

Regular Meeting #36 - 2022
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
September 6, 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, Brian Wolfe, Rochelle Menningen, Raz Sabaiduc, Toni Ashton, Stephanie Taylor, Tony Vogel, Lisa McKenzie, Dr. Carri Brown, Josh Horacek, Jon Kochis, Judy Stemen, Ray Stemen, Heather O'Keefe, Dan Neeley, Marty Norris, Kyle Witt, Josh Crawford, Rick Szabrak Jerry Rainey, and Josh Anders.

Attending virtual: Tony Vogel, Tony Howard, Jessica Murphy, Lynette Barnhart, Nikki Drake, Lori Hawk, Jeff Barron, Beth Cottrell, B. Marshall, Jeremiah Upp, Ashley Arter, Britney Lee, Jeanie Wears, Park, Tiffany Wilson, Chief Collins, and Dan Weis.

Welcome

Commissioner Fix opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and spoke about participating in the Pickerington Labor Day Parade over the weekend.

Listen & Learn - Utilities

Tony Vogel, Director of Utilities, provided a PowerPoint presentation and an update on customer growth and facility capacity in the Utilities Department.

Commissioner Davis asked about total daily capacity and if there was a statement on commercial development.

Mr. Vogel explained there are 4 million gallons a day for water usage, and 5 million for wastewater. He continued by explaining some of the activities the department is working on, which include different updates, programs, and construction projects. He also stated that the department tries to provide alternatives to residents that are outside of the service area.

Josh Anders from the Utilities Department spoke about some current and future residential development projects.

Commissioner Fix inquired about development within the City of Pickerington.

Mr. Anders explained that county infrastructure is already in the area. He went on to describe the Violet Township Development subdivisions being tied into the system and provided a more thorough breakdown of each subdivision in Violet Township. Mr. Anders added that the department also has some commercial development projects, which include shops, title agencies, gas stations, and a wastewater system for Lancaster City Schools.

Mr. Vogel explained there is still potential for future residential and commercial development and added that he believes the next areas which will be developed will be the northern portions of Liberty and Greenfield Township. He ended by thanking the Commissioners who attended the tree dedication.

Jerry Rainey, Lancaster City Schools Director of Business, stated his appreciation for the partnership between the school district and the utilities department.

Commissioner Davis asked Mr. Rainey if he could prepare a current projection of annualized water costs, and Mr. Rainey stated that the projections could be obtained.

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Public Comments

Ray Stemen of Lancaster spoke about education and the subject matter currently taught in schools. Mr. Stemen also spoke about the NEA and OEA and their effect on the educational system.

Judy Stemen of Lancaster read highlights of a handout on Covid which she provided to the Commissioners.

Stephanie Taylor spoke about some updates with Habitat for Humanity projects in Fairfield County. She stated that the Lancaster house is in its final stages and will be dedicated on September 28, 2022. Ms. Taylor also spoke about groups that would be receiving playhouses, such as the Children's Museum.

Legal Update

There was no legal update.

Commissioner Fix stated his excitement for Josh Horacek's new position and thanked him for his contributions over the last several years.

Commissioner Davis asked Mr. Horacek to explain his new role and thanked him for the job he had done in his prior position and for the work he will be doing in his new role.

Mr. Horacek briefly explained the job duties of the magistrate and court administrator for Common Pleas Court.

County Administration Update

Week in Review

ARP Update

County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle stated that from the \$30,607,546.77 received as the first and second tranche of fiscal recovery funds, \$18.9M has been appropriated, \$8.1M expended, and \$6.0M encumbered or obligated.

Developmental Disabilities (DD) Board Member Vacancy

Ms. Cordle also stated the County Commissioners are seeking applicants of qualified, passionate adults who are an immediate family member of an individual eligible for early intervention services or services for preschool or school-age children, to volunteer for a DD Board member position. She added that the County Commissioners are seeking dedicated, qualified applicants to begin serving immediately, for a term to expire December 31, 2025.

ODJFS announces ARPA Incentive Funding for County Job and Family Service Agencies

Ms. Cordle informed meeting attendees that this week, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services announced, it is providing county job and family services agencies \$5.1 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars as an incentive for successes in the SNAP program, and that as incentives, there are no federal restrictions on the use of these funds as they are considered local dollars and may be utilized in ways to garner additional federal matching funds, depending on where counties chose to invest their incentives. She added that Fairfield County will receive approximately \$50,000.

