

Regular Meeting #31 - 2022
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
August 2, 2022

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. at the Historic Courthouse on 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Fix called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy and Jeff Fix. Also present: Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Bart Hampson, Bennett Niceswanger, Rochelle Menningen, Garrett Blevins, Raz Sabaiduc, Josh Horacek, Marty Norris, Dennis Keller, Dr. Carri Brown, Lisa McKenzie, Dan Neeley, Joe Ebel, Rick Szabrak, James Mako, Judy Stemen, Ray Stemen and Patrick Welsh.

Attending virtual: Tony Vogel, Jacqui Pazaropoulos, Beth Cottrell, Jeff Barron, Angela Horn, Audrey, James Bahnsen, Jessica Murphey, Marcy Fields, Stacy Hicks, Ashley Arter, Cheryl Downour, Kate Hubben, Caller 01 and Becky.

Welcome

Commissioner Fix opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance. He spoke about the success of the Lancaster Festival and thanked everyone involved in the preparation for their hard work.

Listen and Learn – Family, Adult and Children First Council

Executive Director of Family, Adult and Children First Council (FACFC), Raz Sabaiduc, provided a Listen and Learn. He began by giving a brief history on FACFC and their purpose within the community. Mr. Sabaiduc stated that the council has areas of focus which include: the Help Me Grow Program – Early Intervention, Service Coordination, Community Needs Assessment/Gap Analysis, and Interagency process to identify local indicators for child well-being. One of the strengths of the council is the willingness of Fairfield County to collaborate, which enhances the services being provided to families. FACFC actively looks to identify resources to fill gaps. He added that FACFC communicates with different agencies to distribute resources out to families and individuals. One such resource is the distribution of car seats where in previous years there was no program like it. FACFC has different sources of funding to support their programs around the county. He also stated that there are also funding partnerships at the state level to fill other gaps. Mr. Sabaiduc went on to speak about some of the different initiatives and committees FACFC heads and added that the Multi-System Youth Program provides and monitors a service coordination system to multi-system children and youth.

Commissioner Fix asked Mr. Sabaiduc if he knew how many children in Fairfield County were born with substance abuse problems.

County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle, later provided there were 146 babies born with confirmed substance abuse in Fairfield County in 2021.

Mr. Sabaiduc added that the Community School Attendance Program is a new program that addresses the truancy problem seen among some students in the county, and that many times, these students are experiencing issues at home. As a result, FACFC has partnered with Juvenile Court and Job and Family Services, Child Protective Services to support these students.

Commissioner Levacy stated his admiration for the level of collaboration among the different agencies and organizations in Fairfield County to provide care and services to these families.

Commissioner Fix stated he is grateful for the work of FACFC.

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Public Comments

Ray Stemen of Lancaster spoke about the programs presented by Mr. Sabaiduc and how historically churches had provided this type of assistance. Mr. Stemen concluded his comments by saying a prayer for all those in attendance.

Judy Stemen of Lancaster read highlights from a handout she presented to the commissioners. The handout is provided in these minutes.

Steve Clapper from the Historical Aircraft Squadron spoke about an airshow event that he would like to bring back to the community and added that proceeds from the airshow would go back into the community.

Legal Update

County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle, spoke about a scheduled closing for the purchase of the Fairfield Center in Pickerington.

County Administration Update

County Administrator Cordle reviewed the Week in Review, Highlights of Resolutions, the Budget Review, Recognitions, and the Jail Population, as follows.

Week in Review

ARP Update

From the \$30,607,546.77 received as the first and second tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$15.7M has been appropriated, \$4.4M expended, \$7.0M encumbered or obligated.

Workforce Center Summer Camps

Rick Szabrak provided a recap of the junior high summer camps that just completed at the Workforce Center. He stated that it was successful, and they had a high turnout. He also added that students had the chance to get hands-on experience in different professions and that parents were invited to see what the students were working on and received lots of positive feedback.

Evening Commission Meeting

Next Tuesday, August 8th, the Commission will be meeting at 7:00 pm at the Opera House in Baltimore at 103 West Market Street.

One Columbus Board Meeting

Rick Szabrak has been appointed to the One Columbus Board and is the only non-Franklin County member. Ms. Cordle stated that Mr. Szabrak does a great job representing Fairfield County.

