

**Regular Meeting #32- 2019**  
**Fairfield County Commissioners' Office**  
**August 13, 2019**

**Public Viewing for Circle North, Walnut Township**

The Board of Commissioners met at 13545 Oak Road NE, Thornville, Ohio, to view the proposed area to vacate a portion of the public road, Circle North, in Walnut Township. The following Commissioners were present: Dave Levacy, Jeff Fix, and Steve Davis. Also present was County Engineer Jeremiah Upp, Terri Boring, Charles Maynard, and Richard Thompson. See sign in sheet attached to minutes.

**Review**

The Commissioners met at 9:01 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Tony Vogel, Todd McCullough, Sarah Fortner, Aundrea Cordle, Loudan Klein, Joshua Horacek, Amy Brown-Thompson, Rick Szabrak, Karie Stone, Jeff Barron, Ray Stemen, David Miller, Lieutenant Hodder, and Jim Bahnsen.

- Welcome
- Legal Update

Dr. Brown provided an update relating to the Ohio Attorney General has issued an opinion that states, "In situations of jail overcrowding, a county sheriff is required to transport excess prisoners to another county jail, and the transporting county must pay the receiving county for the costs of housing such prisoners in accordance with R.C. 341.12-.14." We may be seeing some contracts for services in relatively minor amounts. We already have a contract for service with Canal Winchester.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List
  - a. Announcements

Mr. Rick Szabrak introduced Karie Stone. She is going to be working with Economic and Workforce Development in connection with the career readiness program in a position funded by school districts and the 33 Alliance. She is an employee of the Fairfield County Education Service Center. She will be working with students connecting them with careers.

Ms. Stone stated she is happy to be here in Fairfield County. She has been in the field of education for 17 years and is excited to be a part of Workforce Development and the Education Service Center.

Commissioner Levacy stated that he was excited about workforce development in Fairfield County.

Ms. Cordle introduced Sarah Fortner, the new Assistant Deputy Director for Protective Services. She has been with JFS for 14 years.

Ms. Fortner stated that she was excited for the opportunity and to work with the County Board of Commissioners.

Dr. Brown congratulated Ms. Fortner on her promotion.

Mr. Szabrak announced that on August 20<sup>th</sup>, Director Kimberly Hall with Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) will be visiting Fairfield County 's Workforce Development Board members and JFS Director Aundrea Cordle and Deputy Director Corey Clark. Director Hall is eager to see how workforce boards operate, and she will be visiting other counties, with Fairfield being the first for this functional area.

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Dr. Brown announced the following:

- August 20 – CCAO visit, tours, and JFS Program updates
- August 27 – Economic and Workforce Development Summit at noon

**b. Highlights of Resolutions**

Dr. Brown provided highlights of 30 resolutions planned for the voting meeting.

We received the annexation petition for Millersport and had a resolution on the agenda for its expedited approval. This was a resolution to approve the annexation of 19.196 +/- acres from Walnut Township to the Village of Millersport, Expedited Type I, pursuant to ORC 709.021 and 709.022, the Annexation of Land owned by the Village of Millersport and Ricketts Family Fairfield Holdings, LTD.

Thank you to Curt Truax and Andy Boystel in the map room for their quick corrections. Thanks to many others who helped, too.

We proposed a resolution recognizing the importance of multilateral trade agreements to Ohio's economy and urging Congress to enact legislation to implement a multilateral trade agreement between the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

Soil and Water Conservation District proposed a resolution approving signing a Deed of Agricultural Easement relating to the Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program for the Joseph L. and Cathy M. Young Trust's Farm.

The Clerk of Court – Title Department proposed a resolution approving an amendment to the lease agreement with Newman Capital Properties, LLC and the Board of Commissioners for space in Pickerington for the Title Office.

The County Engineer proposed the approval of an agreement with the Lancaster City Board of Education for the Election House Road project.

