

Regular Meeting #39 - 2021
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
September 7, 2021

Review

The Commissioners met at 9:00 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: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Aunie Cordle, Joshua Horacek, Amy Brown-Thompson, Chris Schmelzer, Tony Vogel, Jeff Porter, Branden Meyer, Rick Szabrak, and Dennis Keller.

Attending virtually were: Thomas Lininger, Logan Weaver, Raz Sabaiduc, Tony Howard, Dave Burgei, Jim Bahnsen, Joe Ebel, Mark Conrad, Corey Clark, Stacy Hicks, Jeremiah Upp, Britney Lee, Park Russell, Lynette Barnhart, Becky, Kelly Turben, and Ashely Arter.

- Welcome

Commissioner Levacy welcomed everyone.

- Fairfield Forward

Special Events

We will continue to meet administratively with the Fair Board. We are planning for October 11 and October 15 fair days. There is an employee cookout on September 7 after the voting meeting. Thanks to the Commissioners for their generosity.

There is an open house planned for 108 N. High on September 21.

There was a good article of interest in the Lancaster Eagle Gazette about the repairs for the fairgrounds track.

Main Uses of the ARP Fiscal Recovery Funds

We will continue using the Fairfield Forward theme for strategic planning.

We had fact sheets on the table to show how we anticipate catalytic uses of the ARP fiscal recovery funds. There are two main uses for us:

1. Responding to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID19 or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.
2. Making necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

As we think about the first purpose, we will need to:

- Identify a need or negative impact of the public health emergency,
- Identify how the county investment would specifically address that need, and
- Readily explain how the investment helps the county respond to the disease or the harmful economic consequences of the economic disruption.

A summary of ARP expenditures, approved uses, and encumbrances (as well as appropriations) will be in the review packet and is posted on our website.

We are working with RAMA to develop the strategic planning process. The Commissioners will be interviewed first on September 7. There will be staff surveys and stakeholder group surveys, along with a community summit.

During the State of the County Address, there will also be a survey (likely electronic). The report from RAMA will be due at the end of the year/first of 2022.

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We continue to research Lutheran Social Services and other partners and stakeholders to address homelessness, affordable housing, and various factors connected to these topics as antecedents.

As of September 2, 2021, \$1,266,364.23 was expended.

1 Public Health	
R16 a Medical Expenses	\$ 206,838.33
R17a Public Health, Vaccination Clinic	5,759.77
R17b Public Health, Capital Investments/ Public Facilities of the County	1,930.64
R18a Communications for Board of Health	34,577.94
R19a Public Safety Payroll Support	944,927.28
1 Public Health	\$1,194,033.96
4 Premium Pay	
R41a Premium Pay, EMA (5 FTEs)	\$ 27,907.72
7 Administrative	
R71a Administrative Expenses	\$ 44,422.55
Total Expenditures	\$1,266,364.23

As of September 2, 2021, \$1,626,291.04 was encumbered or obligated.

1 Public Health	
R17a Vaccination Clinic	\$17,353.85
R17b Capital Investment/Public Facilities of the County	803,556.20
R17c Capital Investment for Public Facilities, air quality improvements	56,674.00
R17d Capital Investment for Public Health, Mobile Morgue	49,499.70
R19b Public Health Payroll Support	56,884.29
Subtotal Public Health	\$983,968.04
2 Negative Economic Impacts	
R211a Aid to the Tourism Industry	500,000.00
R213a Aid to the Agricultural Industry, Strategic Growing Plan	45,000.00
R213c Contracts for Services to Support Residents Suffering Negative Economic Effects of the Pandemic	48,000.00
Subtotal Aid to Respond to Negative Economic Impacts	\$593,000.00
7 Administrative	
R71a Administrative Expenses	\$ 49,323.00
Total Encumbrances	\$1,626,291.04

Category	Appropriations as of September 2, 2021	In dollars
R16a	Professional Health, Medical Expenses as Public Health response for treatment of COVID-19 and	\$ 206,838.33