RFP for the development of the 2022 Economic Development Strategic Plan Including Updating the 2018 Comprehensive Land Use Plan

This RFP was released on August 1 with an anticipated award date of September 26. This will allow for interviews and meetings to begin upon award in late September through Thanksgiving and then plan work will take place in December and January with an expected roll out in February.

Wear Green for Child Support Awareness

Everyone is encouraged to wear green to recognize Child Support Awareness month tomorrow, August 3. One in three children are impacted by the child support program.

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Fairfield Center

Notice has been received from Ohio University that a closing date has been scheduled for August 15. In addition, there will be an email going out to County leadership to see if there is any additional interest, that has not been expressed to date, regarding offering services at the Fairfield Center.

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals

Resolution Review

There are 16 resolutions for the voting meeting.

Resolutions of note:

- A resolution to approve an Historical Parks lease
- A resolution to consider a petition to vacate a portion of a public road, Alley in unincorporated Village of Havensport, Greenfield Township and establish a viewing and hearing date
- Contract for paving of County parking lots

Budget Review

- Budget Director, Bart Hampson, provided an update on the casino tax revenue. Two slides are included in these minutes with data from the update.

Recognition

- Auditor Brown thanked the Real Estate Assessment and Sheriff's Office for their level-headed approach in dealing with an aggressive domestic situation at the time of a conveyance of property. All the procedures for such a situation worked well.
- Auditor Brown praised the Real Estate Assessment Staff for the organized, courteous approach with the informal hearings during our triennial update.
- Auditor Brown recognized that 14 of the Auditor's Office team members completed the NACo High Performance Leadership Academy this quarter.
- Thank you to Ashley Lynch for her work with creating benefit reports.
- Dan Neeley thanked the IT team for their great teamwork during his vacation.
- Thank you to Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer, for his assistance with a passport renewal issue.
- Great job to Jessy Schultz and Olivia Revels-Strother with Juvenile Court for their work with the Resource Center.
- Congratulations to Jon Kochis and Garrett Blevins for their outstanding work with The Lancaster Festival. Dennis Lowe shared positive teamwork for the work they accomplished at the OU-L concert site.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- Regional Planning Commission, August 2, 2022, 5:30 p.m., Fairfield County Records Center, 138 W. Chestnut St., Lancaster
- Wear Green for Child Support Enforcement Awareness, August 3, 2022

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- The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, 4-H Achievements Recognition, August 13, 2022, 7:00 p.m., Ohio State University Lancaster, Wagner Theatre, 1570 Granville Pike, Lancaster
- Viewing, Vacation of Alley, August 30, 2022, 8:00 a.m., Intersection of Columbus St. and Havensport Rd., Carroll

Correspondence

Informational Items

- Petition for Expedited Type II Annexation (ORC 709.023), of 3.258 Acres in Walnut Township, Fairfield County, Ohio to the Village of Baltimore, Ohio, Instrument No. 202100005459, PIN 049-02646.24
- Palmer Energy 2023 Estimated Electric Budget Data Sheet
- Press Release, July 26, 2022, Fairfield County Auditor's Office, and Engineer's Office to Hold Conveyance Standards Public Hearings
- Ohio Children's Trust Fund Executive Director, Lindsay Williams, Notice of Resignation
- Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority Notice of Board Appointment
- Hunter Trace, LLC, Fairfield Homes Inc., Notice of Proposed Project for Affordable Senior Housing

Ms. Cordle spoke about the letter of support that had been provided by the Commissioners for the affordable housing project.

- Energy Assistance for Eligible Ohioans, Informational Flyer Received from the State of Ohio Office of the Governor, the Ohio Department of Development, and the Ohio Housing Finance Agency
- Thank you card from Fairfield County Retiree, Kathy Hartman
- Thank you card from Cyndi Getz, Fairfield County Job and Family Services for insurance premium holidays
- Thank you card from the Fairfield County Workforce Center for the Fairfield County Commissioners' continued support.

Jail Population

- July 26 was 263 with 34 of those being contracted placements
- August 2 is 276 with 33 of those being contracted placements

Old Business

Commissioner Davis commented on the success of the Lancaster Festival.

Commissioner Levacy spoke about the positive things he had heard about the festival.

Commissioner Fix spoke about the success of the County Auditor's informational pieces being provided to the public.