The County Auditor proposed a resolution for approval of change order to the contract between the Gutknecht Construction Company and the Fairfield County Commissioners relating to the Real Estate Assessment Office renovation at 108 N. High for railing and relatively minor things within the project, all within the REA approved encumbrance.

RPC proposed a resolution authorizing the contract to Workman Industrial Services, Inc., Notice to Proceed and Notice of Commencement for the Village of Sugar Grove FY2018 CDBG Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Project.

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

- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for Utilities, the County Sheriff, FCFACF, and the County Engineer, and the Meals on Wheels levy (all non-general fund activity – 14 resolutions) – the Meals on Wheels expenditure was for Chiller equipment, needed to provide services for meals and keep food safe;
- Account to account transfers of appropriations to properly classify maintenance expenditures and police revolving expenditures;
- Memo expenditures to account for DD, JFS, Utilities, and Engineer CORSA insurance payments;
- Two extensions of advances; and
- The payment of bills.

There will be additional financial resolutions and protective services placement resolutions (and potentially a JFS contract) in queue for the future.

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**c. Administrative, Program, and Budget Update**

Dr. Brown highlighted a list of *administrative approvals*. No questions were posed.

A *fact sheet on the reappraisal* of the County Auditor was emailed globally and tweeted. We also shared the fact sheet with the County Auditor who was appreciative. There was a letter for the Commissioners to sign and use with social media.

Commissioner Levacy stated that there was a lot of confusion with reappraisals. The rates are still yet to be determined.

We have an *environmental stewardship workgroup* meeting on August 22. A draft agenda has been provided to the work group members and those who have indicated interest in attending and perhaps joining as a new member. In 2018, the group led the way with a NACO Achievement Award: <https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/COMMISH/2018-Fairfield-County-Previous-News.html> Anyone interested in participating in the work group may do so.

Commissioner Davis stated that he looks forward to working with this workgroup. He has had solar panels installed in his own home recently. He would like to see if there are any southerly facing county buildings that would serve as a pilot for the county, if it made sense to do so.

**Budget Update**

**County Budget for 2020**

Dr. Brown reported that budget hearings are set for 2020.

We recently had a budget update for the first half of the year; no questions have arisen from attendees.

July's experience is about the same as the first half of the year, with year to date revenues up 1.26% overall (without the Certificate of Title transfer) and expenses relatively flat (down .48%) with one-time expenditures, such as radios, reflected in 2018.

**Budget Commission Update**

Dr. Brown reported that a hearing with the Budget Commission was held on August 12<sup>th</sup>. Rates were approved as expected by the Budget Commission.

**A. *BRAVOS***

- Jon Kochis, EMA Director, reported Walnut Township was approved for a Community Shelter grant. More details will be forthcoming.
- Thanks to Staci Knisley for covering as the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners.
- Thank you for Curt Truax and Andy Boystel for quickly helping with the long-awaited Millersport annexation packet.

***Old Business***

**Rightsizing the MCJDC Contribution**

Commissioner Davis reported on the August 9<sup>th</sup> meeting at MCJDC. He will continue to work with the Board of Trustees and the other MCJDC Joint Board members. The future is challenging for MCJDC operations. There will be lengthy and involved conversations over time. Commissioner Davis spoke with Juvenile Court Judge Terre Vandervoort yesterday. She remains concerned regarding options for juveniles. While we will be continuing to evaluate all options available for the conversion of beds for treatment, the long-term solution is still quite complex and elusive.

Commissioner Levacy stated that he is looking forward to hearing new options and receiving additional guidance from Judge Vandervoort.

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Dr. Brown commented that "JDAI" or Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative efforts implemented at the MCJDC would mean augmented services for the youth; it would not mean more youth sent to MCJDC by Fairfield County because Fairfield County youth before Juvenile Court who need detention services are getting detention services. JDAI efforts are best practices that have been shown to improve detention services of alternative services; it is a change model.

