield County Job and Family Services, Public Children Services Agency and Child Support Enforcement Agency departments, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid.

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

2023-07.25.i

A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2599 reimbursing Fund 2018

WHEREAS, Resolution 04.06.29.ff authorized the establishment of a Workforce Investment Act Fund, #2599, and

WHEREAS, costs attributed to the WIA fund have been expended from the PA fund, #2018, and

WHEREAS, the WIA fund has received funds to cover these costs and such funds have been deposited in the WIA fund as required, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the public assistance fund (2018) to recover the costs from the WIA fund (2599).

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1: That the Fairfield County Auditor reflect the following memo receipt, for costs owed to the PA fund:

12201807-434009 (Reimbursement from WIOA) \$93,515.42 (Mar. thru May)

Section 2. That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners approves the following expenditure of shared costs and requests that the Fairfield County Auditor accomplish the transaction as if a regular County Auditor warrant, reimbursing the public assistance fund for costs incurred by WIOA.

Memo expenditure as referenced in supporting documentation: Vendor: 06396 Job and Family Services Account: 12259907 900000 Reimburse public assistance Amount: \$93,515.42

Subject to final quarterly reconciliation from ODJFS

Prepared by Annette Mash-Smith Fiscal Specialist

											CCMEP	CCMEP YOUTH	CCMEP YOUTH		
	WIOA to PA Shared	Owed to	o PA Fund	Paid to PA Fund	Balance	Notes			ADULT	DW	YOUTH IN	OUT	OUT WORK EXP	RESEA	TOTAL OWED
				2023		-	2023								
	Jan-23	\$	16,444.04		\$ 28,708.78	-		\$16,444.04	\$13,153.57					\$3,290.47	\$13,153.57
	Feb-23	\$	14,497.68		\$ 43,206.46	-		\$14,497.68	\$11,596.69					\$2,900.99	\$11,596.69
Reimb w/out March numbers															
(Dec, Jan, Feb)	Mar-23	\$	15,114.10	\$ 45,532.00	\$ 12,788.56	Resolution 2023-03.14.s		\$15,114.10	\$12,089.75					\$3,024.35	\$12,089.75
	Apr-23	\$	40,085.52		\$ 52,874.08			\$40,085.52	\$1,670.24	\$11,691.61		\$6,680.90	\$1,670.24	\$20,042.77	\$13,361.85
	May-23	\$	35,179.74		\$ 88,053.82			\$35,179.74	\$1,465.82	\$10,260.75		\$5,863.29	\$1,465.82	\$17,589.88	\$11,726.57
Reimb w/out June numbers (Mar,															
Apr, May)	Jun-23	\$	50,824.73	\$ 93,515.42	\$ 45,363.13	Resolution 2023-07.		\$50,824.73	\$2,117.70	\$14,823.88		\$8,470.79	\$2,117.70	\$25,412.36	\$16,941.58
	Jul-23	\$	-		\$ 45,363.13			\$0.00							\$0.00
	Aug-23	\$	-		\$ 45,363.13			\$0.00							\$0.00
Reimb w/out Sep numbers (June,															
Jul, Aug)	Sep-23	\$	-		\$ 45,363.13			\$0.00							\$0.00
	Oct-23	\$	-		\$ 45,363.13			\$0.00							\$0.00
	Nov-23	\$	-		\$ 45,363.13			\$0.00							\$0.00
Reimb w/out Dec numbers (Sep,															
Oct, Nov)	Dec-23	\$	-		\$ 45,363.13			\$0.00							\$0.00
	Total	\$ 1	172,145.81	\$ 139,047.42	N/A	Totals		\$172,145.81	\$42,093.77	\$36,776.24	\$0.00	\$21,014.98		\$72,260.82	\$78,870.01

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Resolution No. 2023-07.25.i

A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2599 reimbursing Fund 2018

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

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2023-07.25.j

A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Sub Fund 8056 reimbursing Fund 2018

WHEREAS, Fairfield County Job & Family Services and the Fairfield County Children Services Agency merged operations effective October 1, 1995, and