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County Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown, stated her office has received lots of feedback about the information being provided, and added they have seen additional counties replicate the informational videos.

Commissioner Fix spoke about the work of the Transportation Improvement District and thanked them for the continued work on improving infrastructure around the county.

Auditor Brown thanked the Commissioners for their support of employees participating in the NACo Leadership Academy. She added that the sales tax holiday will be this coming weekend, and that the Auditor's Office and Engineer's Office will also be holding conveyance hearings.

New Business

Commissioner Davis stated he is encouraged by the trend of young adults who are choosing to make Fairfield County and Central Ohio their home and place of work.

Commissioner Fix thanked Commissioners Davis and Levacy for their support of the evening Commissioner meetings.

NFP Stop Loss Evaluation Discussion

Jim Dustin, Managing Director with NFP, and Kate Hubben, Vice President of NFP, presented information about the Fairfield County Stop Loss Pool, and provided statistical data that is provided later in these minutes.

Ms. Hubben briefly explained the county's current insurance stop loss program and stated that there was not an internal stop loss pool proposal prior to 2020 because the data did not quantify an analysis.

Mr. Dustin stated NFP wanted to be conservative in their approach of an internal stop loss pool and that NFP's position is to reassure the difference between the current and proposed programs. The concept of the county paying itself through an internal stop loss pool was explained as Mr. Dustin stated the savings would have been over \$500,000, had the county used this approach in 2021. Mr. Dustin added that the county paid Stop Loss premiums of \$927,811 in 2021 and that spending would be significantly less with an internal Stop Loss program.

Commissioner Fix stated this would be a huge savings for the county and the Commissioners are very appreciative of NFP's efforts and will look for a recommendation from Deputy County Administrator, Jeff Porter.

Regular (Voting) Meeting

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Pledge of Allegiance

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

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Announcements

None

Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes and Roundtable Minutes for July 26, 2022

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, July 26, 2022.

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Board of Commissioners

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

2022-08.02.a A resolution authorizing the approval of a lease agreement between the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners and the Fairfield County Park District Board of Park Commissioners.

Ms. Cordle spoke about the agreement and thanked Marcy Shafer and the Park Commission.

2022-08.02.b A resolution to consider a petition to vacate a portion of a public road, Alley in unincorporated Village of Havensport, Greenfield Township and establish a viewing and hearing date.

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Common Pleas Court

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

2022-08.02.c A resolution authorizing the approval to extend the repayment date of an advance of funds – Fund #8246, 2020-2021 Civil Justice Grant Common Pleas Court

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Board Economic & Workforce Development:

2022-08.02.d A resolution to approve the recommendation of the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Committee for a proposal to fund Porter's Coffee House, as an RLF-CDBG Project.

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

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Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer

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

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| 2022-08.02.e | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for training and equipment repairs |
| 2022-08.02.f | A resolution to request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts of Memo receipts and memo expenses for fund 2050 for annual inspections in various subdivisions as of 7/27/2022 |

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Facilities

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

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| 2022-08.02.g | A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Construction Agreement and Bid Award with Neff Paving & Concrete, LLC |
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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy and Jeff Fix

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

On the motion of Steve Davis 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:

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| 2022-08.02.h | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major category expense for the Fund# 7521, sub fund # 8184 – Family Adult Children First |
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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Job and Family Services

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Job and Family Services:

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| 2022-08.02.i | A Resolution regarding an amendment for a previously approved Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Willow Branches of Healing and Child Protective Services Department |
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Ms. Cordle spoke about the increased costs for placement.

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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of Resolutions from Fairfield County Juvenile & Probate Court

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

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| 2022-08.02.j | A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund #2036 Department of Youth Services (reclaim) Fund |
| 2022-08.02.k | A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category - Fund 2036 Department of Youth Services (reclaim) |
| 2022-08.02.l | A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category - Fund 2036 Department of Youth Services (reclaim) |

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission

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

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| 2022-08.02.m | A Resolution to approve and accept the Spring Creek, Section 3, Phase 3A Final Plat (Lots 304-319 & Reserve C) |
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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff

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

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| 2022-08.02.n | A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer Fund 2394 CFLP Litter Enforcement |
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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from South Central Major Crimes Unit

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from South Central Major Crimes Unit:

