

Regular Meeting #40 - 2020
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
September 15, 2020

Review

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis 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, Joshua Horacek, Chief Lape, Amy Brown-Thompson, Dennis Keller, Aunie Cordle, Ray Stemen, Jon Slater. Joining via teleconference were Diana Steckman, Lisa McKenzie, Mark Conrad, Tom Lininger, Chris Wagner, Jim Bahnsen, Donna Fox-Moore, Stephanie Fyffe, Tony Vogel, Jeff Barron, Michael Kaper, Nikki Drake, Jeff Porter, Jeremiah Upp, Rick Szabrak.

- Welcome

Commissioner Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- COVID-19 Update

Mr. Kochis provided an update. There are two potential hot spots, the first being in an adult nursing home and the second being in the jail. Also, EMA will be processing more masks to schools this week.

There appears to be a strong effort to prepare for vaccination distribution in November.

The numbers are showing if 60% of the population are vaccinated, you cross into the wane of the virus.

Mr. Davis asked if the distribution model is impacted by the type of vaccine (oral or injection).

Mr. Kochis replied those are referred to as points of distribution. It will be a two-dose vaccine over the course of roughly a month. Because this is a new vaccine, there will be a waiting period after the first vaccine to make sure there is not a reaction.

Mr. Davis asked Chief Lape about the COVID situation at the jail.

Chief Lape replied that over a two-week period they have had five positive cases that have been quarantined under the direction of the jail physician. He is not sure if the health department has identified patient zero. They continue to work with the Bureau of Adult Detention who approves the protocols. The jail physician has mandated masks be provided to the inmate population as well; but many of the inmates have chosen to disposal of their masks through the plumbing and are not cooperating by wearing them.

Mr. Levacy spoke of his concerns at the jail and commented upon the HVAC system.

Dr. Brown reported on a recent RFP the county issues regarding improvements to the HVAC systems.

Mr. Fix asked Mr. Kochis is they would stop at 60% once vaccinated that percentage of the populations was vaccinated.

Mr. Fix replied that ideally you would vaccinate the entire population so the community spread would decrease. He expected it would take weeks to months to vaccinate the 60% which should show a difference in community spread.

Ms. Fyffe provided an update on the vaccination campaign. They plan on having a flu vaccine clinic which will help prepare for the COVID vaccine push. She provided an update on the classroom COVID numbers.

Mr. Davis asked if the flu would be a comorbidity for COVID-19.

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Ms. Fyffe replied the flu would make you more susceptible to other illnesses. She added that this year it is more important than ever to get the flu shot.

Mr. Hanna added they have been working with Dr. Brown and Mr. Kochis on CARES Act funding. Their help is very much appreciated.

Mr. Davis asked if the health department anticipates being in level "orange" for the foreseeable future.

Ms. Fyffe replied it was hard to tell. They are not seeing a huge uptick in cases, but they are seeing consistent numbers.

Mr. Kochis thinks they will see Franklin County go "red" prior to Fairfield County going "red" close behind Franklin.

Mr. Hanna and Ms. Fyffe agreed.

Mr. Kochis clarified that he does not see Franklin County going red without a high school spike, though.

The state advisory system includes seven variables to help with broad understanding of the current condition.

The state is also looking at the case count over the last two weeks, ranking the counties from 1-88. This information is updated on Tuesday afternoons. The idea is to provide current data and trend lines. State officials report that the system has been effective in allowing for awareness.

In a conference call on September 9, 2020, Governor DeWine commented on the importance of the precautionary measures relating to the pandemic. He also stressed the importance of following the guideline of keeping meetings to no more than 10 in attendance.

Governor DeWine asked that we at the local level continue to set the right tone and keep vigilant on the precautionary measures, leading by example.

- Legal Update

Mr. Horacek did not have a legal update.

- CARES Act Funds

On September 9, 2020, in a teleconference Governor DeWine indicated he saw no impediment to the passage of SB/ 357. He also expressed his advocacy to have more flexibility (time and use) with the CARES Act resources (as well as additional funds if possible from the federal government).

For the voting agenda, there was a resolution to charge eligible expenses to the CARES Act, to our related special revenue fund.

The Controlling Board released amounts are proposed for use as follows, with some account to account transfers of appropriations, as well. This chart summarizes the eligible uses:

1,496.43	Overtime, substantially different, cleaning
2,575.89	HR teleworking equipment
3,481.72	Treasurer teleworking equipment
5,560.00	Antibody testing (Courts, Sheriff)
14,286.00	Digitizing services (Probate Court)

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19,000.00	MOW MOU for services
209,212.54	COVID vehicles
583,312.18	Public safety payroll support
838,924.76	Total Controlling Board Release

The Controlling Board released amounts were received on 9.8.2020.

Documented expenditures and uses will be either charged to the Relief Fund or encumbered (in progress) as of 9.15.2020, with the passage of the resolution on the voting agenda.

Spent or
Encumbered or
to be encumbered,
9.15

1,603,084.79	Amount spent on payroll for public safety employees
50,344.28	Amount spent to improve telework capabilities of public employees
24,420.45	Amount spent on public health expenses
1,677,849.52	Total Distribution HB 481, to date

Proposed for 9.15.2020, spent or encumbered/to be encumbered

583,312.18	Amount for payroll for public safety employees
20,343.61	Amount spent to improve telework capabilities and services for public employees
235,268.97	Amount spent on public health expenses
838,924.76	Total Distribution HB 481, to date

A summary and planning tool were in the review packet. The Commissioners reviewed the packet and agreed with the approach. The resolution allows for administrative approvals for contracts and agreements for the CARES Act (up to \$500,000) for efficiency. The County Administrator will report weekly on CARES Act activity.

Mr. Davis stated the Commissioners have encouraged Dr. Brown to be of assistance to other entities in regards to CARES Act processes. He stated that to the extent they envision a scramble in the last round, as her plate gets even more full, she has his support in saying to those who are late to the party and are scrambling to the finish line that she wishes she could help, but her plate is full.

Dr. Brown stated calls have ramped up and she expects they will for a bit.

Mr. Levacy stated that Dr. Brown has been a good resource of information for those who want to utilize the funds. He believes first priority should be Fairfield County and its townships and entities.

Mr. Fix expressed his appreciation as well.

Dr. Brown thanked Ms. Brown-Thompson for her help early on, especially as the concepts surrounding public safety payroll support were explored in late June. We have had some additional guidance from the US Treasury which has confirmed what we anticipated.

Mr. Davis asked that this agenda item remain through SB 357's passage in the House and through the allocation of funds.

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- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Announcements & Date Reminders

Announcements

Anyone can email or text a question anytime:

Carri.Brown@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov or (740) 777-8552

Date Reminders

September 24 – Virtual Leadership Conference – with Marc Fishel and Others

October 5 – HVAC Training to be held at the Workforce Center

October 13 - Budget Hearings Begin

- b. Highlights of Resolutions

Dr. Brown highlighted the resolutions for the voting meeting; there were 11 *financial and grant related resolutions* to approve, such as:

- A resolution to approve account to account transfers of appropriations and to charge appropriate expenditures to the CARES Act related special revenue fund;
- A resolution to approve the grant agreement for the Ohio Clean Diesel program. \$124,875.00 in grant funding has been allocated to replace three diesel trucks by July 31, 2022. We are appreciative of how the County Engineer seeks grants and manages projects;
- Appropriations for the County Engineer (for payouts);
- Two resolutions to authorize internal transfers of JFS resources (533 and IM for the CSEA) as permissible with the combined agency and not reflected within MUNIS but reflected in the JFS accounting system with the state;
- Appropriations for grant projects for the Board of Elections and FCFACF Council (three resolutions); and
- Account to account transfers of appropriations for EMA, FCFACF, and SWCD.

In queue, there were financial and contracting resolutions at various stages of progress.

Mr. Fix asked for more information on the Board of Elections resolution.

Dr. Brown replied the resolution will be foundation for a bit of a reimbursement. It will allow for appropriations in a Special Revenue Fund. Past expenditures of the General Revenue Fund will then be placed within the Special Revenue Fund, as will additional expenditures. They want the expenditures to be properly reflected in the Special Revenue Fund, a grant relating to upgrades for cyber security.

- c. Administrative Approvals, Program, & Budget Update

Administrative Approvals and Update

The review packet contained a list of *administrative approvals*. No questions were posed.

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Budget Update

The deadline for level 3 budget entry was September 3.

There will be a detailed review of submissions and some additional updates as we move closer to the budget hearings.

Budget hearings are already scheduled. They begin on October 13.

We have a placeholder in the planning tool for the energy conservation project part 2 in 2021. A resolution will be brought to the Commissioners prior to moving ahead. For now, we are continuing to plan so we are ready. There is a meeting scheduled on February 12, 2021, to review these details for the project.

We are working on a grant for electric charging stations at the Workforce Center. With a match of about \$12K, we are seeking a grant of \$30-\$40K which will support the stations at the Workforce Center in Carroll in 2021.

For Stafford Act reimbursements, the fund totals submitted are as below:

100,758.04	General
5,691.21	DD
11,434.32	EMA
1,758.59	Health
784.96	JFS
120,427.12	

Sales tax revenues for the sales of July, not including auto sales, are estimated at \$1,581,791, or about 12% above the previous year's non-auto sales tax revenues. To meet a 2% increase over last year for this same month, auto sales tax revenues need to be \$230,461. Last month's auto sales tax revenues were \$414,650.

Mr. Davis stated that the Commission has been able to make changes or forecast changes such as the health insurance holiday and the likely change in parameters for compensation. He wants to convey a sense that there is still a significant trepidation about the economy in 2021 and the nature of the recovery. He has agreed wholeheartedly to relaxing the grip in the ways mentioned, but he is not inclined to relax any further until they have a better idea of the pandemic effects and the economy in 2021.

Mr. Levacy agreed.

d. BRAVOS

Common Pleas Court issued a press release about their partnership with the Southeastern Ohio Legal Services. Their grant funded program will provide free legal advice and guidance to eligible people. We mentioned the grant from the Ohio Supreme Court previously, and it is nice to see more the of the details unfold.