WHEREAS, Fairfield County Job & Family Services expended funds from the public assistance fund for costs attributable to the Wendy's Wonderful Kids Grant program administered by Children Services division of Job and Family Services, and

WHEREAS, the Wendy's Wonderful Kids Grant program has received funds to cover these costs and such funds have been deposited in the sub fund (8056) Wendy's Wonderful Kids of the children services fund (2072) as required, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the public assistance fund (2018) to recover the costs from the Wendy's Wonderful Kids Sub Fund (8056),

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Fairfield County Auditor reflect the following memo receipt:

12201807-434042 REIMB – WWK (Reimbursement from Wendy's Wonderful Kids) \$ 18,044.60

This amount represents costs owed to the PA fund for April thru June 2023.

Section 2. That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners approves the following expenditure of shared costs and requests that the Fairfield County Auditor accomplish the transaction as if a regular County Auditor warrant, reimbursing the public assistance fund for costs incurred by the Wendy's Wonderful Kids Grant (Children Services division).

2023-07.25.j

A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Sub Fund 8056 reimbursing Fund 2018

Memo expenditure as referenced in supporting documentation:

Vendor: 06396 Job and Family Services

Account: 12207213 900000 Special Reporting

Amount: \$18,044.60

Prepared by: Annette Mash-Smith Fiscal Specialist

WWK to PA Shared	Owed to PA Fund	Paid to PA Fund		Balance	Notes					
2023										
Jan-23	\$ 5,057.91		\$	7,108.69						
Feb-23	\$ 4,947.29		\$	12,055.98						
Mar-23	\$ 7,039.87	19,095.85	\$	-	Resolution 2023-04.25.v					
Apr-23	\$ 3,688.68		\$	3,688.68						
May-23	\$ 5,649.01		\$	9,337.69						
Jun-23	\$ 8,706.91		\$	18,044.60						
Jul-23	\$ 7,215.18	18,044.60	\$	7,215.18	Resolution 2023-07.					
Aug-23	\$ 5,014.84		\$	12,230.02						
Sep-23	\$ 5,250.67	-	\$	17,480.69						
Oct-23	\$ 4,457.98		\$	21,938.67						
Nov-23	\$ 6,360.86		\$	28,299.53						
Dec-23	\$ 7,205.75	-	\$	35,505.28						
Total	\$ 70,594.95	\$ 37,140.45		N/A	Totals					

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Resolution No. 2023-07.25.j

A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Sub Fund 8056 reimbursing Fund 2018

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)

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2023-07.25.k

A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund #2036 Department of Youth Services (reclaim) Fund

WHEREAS, the Fairfield County Juvenile Court has collected unanticipated revenue from the Department of Youth Services for FY24 in Fund #2036; and

WHEREAS, appropriate from unappropriated will allow proper accounting in the major expenditure object category; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. Request that the Fairfield County Commissioners Appropriate from Unappropriated into the following categories:

\$35,000.00 17203600 Contractual Services

For Auditor's Office Use Only: Section 1.

17203600-530000-PRO24 \$10,000.00 17203600-530000-RSP24 \$25,000.00

Section 2. Issue an Amended Certificate in the amount \$35,000.00 to the credit of fund #2036.

Section 3. Request that the Fairfield County Auditor, on behalf of the Budget Commission, update the following receipt lines:

17203600-433450 \$35,000.00

Prepared by: Alisha Mason Fairfield County Juvenile Court

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Resolution No. 2023-07.25.k

A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund #2036 Department of Youth Services (reclaim) Fund

(Fairfield County Juvenile/Probate Court)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

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2023-07.25.1

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category for Sheriff's Office Fund 2027, Weights.

WHEREAS, additional appropriations are needed in the major expenditure object category for Fund 2027, Weights; and

WHEREAS, appropriating from unappropriated will allow proper accounting in the major expenditure object category.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners appropriate from unappropriated into the following category.