While JDAI-related "best practices" may be included in residential treatment, residential treatment and JDAI are not the same things or same variables.

Residential treatment centers generally house youth with significant psychiatric, psychological, behavioral, or substance abuse problems who have been unsuccessful in outpatient treatment or have proved too ill for foster care or other environments but who do not require hospitalization or a long-term secure facility. There would be specific licensing and best practices surrounding the conduct of treatment centers.

Detention centers, on the other hand, are physically restricting facilities designed to provide short-term care for juveniles in custody pending court adjudication, disposition, placement, or transfer to another jurisdiction or court. The primary purpose of detention centers is to ensure appearance in court and protect the community while the youth is awaiting court appearance.

If there is an ability to convert space at the detention center for residential treatment with appropriate services to meet the needs of the youth, we are interested in exploring those options. Dr. Brown volunteered to join the work group if it comes closer to a need to analyze or evaluate implementation steps, licensing steps, and models of treatment. She also indicated she would join court personnel in visiting Montgomery County if a visit could be arranged.

#### Complete Count Committee

Dr. Brown reported that the Complete Count Committee training for the US Census was held on August 6, 2019. We are going to prepare public service announcements and will use videos the federal government created. We will also plan additional education and outreach activities. For example, the Utilities Department will include verbiage on their bills.

Commissioner Levacy stated that using utilities billing is a great way to get the message out.

Mr. Vogel thought other entities utilities departments might be helpful.

#### ***New Business***

*None*

#### ***General Correspondence***

*None*

#### ***Invitations***

- August 21 – Retirement Celebration for Johanna Pearce

*Commissioner Levacy and Commissioner Davis both wish to attend.*

- October 3 – COTA networking event
- October 23 - CCAO Energy Meeting – needs representatives named if attending

*Commissioner Fix wishes to attend.*

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***FYI***

*Dr. Brown reported the following information:*

- Jail Population –301

Commissioner Davis asked Lieutenant Hodder to explain what the total jail population included with respect to out of county inmates.

Lieutenant Hodder reported that population reported included all inmates. Those from other counties represent a small portion of the population. Perry and Hocking Counties must pick up their prisoners within 48 hours. Those from Canal Winchester are also a small portion of the total population.

Dr. Brown reported that Canal Winchester has paid about \$11,000 this year for contracted services, which represents a relatively small portion of overall costs, and which makes sense for the relatively small portion of the population represented by Canal Winchester.

- Article of Interest – Sheriff's Office

The community support of youth is much appreciated.

- Open Items – Parking Lot Upgrade/Dog Adoption Center and Shelter Event/MORPC Membership

Parking Lot Upgrade

Dennis Keller, Facilities Manager, followed up on the report from last week and stated the Main Street parking lot has been advertised for bidding. The project should be completed by the 1<sup>st</sup> of November. The project will start at the old jail property wall down to the alley by the Amstutz Building.

Commissioner Davis recommended that the finished project have symmetry from the corner of Main and High Street down to Main and Pearl Street. He encourages sensitivity to the final vision of the appearance.

Mr. Keller stated that they will be extending the step wall and railing to the new driveway. After the Real Estate building is completed, some of that lot will be repaved. The Amstutz lot is now scheduled with the capital projects, following this current project. We will see how the bids come in.

Dr. Brown reported that the color of the stone wall will not be exact to the old wall but will be as close as possible.

Mr. Keller reported that there will be 30 spots in the upgraded lot.

Dog Adoption Center and Shelter Event

Mr. McCullough, Dog Adoption Center and Shelter Director, reported that he will be Live on NBC 4 Columbus this Saturday showcasing adoptable dogs. It will be around 8:30 to 8:45 a.m. Fairfield County has done this for four years and has had good results.

MORPC Membership

Mr. Klein reported Mr. Szabrak and he attended the MORPC meeting last week. MORPC approved Fairfield County as a member beginning in 2020. MORPC seemed excited to have Fairfield County on board. We have invited MORPC to the February 2020 Roundtable.