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	its effects	
R17a	Public Health, Vaccination Clinic	32,168.62
R17b	Public Health, Capital Investment for Public Facilities of the County	1,205,772.02
R17c	Public Health, Capital Investment for Public Facilities, Air Quality	56,674.00
R17d	Public Health, Capital Investment for a Mobile Morgue	49,500.00
R18a	Professional Communications on Behalf of the Board of Health	34,577.94
R19a	Public Safety Payroll Support	944,927.28
R19b	Public Health Payroll Support	56,884.29
	<i>Subtotal Public Health</i>	<i>\$2,587,342.48</i>
R211a	Support for Tourism, Support for the Fair	\$ 500,000.00
R29a	Economic Assistance for Businesses Planning	150,000.00
R213a	Support for the Agricultural and Growing Community	45,000.00
R213b	Technical Assistance for Townships	100,000.00
R213c	Contracts for Services to Support Residents Suffering Negative Economic Impacts of the Pandemic	48,000
	<i>Subtotal Response to Negative Economic Impact</i>	<i>\$ 843,000.00</i>
R41a	<i>Premium Pay, Premium Pay for EMA Workers</i>	<i>\$ 27,907.73</i>
R56a	Infrastructure, Stormwater	\$ 475,000.00
R511a	Infrastructure, Water, Grant Hampton	1,370,000.00
	<i>Subtotal Water, Sewer, and Broadband Infrastructure</i>	<i>\$ 1,845,000.00</i>
R71a	<i>Administrative Expenses</i>	<i>\$ 144,766.02</i>
	Total Appropriations as of September 2, 2021	\$ 5,448,016.23

- Legal Update

Joshua Horacek reported the Prosecutor's Office was researching the DMD questions posed to them.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Announcements & Dates of Interest

Announcements

Anyone can email or text a question anytime:
Carri.Brown@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov
(740) 777-8552

Dates/Events of Interest

September 21 – Open House at Real Estate Assessment Offices, 108 N. High
September 23 – Leadership Conference

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September 28 – State of the County Address

The State of the County Address is scheduled for September 28 at the WigWam.

b. Highlights of Resolutions

Dr. Brown highlighted 19 resolutions for the voting meeting.

We had a resolution to appoint Ms. Whitney Babbart to the ADAMH Board, following the resignation of Ms. Laura Holton. We appreciate the service from Ms. Holton and welcome Ms. Babbart to her service on the ADAMH Board.

We had a resolution to approve protective placement in network placement with Back to Basics for Boys LLC.

There was a Utilities resolution to approve an agreement with Graystone Development.

There were 16 *financial and grant related resolutions* to approve:

- Assessments of 2021 sewer delinquencies for Fairfield County Utilities;
- July interest allocations;
- A resolution to approve an authorized use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, for broadband infrastructure improvements near Beavers Field;
- A resolution to approve an authorized use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, to purchase supplies to improve the Health Department's vaccination clinic;
- A resolution to approve an authorized use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, to purchase personal protective equipment;
- A resolution to approve an authorized use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, for the public safety records management technology and computer aided dispatch purchase;
- Account to account transfers of appropriations for ADAMH to properly classify expenditures;
- MSY budget adjustments for FCFACF;
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds and a fund-to-fund transfer to plan for the Liberty Center sidewalk project -and- appropriations for professional services (two resolutions);
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for the County Engineer (with memo transactions for DMD), EMA, Juvenile Court, and County Sheriff (five resolutions); and
- A reduction in appropriations along with grant accounting for an EPA grant.

In queue, there remained multiple contracting and financial resolutions.

At the next meeting, Juvenile Court will be proposing approval of a contract with Tyler Technologies, as their appropriations for their technology project had already been approved. The Engineer will be proposing the purchase of a CAT excavator. The resolution for the Rushcreek DMD remains to be voted upon within a reasonable timeframe.

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c. Administrative, Program, and Budget Update

Administrative & Program Updates

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contained a list of administrative approvals. There were no questions posed.

Energy Aggregation

Dr. Brown reported the energy aggregation for political subdivisions was competitively bid for the lowest price. We will now need to refresh the bids as has been the usual practice, with administrative approval of the final agreement for the energy aggregation for governments.

The aggregation includes Pleasant Township, Richland Township, Rushville Village, Walnut Township, Millersport Village, and Baltimore Village. (The aggregation did not pass voter approval in Berne Township and Thurston Village).

If consumers have any questions about anything they receive in the mail, they can reach out to the Palmer Energy representative, Phil Dysart, at 419-343-3615. The savings entity wide is expected to be about \$134,000 - \$172,000, with residential customers savings about \$41-\$51 annually. Commercial savings is flat, estimated at no more than \$10 annually. The contract term will be through December 2024. Palmer Energy will work with us to design a communication on Twitter.

Also, for the county buildings, we have added the additional space for the Health Department vaccination clinic.