23202700 Capital Outlay \$64,266.00

Prepared by: Elisa Dowdy cc: Sheriff

Appropriate from Unappropriated For Auditor's Office Use Only:

\$64,266.00

Fund #2027; Org #23202700; Object #574200

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Resolution No. 2023-07.25.1

A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category for Sheriff's Office Fund 2027, Weights

(Fairfield County Sheriff)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

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2023-07.25.m

A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval

WHEREAS, departments that need the Board of Commissioners' approval for payment of their invoices have submitted their invoices to the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has submitted the cash disbursement journal for payment of invoices for the check date of July 27, 2023; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Fairfield County Board of County Commissioners approves the attached cash disbursement journal.

Prepared by: Auditor/Finance cc: Finance Office

INVOICE: Departmer	S BY DEPARTMENT					07/27/202	23 to 07/23/2023
Check #	Check Date Vendor # Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Date	PO #	Warrant	Line Item Description	Amount
1201	COMM-ECONOMIC DEV Fund: 7831 - WRKFCE INN OPP ACT	20/21					
5380324	07/27/2023 17476 ERNST & YOUNG U	.S. LLPUS01U001276033	06/13/2023	23003629	C0725	AGREEMENT WITH AREA 20 WDB	90,000.00
					ΤΟΤΑ	L: COMM-ECONOMIC DEV	90,000.00

INVOICE: Departmer	S BY DEPART	MENT					07/27/	2023 to 07/23/2023
Check #		Vendor # Vendor Name	Invoice #	Invoice Date	PO#	Warrant	Line Item Description	Amount
1210		LY SERVICES 2018 - FCJFS - PUBLIC ASSIS	TANCE					
5380323	07/27/2023	6640 FF CTR FOR DISAB & CEREBRAL PALS		06/01/2023	23000371	C0725	2023 - 2024 TRANSPORTATION	77,166.50
						TOTAL:	JOB & FAMILY SERVICES	77,166.50

Summary Total for this report: \$167,166.50

Commissioner Steven A. Davis

Commissioner Jeffrey M. Fix

Commissioner David L. Levacy

Date

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Resolution No. 2023-07.25.m

A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval

(Fairfield County Commissioners)

This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK

It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

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Commissioners' Meeting 07-25-23

Study that found COVID shots killed people ... is killed!

'Bombshell' that vaccines 'directly caused or significantly contributed' to deaths stifled

https://www.wnd.com/2023/07/study-found-covid-shots-killed-people-killed/ By Bob Unruh Published July 21, 2023

****A new study, conducted by respected medical researchers and published in The Lancet, a renowned medical journal, indicated that the COVID shots themselves actually killed people – and the study now has been killed.

That's according to a report from <u>Liberty Counsel</u>, which has been one of the key fighters in court against the Biden administration's various COVID shot mandates during the pandemic.

****It was published in the Lancet, BUT But "was quickly <u>censored within 24</u> <u>hours</u> after its publication <u>because it showed clear evidence</u> that the COVID-19 shots were responsible for many deaths."

****Of the 325 autopsies reviewed, "the study revealed the COVID shots directly caused or significantly contributed to up to 74% of those deaths."

International Panel That Contradicted WHO Ruling on Aspartame Has Ties to Coca-Cola Front Group

In the World Health Organization's (WHO) July 14 <u>hazard and risk</u> <u>assessments of aspartame</u>, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) classified <u>aspartame</u> as "<u>possibly carcinogenic</u>" — but the Joint Expert Committee on <u>Food</u> Additives (JECFA) reaffirmed the acceptable daily intake

https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/aspartame-ties-coca-cola-front-grouprtk/?utm_source=luminate&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=defender&utm_id=20230721 The Defender/ 07/21/23

****Why doesn't the JECFA recommendation line up with the IARC classification or the May <u>WHO guideline</u> not to use <u>non-sugar sweeteners</u> for weight control?

****One possible answer: At least six out of 13 JECFA panel members have ties to the <u>International Life Sciences Institute</u> (ILSI), a longtime <u>Coca-Cola</u> front group. Both the chair and vice chair of the JECFA panel have ties to ILSI.