Mr. Szabrak reported that being a member with MORPC supports Fairfield County with opportunities with ODOT for a connector road study for Route 33 and Route 70. He is hopeful that this could be only a few years away.

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Commissioner Fix reported that he and Mr. Klein met with ODOT two weeks ago. Fairfield County is on their radar. MORPC will be instrumental in funding, he believes.

Commissioner Davis encourages Fairfield County to take advantage of the MORPC membership.

Commissioner Levacy stated that he is impressed with MORPC.

Commissioner Levacy stated at 9:37 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the 10:00 a.m. Regular Meeting.

**Commissioners' Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 beginning at 10:01 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix. Also present were Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Sharlene Bails, Lieutenant Hodder, David Miller, Jeff Barron, Rick Szabrak, Karie Stone, Ray Stemen, Joshua Horacek, Amy Brown-Thompson, Tony Vogel, Todd McCullough, Aundrea Cordle, Val Carpico, Dennis Keller, Loudan Klein, Jeremiah Upp, Jon Slater, Jr., and Jim Bahnsen.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Announcements**

Commissioner Levacy asked if there were any announcements.

There were no announcements.

**Public Comment**

Commissioner Levacy asked if anyone from the public who would like to speak or offer comments. There were no other comments.

**Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, August 6, 2019**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, August 6, 2019 Regular Meeting.

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

**Approval of the Auditor Real Estate Resolution**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Auditor Real Estate Resolution:

2019-08.13.a            A Resolution for Approval of Change Order No. 1 to the Contract between the Gutknecht Construction Company and the Fairfield County Commissioners [Auditor- Real Estate]

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

**Approval of the Clerk of Courts Resolution**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Clerk of Courts Resolution:

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2019-08.13.b                      A resolution approving an amendment to the lease agreement with Newman Capital Properties, LLC and the Board of Commissioners for space in Pickerington for the Title Office [Clerk of Courts-Title]

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

**Approval of the Commissioners' Resolutions**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners' Office resolutions:

2019-08.13.c                      A resolution approving account to account transfers in major object expense categories – Fund# 1001 – Fairfield County Facilities [Commissioners]

2019-08.13.d                      A resolution authorizing the approval to extend the repayment date of an advance of funds – Fund #2807, Subfund# 8193 Ohio EPA/Community Development Grant FY2018 Commissioners' Office [Commissioners]

2019-08.13.e                      A resolution recognizing the importance of multilateral trade agreements to Ohio's economy and urging Congress to enact legislation to implement a multilateral trade agreement between the United States, Canada, and Mexico. [Commissioners]

Discussion:

Mr. Todd Shelton, Regional Public Affairs Director (OH & PA) with the National Association of Manufacturers, thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support on this pro-trade resolution. He attended the MAGNA event and noted Vice President Mike Pence supports the pro-trade agreement. Mr. Shelton believes it is very important that Ohio and Pennsylvania support the agreement.

2019-08.13.f                      A resolution to approve the annexation of 19.196 +/- acres from Walnut Township to the Village of Millersport, Expedited Type I, pursuant to ORC 709.021 and 709.022, Annexation of Land owned by the Village of Millersport and Ricketts Family Fairfield Holdings, LTD [Commissioners]

Discussion:

Dr. Brown thanked all staff who worked on getting the long-awaited annexation packet correct. She especially thanked Curt Truax and Andy Boystel in the Auditor's Map Room for their work.

Commissioner Levacy stated that he appreciated all the work that went into this. He is excited to see the firehouse built in Millersport. That asset will serve a good portion of Walnut Township also.