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State of the County

Ms. Cordle invited everyone to please join her and the Commissioners on September 20, 2022, at 11:30 a.m., for the State of the County, at the Wigwam Event Center.

Highlights of Resolutions

Ms. Cordle stated that the review packet contains a list of administrative approvals and that there were 17 resolutions for the voting meeting. She listed the following resolutions of note:

- A Resolution for the purchase of a vehicle for Facilities to plow snow and general maintenance operations.
- A resolution to approve the appointment of Ms. Marla Bailey, of Fairfield Medical Center, to the Area 20 Workforce Development Board.
- A resolution authorizing the release and satisfaction of mortgage on a PY 2002 Down Payment Assistance Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program
- Two resolutions authorizing the release and satisfaction of mortgage on a Rehab Construction, Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program

Budget Review

Ms. Cordle provided a reminder announcement that the Level 3 budget entry deadline is Thursday, September 8.

Recognition

Ms. Cordle announced the following recognitions/bravos:

- County Auditor, Dr. Brown shared that Dr. Uhl thanked Stacy Knight in the map room for providing great service, being courteous and helpful, and exceeding his expectations.
- County Auditor, Dr. Brown thanked county appraisers Josh Harper, Noel Soddors, and Robin Balthaser, for working to manage evaluation of new construction while working through the informal hearings for the triennial update.
- County Auditor, Dr. Brown thanked Jessica Ferguson, Greg Forquer, and Stacy Knight for participating in the Mental Health First Aid training and representing the real estate assessment offices.
- Terry Horn, Walnut Township Trustee, shared his appreciation of Hicks Partners, and their work with the township and some grant applications. They are hopeful that this service can continue.
- Thank you to Josh Anders for his work with Lancaster City Schools. He has gone above and beyond and helping move the City Schools off their package plant system to a lift station.
- Thank you to Bennett Niceswanger and Brian Wolfe for their work with the Clerk and Assistant Clerk duties. A very welcome return to Rochelle.

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- Thank you to Shonda Fickenworth, Workforce Center Maintenance Coordinator, and Jenni Sturgeon, Workforce Clerical Specialist, for setting up the Workforce Center last week for several events, including the Statewide Chamber of Commerce Association meeting.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

Assistant Clerk to the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, Bennett Niceswanger, reviewed the following invitations and calendar items:

- Executive Session, Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 10:15 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room (Fix)(Davis)(Levacy)
- Transportation Public Hearing, Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at 2:00 p.m., 746 Lawrence St., Lancaster, OH (Davis)
- Fairfield 33 Alliance Meeting, Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the Workforce Center, 4465 Coonpath Rd. NW, Carroll, OH (Levacy)
- CCAO Taxation and Finance Committee Meeting, Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. online via GoTo (Davis)
- Invitation to the Lancaster Fairfield Chamber of Commerce annual Golf Outing, Friday, September 16, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. at Valley View Golf Club, 1511 George Road NE, Lancaster, OH
- Invitation to Habitat for Humanity event to give new homeowner the keys to their new home, Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 5:15 p.m., 925 S. Broad St., Lancaster, OH

Correspondence

Bennett Niceswanger, reviewed the following correspondence received:

- "Auditor's Ledger: News from the County Auditor's Office" newsletter
- Notice of Class 2 Modification to RCRA Permit Renewal Application from Retrieval Technologies, Inc.
- Pickerington Senior Center September 2022 Newsletter
- Shelly Lakes Conservation project overview and aerial map
- Topics of Interest from the Fairfield County Auditor, dated Thursday, September 1, 2022

Jail Population

Ms. Cordle stated that the jail population for August 30, 2022, was 285 with 45 of those being contracted placements, and for September 6, 2022, is 291 with 47 of those being contracted placements.

Old Business

Commissioner Levacy spoke about the Tree Dedication from the previous week and stated that the ceremony was very moving.

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Commissioner Fix spoke about conducting several Commissioner Connection Videos and stated that the Commissioners may do more videos in the future with a similar format. He also spoke about attending a meeting regarding the opioid epidemic and explained the purpose of the meetings is to continue to work to lessen the effects of opioids in the community. Commissioner Fix also had the opportunity to speak with youth in the juvenile court system and believes it is very useful to hear their perspectives.

County Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown, commended the Commissioners for their new video formats. She also spoke about the informal hearings the Auditor's office has been conducting and added they completed the second public hearings for minimum conveyance standards.

New Business

Commissioner Davis stated he will be having a meeting later this week to discuss transportation issues.

Auditor Brown spoke about National Payroll Week and about the Pickerington Senior Citizen Levy. She added that there is a website regarding the levy that shows services which are provided.

Regular (Voting) Meeting

The Commissioners met immediately following the Review Meeting 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, Brian Wolfe, Rochelle Menningen, Raz Sabaiduc, Toni Ashton, Stephanie Taylor, Tony Vogel, Lisa McKenzie, Dr. Carri Brown, Josh Horacek, Jon Kochis, Judy Stemen, Ray Stemen, Heather O'Keefe, Dan Neeley, Marty Norris, Kyle Witt, Josh Crawford, Rick Szabrak, and Josh Anders.

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Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

None

Approval of Meeting Minutes for August 30, 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, August 30, 2022, meeting.

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:

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- 2022-09.06.a A resolution authorizing the approval of a proclamation.
- 2022-09.06.b Approval for the Extension and Amendment to the Service Agreement with AT & T for Centrex Services – Fairfield County Commissioners
- 2022-09.06.c A resolution approving an account-to-account transfer in a major expenditure object category
- 2022-09.06.d A resolution authorizing the release and satisfaction of mortgage on a PY 2002 Down Payment Assistance Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP) for David and Susan Hatcher.
- 2022-09.06.e A resolution authorizing the release and satisfaction of mortgage on a PY 2002 Rehab Construction, Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP) for David and Susan Hatcher.
- 2022-09.06.f A resolution authorizing the release and satisfaction of mortgage on a PY 2001 Rehab Construction, Community Housing Impact and Preservation Program (CHIP) for George Robinson.

Commissioner Fix presented a proclamation for First Responders Week.

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 and 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 Economic and Workforce Development:

- 2022-09.06.g A resolution to approve the appointment of Ms. Marla Bailey to the Area 20 Workforce Development Board (WDB).

Rick Szabrak, Economic and Workforce Development Director, spoke briefly about the appointment of Ms. Bailey and the Area 20 Workforce Development Board.

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

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:

- 2022-09.06.h A resolution to change a bridge load rating (WAL-05).
- 2022-09.06.i A resolution of increase appropriations, appropriate from unappropriated, account to account and fund to fund transfer for the HOC-17 bridge replacement
- 2022-09.06.j A resolution to approve a Change Order for the FAI-CR3/31/60/84 Resurfacing Project.

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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 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:

2022-09.06.k A Resolution for the purchase of a vehicle for Facilities to plow snow and general maintenance operations.

Dennis Keller spoke about the purchase of the truck and how it has been a much-needed item for the Facilities Department.

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 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 resolutions from Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council:

2022-09.06.l A resolution to amend the certificate, update receipt line item & request for appropriations for Family Adult Children First Council fund 7521 sub-fund 8160.

2022-09.06.m A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521 – Family Adult Children First – Sub-Fund 8168 – Older Adult Network

2022-09.06.n A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521 – Family Adult Children First – Sub-Fund 8170 – Children's Committee

Josh Crawford from Job and Family Services spoke about efforts to simplify the financial processes.

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 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 resolutions from Fairfield County Job and Family Services:

2022-09.06.o A resolution authorizing the disposal of asset by internet auction with Gov Deals, Inc. – Fairfield County Job and Family Services

2022-09.06.p A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Sub Fund # 8056 (2072 Wendy's Wonderful Kids) – Children Services Fund

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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 the Payment of Bills

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

2022-09.06.q 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: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy and Jeff Fix

Commissioner Davis took a moment to speak about states that have needed basic services and how fortunate we have been in Ohio not to have the same issues with water, electric, and other utility services. The Commissioner also spoke about Auditor Brown's acknowledgement of the format of the Commissioners' Connection Videos and added that others have also indicated their recognition of the new format.

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to move to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation (ORC 121.22) at 10:08 a.m.

Executive Session

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn the Executive Session at 10:31 a.m.

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

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Steve Davis and a second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:32 a.m.

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, in the Commissioners' Hearing Room located at the 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH.