CDC: Covid Shots Caused 338x Increase in Cancers & AIDS

The new data from the CDC shows that large numbers of fully vaccinated Americans are developing cancers and acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

https://slaynews.com/news/cdc-covid-shots-caused-338x-increase-cancersaids/?utm_source=mailpoet&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=daily-newsletter Frank Bergman Slay News July 21, 2023

U.S. military using 'potentially misleading' COVID data, thanks to these screw-ups

'The DoD cannot rely on the data in the registry to make public health and clinical care decisions[,]

By WND News Services Published July 23, 2023

**** "The DoD cannot rely on the data in the COVID-19 Registry to make public health and clinical care decisions concerning the COVID-19 pandemic because the data were not complete, accurate,

representative of the universe of DoD patients who had a COVID-19 event," the document said

&&&&&**** Yet look at the persons in the medical field who have lost their jobs (OR THEIR LIVES) for revealing the truth many months ago about the <u>MISINFORMATION</u> <u>TO SCARE</u> THE GENERAL PUBLIC. And look at the <u>IMMENSE TRAUMA</u> that this wicked deceit has brought to many persons' lives and marriages as well as health.&&&&****

The Scam Continues: MSM Claims Covid Is Back, Tells People To Get NEW Injections!

If you thought the establishment was done with the Plandemic nightmare, think again.

https://rumble.com/v31pmuq-msm-claims-covid-is-back-media-tells-people-to-get-new-injections-the-scam. html World Alternative Media | Banned.Video

July 23rd 2023

**** NBC claims Covid is back (despite it STILL never being isolated) and that this winter, Covid, the flu and RSV may kill a bunch of people.

Bombshell Data: Hematological (Blood-Related) Claims Up 522% Above Trend in 2022

Edward Dowd, a former Blackrock portfolio asset manager from <u>PhinanceTechnologies.com</u>, warns The Alex Jones Show that alarming data in the UK Personal Independence Payment system showing an increase in blood-related diseases needs to be addressed by the médical community and regulators.

https://www.infowars.com/posts/ed-dowd-drops-bombshell-data-hematological-blood-related-claims-up-522-above-trend-in-2022/ Infowars.com July 24th 2023

10 Problems With Vaccines — and **10** Solutions

Only in very recent history has there been a rigidly enforced orthodoxy of belief within the medical establishment that vaccines must be unanimously regarded as "<u>safe and effective</u>," no questions asked.

https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/10-problems-vaccines-10-solutions/?utm_id=20230724 The Defender By Clayton J. Baker, M.D.

07/24/23

****Here is the trouble with vaccines, in 10 sentences: (Look them up) ****A proposed solution to the trouble with vaccines in 10 (more) sentences:

(Look them up)

****The medical establishment's current dogma on vaccines ("safe and

effective," no questions asked) and its corresponding catechism (the ever-expanding vaccine schedules) are in desperate need of reform. I submit that we begin with the above steps.

Small-town GOP officials are torn over Biden's clean energy cash

https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2023/07/23/biden-green-energy-local-republicans/



By <u>Jeff Stein</u>

July 23, 2023 at 6:00 a.m. EDT



People hold "No Solar on Prime Farmland" signs at a zoning meeting in Millersport, Ohio, on July 19. (Maddie McGarvey for The Washington Post)

Listen

12 min

FAIRFIELD, Ohio — Tony Zartman has listened to opponents of a proposed solar farm claim that runoff from the panels would contaminate their drinking water. He's heard that wind turbines make cellphone service impossible. And he's been told that solar farms would be overrun by rats that would torment neighbors.

One recent Tuesday morning, Zartman stood a few feet away as the three Republican commissioners of Fairfield County weighed the fate of a proposal to build a solar farm on central Ohio farmland worth more \$250 million. A Republican, Zartman had approved a major renewable energy project while commissioner of Paulding County, and for the past year, he has crisscrossed the state urging others to do the same. The Fairfield commissioners should put politics aside, Zartman urged, and approve the proposed site. Jobs would come. The money the company was providing for the project was real. Tax revenue would jump.