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

**Approval of the Board of Developmental Disabilities Resolution**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Board of Developmental Disabilities Resolution:

2019-08.13.g                      A resolution to approve a reimbursement for share of costs for Liability Insurance paid to CORSA as a memo expenditure for fund# 2060 - Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities [Board of Developmental Disabilities]

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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

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

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| 2019-08.13.h | A resolution to approve a reimbursement for share of costs for 2018 Liability Insurance paid to CORSA as a memo expenditure for fund 2024 – Motor Vehicle [Engineer]                                      |
| 2019-08.13.i | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for right-of-way purchases for LIB-26 and BLO-35 [Engineer]                     |
| 2019-08.13.j | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for utility damage on Coonpath Road [Engineer]                                  |
| 2019-08.13.k | 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 7/30/19 [Engineer] |
| 2019-08.13.l | A resolution to approve an agreement with the Board of Education of the Lancaster City School District.   |

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of Family Adult Children First Resolutions**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Family Adult Children First Resolutions:

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| 2019-08.13.m | A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521, Family, Adult & Children First Council [Family, Adult and Children First Council] |
| 2019-08.13.n | A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521, Family, Adult & Children First Council [Family, Adult and Children First Council] |
| 2019-08.13.o | A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521, Family, Adult & Children First Council [Family, Adult and Children First Council] |
| 2019-08.13.p | A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521, Family, Adult & Children First Council [Family, Adult and Children First Council] |
| 2019-08.13.q | A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521, Family, Adult & Children First Council [Family, Adult and Children First Council] |



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- 2019-08.13.r      A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521, Family, Adult & Children First Council [Family, Adult and Children First Council]
- 2019-08.13.s      A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521, Family, Adult & Children First Council [Family, Adult and Children First Council]
- 2019-08.13.t      A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521, Family, Adult & Children First Council [Family, Adult and Children First Council]

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

**Approval of Job and Family Services Resolution**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Job and Family Services Resolution:

- 2019-08.13.u      A resolution to approve a reimbursement for share of costs for Liability Insurance paid to CORSA as a memo expenditure for fund# 2072 Fairfield County Job and Family Services - PCSA [JFS]

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

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

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Juvenile/Probate Court Resolution:

- 2019-08.13.v      A resolution requesting to extend the repayment due date of an advance from the General Fund for Fund #2745 MSY Pool [Juvenile Court]  
[Juvenile/Probate Court]

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

**Approval of the Commissioner - Meals on Wheels/Older Adult Agency Resolution**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioner – Meals on Wheels/Older Adult Agency Resolution:

- 2019-08.13.w      A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major expenditure object categories for Meals on Wheels-OAAFC, Inc. Fund# 2617 [Fairfield Co Meals on Wheels/Older Adult Agency]

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

**Approval of the Regional Planning Resolution**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Regional Planning Resolution:

- 2019-08.13.x      A resolution authorizing the contract to Workman Industrial Services,

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Inc., Notice to Proceed and Notice of Commencement for the Village of  
Sugar Grove FY2018 CDBG Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements  
Project [Regional Planning Commission]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of Sheriff Resolutions**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Sheriff Resolutions:

2019-08.13.y            A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer Fund 2442  
Commissary [Sheriff]

2019-08.13.z            A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure  
object category Sheriff's Office Fund 2503 Police Revolving [Sheriff]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of the Soil & Water Resolution**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Soil & Water Resolution:

2019-08.13.aa            A resolution approving signing a Deed of Agricultural Easement relating  
to the Clean Ohio Local Agricultural Easement Purchase Program for the  
Joseph L. and Cathy M. Young Trust's Farm. [Soil and Water  
Conservation District]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of Utilities Resolutions**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Utilities Resolutions:

2019-08.13.bb            A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major  
expenditure object category Utilities Fund 5044 Sewer  
Fund [Utilities]

2019-08.13.cc            A resolution to approve a reimbursement for share of costs for  
Liability Insurance paid to CORSA as a memo expenditure for  
funds 5044 & 5046 [Fairfield County Utilities Department]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of the Payment of Bills**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Payment of Bills resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval; see resolution 2019-08.13.dd.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Commissioner Levacy stated at 10:11 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the 10:30 a.m. Public Hearing.