Budget Update

Ongoing Sales Tax Review & Budget Review

The sales tax estimate for 2021 in Fairfield County is \$23.6 M, or 3% above the sales tax revenues of 2020. We are tracking ahead of that estimate. Overall, the county receipts for multiple categories are tracking ahead of estimates.

Budget entry for level three will end September 9.

On Friday, September 3, the county closed on the energy conservation debt, part 2.

Budget hearings for the county will begin October 21.

d. BRAVOS

Thanks to the Commission leadership for the support of the employee appreciation cookout.

From Judge Trimmer, thanks to the Commission for their support of the Hunters Run Conservancy District.

The Facilities Team did a great job with the accessibility ramp at the Amstutz Visitation Center. They are now working on painting windows and trim at that building and have also been working on giving the drive-thru payment center a fresh coat of paint.

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- Old Business

- a. Commissioner Communications

Commissioner Levacy's Commission Connection video will be posted soon.

Each commissioner will have one-on-one interviews with RAMA today.

Commissioner Levacy reported he had a meeting with Dr. Young with Hocking College and she was excited about the Workforce Center.

- New Business (none)

- General Correspondence (none)

- Invitations

- FYI

- a. Jail Population –

- b. Flier for Workforce Center ribbon cutting on September 22 – It is possible there will be a building dedication on September 15, as well.

- c. Health Department Flier re: Quarantining Guidance/Safeguarding

- d. DD Report to the Community, 2021, emailed

- e. Article of interest – Commander Lowe MCU Aces of Trades

- f. Prosecutor's annual arson cases report

- g. Prosecutor's annual fine report as to criminal prosecutions

- h. Congratulations to Jason Moyer, the new director with the Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit. Congratulations to Carrie Woody for being selected as the new United Way CEO/Executive Director.

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, beginning at 9:20 a.m. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea (for a part of the meeting), Aunie Cordle, Joshua Horacek, Amy Brown-Thompson, Jeff Porter, Jon Slater, Branden Meyer, Rick Szabrak, Tony Vogel, and Dennis Keller.

Attending virtually were: Thomas Lininger, Logan Weaver, Raz Sabaiduc, Tony Howard, Dave Burgei, Jim Bahnsen, Joe Ebel, Mark Conrad, Corey Clark, Stacy Hicks, Jeremiah Upp, Britney Lee, Park Russell, Lynette Barnhart, Becky, Kelly Turben, and Ashely Arter.

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.

Commissioner Levacy stated the next item on the agenda was a time for public comments.

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As a reminder, public comments are to be limited to three minutes. Comments may or may not be about county business. While this is a time for the public to offer comments, this is not a time for questions and answers. Comments represent the view of the person commenting.

Public Comment

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

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, August 31, 2021

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the August 31, 2021 Regular Meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the ADAMH Resolution

On the motion Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the ADAMH resolutions to approve MUNIS general ledger account to account transfer for the ADAMH board; see resolution 2021-09.07.a.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Commissioners' Resolution

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

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| 2021-09.07.b | 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, – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners] |
| 2021-09.07.c | A resolution to approve an authorized use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, to purchase personal protective equipment. [Commissioners] |
| 2021-09.07.d | A resolution to approve an authorized use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, for the purchase of a technology solution for public safety software that will allow Fairfield County Public Safety officials the ability to respond to the public health emergency effectively and efficiently. [Commissioners] |
| 2021-09.07.e | A resolution to reduce appropriations in a major expense object category for fund # 2807/Subfund#8278, FY2021 Ohio EPA Community Recycling Grant & Approval to repay advance from the General Fund# 1001 – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners] |
| 2021-09.07.f | A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer from General Fund# 1001 |

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and Appropriate from Unappropriated into a major expenditure category to the General Fund# 1001 & Capital Improvement Fund # 3435 -Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]

- 2021-09.07.g A resolution to approve an authorized use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, for broadband infrastructure improvements near Beavers Field [Commissioners]
- 2021-09.07.h A resolution to approve an authorized use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, to purchase supplies to improve the Health Department's vaccination clinic. [Commissioners]
- 2021-09.07.i A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major expenditure object category for fund# 1001 - Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]
- 2021-09.07.j A resolution to approve the appointment of Ms. Whitney Babbert to the ADAMH Board [Commissioners]

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

- 2021-09.07.k A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for equipment repairs and maintenance. [Engineer]
- 2021-09.07.l 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 9/2/21 [Engineer]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Emergency Management Agency Resolution

On the motion Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Emergency Management Agency resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category EMA 2090 Emergency Management Agency Fund; see resolution 2021-09.07.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

On the motion Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Family, Adult, and Children First Council resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major expenditure object category for the FUND #7521, subfund #8158; see resolution 2021-09.07.n.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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Approval of the JFS Resolution

On the motion Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the JFS resolution regarding network placement and related services agreement between Back to Basics for Bous LLC, Child Protective Services Department; see resolution 2021-09.07.o.