"We have new parks; the school systems are flourishing with all the additional revenue; the roads are in the best condition they've been in," said Zartman, 55, who has traveled to more than 40 counties across the state spreading this message. "I tell them, 'I am a die-hard conservative, but I support renewables because they've just been amazing for us financially.""



Tony Zartman at Buckeye Lake State Park in Ohio. Zartman goes from town to town trying to get Republicans to support solar energy. (Maddie McGarvey for The Washington Post)

For all Zartman's evangelism, his arguments do not always carry the day in the red heart of Ohio. Like similar fights throughout conservative parts of the United States, the debate in Fairfield County reflects one of the central ironies of President Biden's signature legislation, last year's <u>Inflation Reduction Act</u>: Although it was drafted and passed exclusively by Democrats in Washington, the fate of the law will hinge in large part on the decisions of state and local Republican officials.

The idea behind the law, and its hundreds of billions of dollars in expanded clean-energy tax credits, <u>was to</u> change both the economics and the politics that have held green industry back. Rather than pursue a carbon tax administered by the federal government or other policies some on the left have pushed, the Biden administration is seeding the money for a new renewable energy sector that would make cleaner options a better bet financially than burning fossil fuels, regardless of one's position on climate change. The hope was that government subsidies would unleash a tidal wave of investment to <u>shatter local opposition and break the nation's</u> dependence on fossil fuel energy, particularly as the cost of renewable energy plummets.



Farmland that could be developed into a solar field in Amanda, Ohio. (Maddie McGarvey for The Washington Post)



A sign opposing the industrial solar plants being developed in Amanda, Ohio. (Maddie McGarvey for The Washington Post)

But it won't succeed without cooperation from some of Biden's political adversaries. Huge swaths of this new green energy production are being proposed for rural states, where land is cheaper than on the urbanized coasts: Ohio and Texas for <u>expansive new solar arrays</u>; massive wind installations in the open plains of Oklahoma and Nebraska; <u>a new hub for producing batteries</u> for electric vehicles in the Southeast, centered in Georgia and South Carolina. The law includes incentives to make it particularly attractive for clean energy firms to invest in former fossil-fuel-producing communities, and clean energy firms often look for workforces that are not unionized. These factors also push investment to GOP-held states.

This emphasis on rural areas puts local GOP officials in the position of overseeing massive amounts of development funded by Biden's law. Of the approximately \$70 billion in new clean energy investment dollars announced since the climate law passed, roughly \$51 billion — or 70 percent — <u>is in counties</u> won by Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election, according to Jack Conness, a policy analyst at Energy Innovation: Policy and Technology, a nonpartisan think tank.

Clean energy boom in middle America

New private investment in sectors critical to decarbonizing the U.S. economy since 2020

Clean Energy EVs & Batteries



The legislation is projected to reduce carbon emissions by about 780 million tons per year by 2030. But that number could fall by as much as 260 million tons per year, or roughly 30 percent, if the pace of solar and wind deployment slows amid local opposition, according to projections by the REPEAT Project at Princeton University.

"Where the rubber hits the road for this bill will be in factory communities and rural communities that can host wind and solar, and that will be outside urban Democratic districts," said Jesse Jenkins, a Princeton professor and one of the report's authors. "For the first time in decades, the government is bringing transformative opportunities to communities that have been left behind. But if they see these projects as a burden instead of a boon, it will dramatically undermine the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act."

The funding is splintering a Republican Party that remains skeptical about renewable energy — and hostile to Biden.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp and U.S. Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.) are among the GOP officials throwing their weight behind the electric vehicle battery sector. But other Republicans, like conservatives in the Texas Capitol, are going in the opposite direction, pushing to repeal subsidies for solar and wind projects even though renewable energy has proved essential for the state's electrical grid. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) States controlled by Republicans are seeing the biggest influx of new wind, solar, and battery manufacturing plants.