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**Public Hearing – Circle North, Walnut Township**

Commissioner Davis opened the Public Hearing at 10:30 a.m. Commissioners present were: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were County Engineer Jeremiah Upp, Carri Brown, Staci Knisley, Aundrea Cordle, Richard Thompson, Terri Berry, Ray Stemen, and Bridget Maynard.

The public hearing was for the petition to vacate a portion of a public road, Circle North, in Walnut Township.

Commissioner Davis explained the process of the hearing.

Mr. Upp stated the Board of Commissioners, members of the public (see sign in sheet attached to minutes), and he met at 8:00 a.m. this morning to view the portion of the public road that was petitioned to vacate. The location was near 13545 Oak Road NE, Thornville, or between Lots 1532 & 2197, down to Oak Road. The County Engineer's office has reviewed the petition, and all comments have been circulated and addressed.

Commissioner Davis asked for any comments from the public who favored the petition.

Bridget Maynard who resides at 13495 Oak Road, Thornville, stated she was in favor of the petition. She has been a resident there for 14 years. The proposed area has never been maintained by the township in the years that she has lived there. She stated that Walnut Township Trustees were in favor of this petition. If approved, it would formalize the portion of the road that she and others are already maintaining.

Terri Berry who resides at 13545 Oak Road NE, Thornville, stated she is in favor of the petition and agrees with Ms. Maynard's comments. She stated that there was also a septic tank at the area that would need to be moved.

Commissioner Davis asked for any comments from the public who opposed the petition.

Richard Thompson who resides at 13558 Oak Road NE, Thornville, stated that he is in opposition of this petition. He lives across from Ms. Berry. His house was built in 1996. He believes that there is already a traffic dilemma in that area to get boats in and out. He requests that the circle remain open for logistics, noting companies such as Amazon often use the road. He would like to see the circle opened more to the north. It would improve Fire/EMS services and snow removal in his opinion.

There were no comments from the public that had neither favored nor opposed the petition.

Mr. Upp stated that he understands Mr. Thompson's concerns. The issues with Circle North to Oak Road come with an extreme curve. He does recommend the portion be vacated. He would like to see it extended up to Dahlia Drive to Cypress Road.

Commissioner Fix stated that it is a township road. If the township supports the vacation of the road, then he has no comments.

Dr. Brown indicated that prior to the Commission voting on the vacation, we would be in receipt of a resolution from the township.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Ohio Revised Code mandates that the Board of Commissioners hold a public viewing and hearing for all petitions vacating roads. The resolution will not be on today but could be on the voting agenda for the next Board of Commissioners meeting on August 20. He thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Davis closed the hearing at 10:42 a.m.

The Board of Commissioners went back into review session at 10:42 a.m.

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### Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Jeff Fix and a second of Steve Davis the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:43 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:  
Voting aye thereon:

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_  
that the August 13, 2019 minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: NAYS: None  
ABSTENTIONS: None  
\*Approved on August 20, 2019

Steven A. Davis  
Commissioner

Dave Levacy  
Commissioner

Jeff Fix  
Commissioner

Staci A. Knisley, Acting Clerk

Circle Drive North

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## Public Viewing

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**Circle North, Walnut Township Hearing Sign-In**  
*Please PRINT your name*

Printed Name

## Address

Richard H. Thompson	13558 Oak Rd. NE Thornville, Oh
Terri Berry	13545 Oak Rd NE Thornville 43076
Andrea Cordle	410 N Cherry St Lancaster, OH 43130
Denise Keller	145 Howard Pk Baltimore, OH 43105
Ray Stemen	2444 Westwood Rd Lancaster OH 43130
Bridget Maynard	13495 Oak Rd Thornville OH 43076