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

Approval of the Juvenil/Probate Court Resolution

On the motion Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Juvenile/Probate Court resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category – Juvenile Court Fund #2408 Drug Court Program Subfund #8209; see resolution 2021-09.07.p.

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

Approval of the Sheriff's Office Resolution

On the motion Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Sheriff's Office resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Sheriff's Office Fund 2593 concealed handgun license; see resolution 2021-09.07.q.

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

Approval of the Utilities Resolutions

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

2021-09.07.r A resolution authorizing the approval of an agreement between Graystone Development II LLC, and the Board of Commissioners of Fairfield County, Ohio.
[Utilities]

2021-09.07.s A Resolution to Assess 2021 Sewer Delinquencies for Fairfield County
Utilities.[Utilities] [Utilities]

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

Commissioner Levacy stated at 9:26 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the 10:30 meeting with the Humane Society.

Update from the Human Society

The Commissioners met at 10:30 a.m. for an update from the Humane Society. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jon Kochis, Dennis Keller, Corey Schoonover, Aunie Cordle, Corey Schoonover, Dan Neeley, Tyler Sisson, and Al Beavers.

Corey Schoonover provided an update on the Humane Society's operations and their latest construction project. Please see the attached slide show. The Humane Society continues to

Update from Beavers Field

Tyler Sisson and Al Beavers provided an update on the new construction at Beavers Field. Please see the attached slide show. There were 130 games held in 2020. Four teams came to the field from out of state. There is a plan for 171 games in total for 2021. Sixteen teams will be from out of state. The “Beavers Dam” opened in May of 2021. There are seven instructors for athletic training. The weight room will be ready in October of 2021. They are working on updating their WiFi for public access and appreciate the Commission support of improving broadband connectivity.

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

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Beavers Field 2020 Overview

- 130 Games
- Estimate of 7,500 people in attendance
- 4 Teams from out of state



Beavers Field 2021 Overview

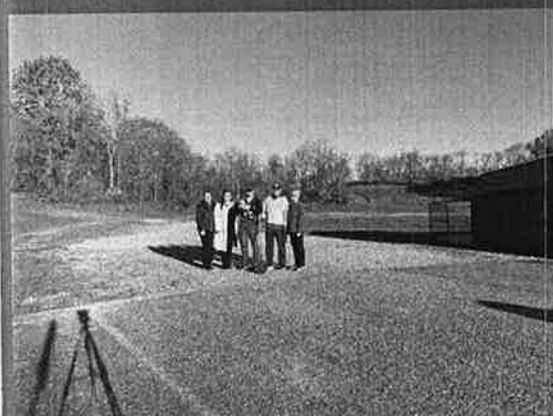
- 171 Games with 17 more still to be played with our High School Fall League
- Estimate of 12,000 people in attendance
- 16 Teams from out of state

American Legion State Tournament

- Over 60 Hotels Booked for 4 nights (240 Rooms)
- Estimate in attendance: 2,800 People
- Social Media Views 29,662 People