Developers have announced at least 74 new clean energy manufacturing facilities across the country since passage of the Inflation Reduction Act last year.

Source: The American Clean Power Association

JEFF STEIN / THE WASHINGTON POST

and senior Republicans on Capitol Hill leadership <u>have pushed</u> for repealing the renewable energy credits in the Inflation Reduction Act — though resistance from members of his caucus whose districts are already benefiting from the credits led him to drop some of those demands.

As the number of proposed renewable energy projects soars, so has the backlash. State and local lawmakers have blocked 547 solar and wind projects this year already — a nearly 15 percent increase from last year's total, even though the year is only half over, and a nearly 70 percent jump since 2021, according to the Renewable Rejection Database, which tracks local governments' approvals of renewables.

While much of the opposition is ideologically motivated, some nearby residents also object to <u>new industrial</u> <u>uses in their rural communities</u>. Solar panel farms can stretch for hundreds or thousands of acres on previously green pastures. Construction can affect the tilling farms need for drainage, while also adding traffic and noise. That can provoke opposition in liberal states as well as conservative ones, with some officials in New Jersey, New York and elsewhere also balking at large new energy projects.

The funding is splintering a Republican Party that remains skeptical about renewable energy — and hostile to Biden.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp and U.S. Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.) are among the GOP officials throwing their weight behind the electric vehicle battery sector. But other Republicans, like conservatives in the Texas Capitol, are going in the opposite direction, pushing to repeal subsidies for solar and wind projects even though renewable energy has proved essential for the state's electrical grid. House Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-Calif.) and senior Republicans on Capitol Hill leadership have pushed for repealing the renewable energy credits in the Inflation Reduction Act — though resistance from members of his caucus whose districts are already benefiting from the credits led him to drop some of those demands.

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People wear "No Solar on Prime Farmland" T-shirts at a zoning meeting in Millersport, Ohio, on July 19. (Maddie McGarvey for The Washington Post)

"When your strategy for decarbonization is to massively industrialize landscapes all over the country, there's going to be lots of resistance to that," said Ted Nordhaus, executive director of the Breakthrough Institute, a California-based think tank that supports reform to expedite renewable energy projects. "It's not all milk and honey for the local communities — there's real impacts here."

"If you live in San Francisco or Washington or New York City, you might go: 'Whatever, there's nobody there.' But there are actually people who live there, and a lot of them are not wild about this," Nordhaus said.

Across Ohio, debates are breaking out everywhere from Walnut Township to the statehouse in Columbus about whether, and how, to get behind clean energy, as officials are pulled between the allure of economic development and the opposition of local activists.

For some Ohioans, the financial incentives are enough. The state has seen the fifth-biggest investment in renewable energy projects — \$6 billion — since passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, according to Conness. Only Texas and California are projected to see their solar sectors grow more quickly over the next four years. Conservative business executives from Cincinnati to Cleveland stressed that they may not like Biden, or believe in his approach to subsidizing clean energy, but they see the potential to make money.

"I don't really look at this from a 'let's go out there and hug trees' perspective," said Russ Bates, who served as a senior executive in the fossil fuel industry before starting his own consulting firm in the Cleveland area for industrial solar installations in 2021. "But from an economic perspective, it is making so much more sense to do this."



A woman wears a renewable energy sticker at a zoning meeting in Millersport, Ohio. (Maddie McGarvey for The Washington Post)

Yet a growing backlash in rural Ohio — fueled by ideology, but not limited to it — could limit the sector's growth. Ohio officials have rejected more than 400 proposed renewable projects, more than any other state, according to the Renewable Rejection Database. Since 2021, developers have either withdrawn or seen rejected more than 1.2 gigawatts of solar projects in Ohio, enough to power roughly 120,000 homes. That is roughly one-seventh of the entire planned increase in solar production in the state between 2023 and 2028, according to Matthew Sahd, an analyst at Wood Mackenzie, a research and consulting firm. Sahd cautioned that these numbers are expected to grow, with anecdotal evidence suggesting a broad increase in resistance to renewable projects in many parts of the state.