November 4th, 2021
Groundbreaking for The Beavers Dam



Nov 24th 2020



Dec 15th 2020



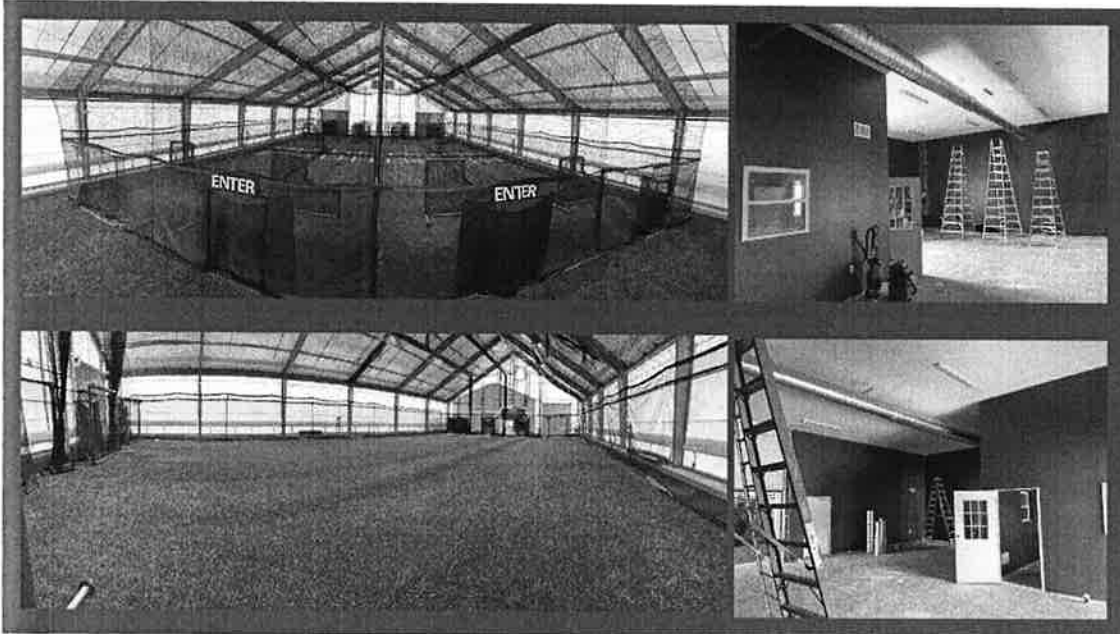
Jan 12th 2021



Feb 17th 2021



Aug 27th 2021



The Beavers Dam

- Opened May 27th
- Already have had 161 Different Clients
- 7 Instructors
- 250 Lessons
- 92 Different People participating in Camps/Classes

Upcoming Of Season (Oct-Mar)

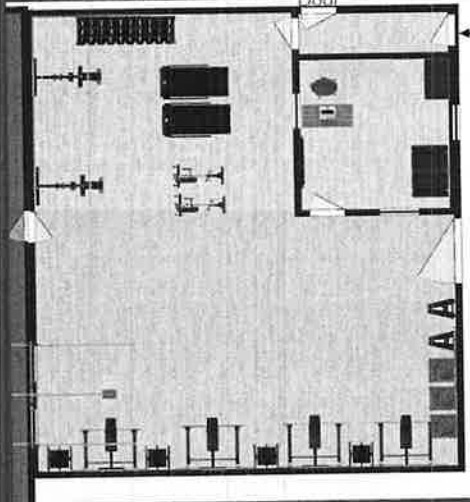
- 11 teams on the schedule for off season rentals already (Estimate of 300 Athletes)

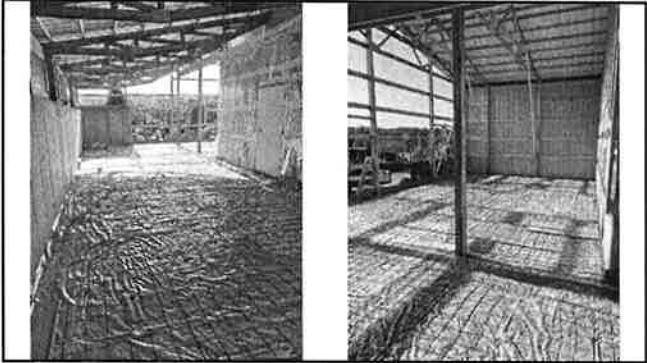
Planning For:

- 8 camps (240 Participants)
- 1200 Lessons
- 50 memberships

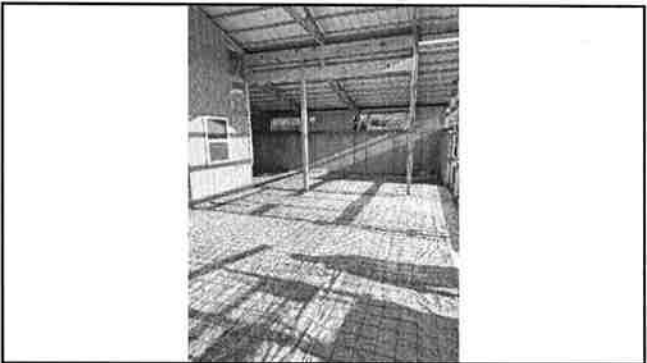
Future Plans For FCBCA

- We plan to have the weight room up and running by October
- We also plan to remodel/update our restrooms
- We are working on updating our internet services to give public wifi access





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