Ohio's state government has made renewable proposals easier for local officials to block. It substantially curtailed new wind development with a law that restricted how the projects could be constructed. At least 10 of Ohio's 88 counties have enacted bans on large-scale wind and solar projects, with at least six more counties considering similar measures, according to a Washington Post tally.

And although capacity will expand because of projects already in the pipeline, the number of new utility-scale solar proposals plummeted from 15 in 2021 to two after passage of the law giving local lawmakers more sway, according to Marilla Smith and Gilbert Michaud, analysts at Loyola University Chicago.

Ohio restricts solar development

At least 10 of its counties have approved at least partial bans on large solar farms since 2020 and several others are considering similar measures

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Ohio sees decline in new proposals for utility-scale solar projects

A 2021 law giving local officials more sway led to a steep drop in big solar project proposals





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In Fairfield County, hundreds of activists have worked to kill attempts to build solar projects in central Ohio. In Amanda Township, on the western side of the county, solar developers snapped up more than 1,000 acres of farmland, although no developer has come forward with a proposal. In Walnut Township, in the northeast side of the county, the solar firm EFG Renewables has proposed a solar field on more than 3,000 acres of farmland.

Much of the opposition that has emerged is nonideological. On a recent Tuesday evening, Jerry Starner, 61, pointed at the green rows of corn stalks to the north of his farmstead, dappled with pink rays from the setting sun. He and his wife restored the 1889 farmstead they bought 32 years ago, and he had long planned on retiring there. Although his property is too small to receive a bid from the solar company, his home would soon be surrounded on all sides by solar panels — with arrays going up to the north, east, west and south.

"All that corn you see? That would be solar panels," Starner said, as his dogs, Jovi and Nellie, roved the grass. "It consumes me. This has completely upended my life. It'll be like driving home to a prison."

Others in the town characterize the struggle as part of a broader national fight against faceless corporations and liberals. During a meeting of the town of Amanda, Austin Reid, 29, one of the trustees, shook his head as he wondered why the industrial solar panels could not be placed in cities on the coasts, if that's how their residents wanted to get their energy supply.

"This administration is paying for this — the last administration did not," he said.

At a meeting the next night in Walnut, Bill Yates, one of the town's trustees, told a representative for EDF Renewables that the plan was only moving forward because it was receiving federal subsidies from Biden's plan.

"If you were doing this with your own money, you would not be doing it," Yates said. "You're doing it with taxpayer money."

The county commissioners who will decide the projects' fate are, for now, careful to avoid picking a side.



Steve Davis charges his Chevy Bolt in Lancaster, Ohio, on July 20. Davis, a lifelong Republican and supporter of Donald Trump, recently bought the electric car and installed solar panels on his roof, which he says has saved him money on his electric bill and on gas. (Maddie McGarvey for The Washington Post)



The charger for Davis's electric car. (Maddie McGarvey for The Washington Post)



Solar panels on Davis's home, which have helped bring down his electric bill. (Maddie McGarvey for The Washington Post) Steve Davis, one of the commissioners, said he attended a meeting at a schoolhouse in late June where more than 200 opponents of the solar project showed up in matching red shirts. They expressed their fears of a collapse in home prices, retirement plans upended and soil contamination from chemicals that would "leech" from broken parts. (Several experts said there was no evidence runoff from solar panels ruins farmland soil.) Many were lifelong neighbors.

But Davis seems skeptical of a ban. Although a lifelong Republican and supporter of Donald Trump, he recently bought a Chevy Bolt and installed solar panels on his roof, which he says has saved him money on his electric bill and on gas. He is skeptical that the solar farm itself will create that many jobs, but points out that county officials have spoken with Intel, Facebook and Google — companies that may want to locate data centers near renewable energy sources.

"I'm not trying to save the world. I'm not trying to reduce my carbon footprint," Davis said in an interview this week in his office, after about a dozen protesters showed up yet again to a county commission meeting. "I'm really just trying to reduce my expense footprint."