Bravo to the Recorder's Office for their customer service orientation. An attorney sent a nice note of thanks for personal attention relating to a transfer of property.

To Christy Noland, thanks for organizing records in support of the Stafford Act submission for reimbursement. And from Christy Noland, thanks to Staci Knisley and Christina Foster for their support in managing departmental mail during the pandemic.

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We also thank EMA and our county's first responders. We appreciate them during the pandemic and always. A copy of a proclamation was provided to Jon Kochis, EMA Director.

- Old Business

- a. Franklin County Litigation

Mr. Fix asked about the brief. The briefing date was moved ahead. Ms. Brown-Thompson is not aware of the date. Mr. Davis believes it is later in September.

- b. Clarence E. Miller Building

Mr. Fix stated that he has driven by the Clarence E. Miller building several times, and it is looking pretty bad in his opinion. He asked if there was anything to do to encourage the new owners to clean up the property.

Mr. Davis reflected on the time the Commission owned the building and the cost of bringing that building up to speed for use. He reached out to the family of Clarence E. Miller regarding their feelings of a potential demolition. The family understood the difficulties of keeping the building. The building was transferred to Habitat for Humanity (from the Land Bank) and then sold to a private party interested in the paranormal. He is happy to no longer have the financial responsibility.

Mr. Fix stated it is an eyesore and he would appreciate maybe reaching out to the Land Bank to see if the new owner might provide an update.

Mr. Keller replied that the owner came before the Board of Revision the other day. The current value of the building is still about \$400,000 for taxation purposes. He bought the building for practically nothing from Habitat for Humanity.

Mr. Slater stated there was an "arm's length" at a bargain amount. An adjustment would be reviewed.

Dr. Brown stated that this owner had done a building renovation in a different county and that property looked nice.

Mr. Fix stated a desire for the Land Bank to take back the property and clean it up.

The Commissioners stated getting an update from the private property owner at the Land Bank would be fine.

After discussion, Dr. Brown reported on the successful, current use of the Amstutz building.

- New Business (none)

- General Correspondence Received

- a. Vacation Petition Received from Mr. Hertlein – Lockville Alley – Corrections need to be made by petitioner.

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- a. Bremen Chamber Lunch – Thursday, September 24th at noon
 - b. ODOT Virtual Meeting re: Fairfield County Interchange Project – October 8th

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- FYI
 - a. Jail Population – 264
 - b. DACO Newsletter
 - c. Public records requests can be made to Rachel.Elsea@fairfieldcountyohio.gov or Carri.Brown@fairfieldcountyohio.gov

- Open Items

Mr. Fix asked Mr. Upp for an overview of the ODOT virtual meeting to be held on October 8th.

Mr. Upp stated there is not a lot of information on how the meeting will be conducted. The meeting is set up and designed to give the public a chance to comment on the proposed interchange in the Allen Road/Pickerington Road area. He added that ODOT has postponed all TRAC projects this year. This postponement of TRAC projects will slow this project down. The fact that they are having the public meeting shows there are serious about the project, though.

Commissioner Davis stated at 9:52 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, September 15, 2020, beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jon Kochis, Chief Lape, Dennis Keller, Joshua Horacek, Amy Brown-Thompson, Jon Slater, Bart Hampson, Aunie Cordle, Heather O'Keefe, Laura Holton, Corey Clark, . Joining via teleconference were Jim Bahnsen, Donna Fox-Moore, Stephanie Fyffe, Jeff Barron, Jeff Porter, Jeremiah Upp, Nikki Drake, Rick Szabrak, Tom Lininger, Tony Vogel, Chris Wagner,

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Davis led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

Announcements

Commissioner Davis asked if there were any announcements.

Public Comment

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

Mr. Ray Stemen of 2444 West Point Road in Lancaster had two concerns. The first concern involved a judge who declared Secretary of State LaRose's rules for voting be on hold until the rules include voting by mail. This is not clearly stated, and a lot of people are still very confused about it. Also, Mr. Stemen was concerned about the idea of keeping kids from going to school when students are the least group affected (by the virus) and the Ohio OEA has voted on the matter. He does not agree with them. The teachers he has talked to want to get back to school in the classroom.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, September 8, 2020

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, September 8, 2020 Regular Meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Commissioners' Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Commissioners' Office resolution approving account to account transfers in a major object expense categories and memo transactions relating to the CARES Act Relief Fund #2868; see resolution 2020-09.15.a.

Discussion: Dr. Brown stated this is a resolution that documents spending of the funds related to the CARES Act distributed by the State Controlling Board in connection with HB 481. Mr. Davis stated he was reminded of a conversation many years ago regarding not being able to build the jail, a task that Dr. Brown achieved. As he looks at the last several months, the CARES Act funding looked impossible, but Fairfield County has not (in large part due to Dr. Brown and the Prosecutor's Office as well as others who have worked together) viewed any task as impossible.

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

Approval of the Board of Elections Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Board of Elections resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category for Fund #2861 Cyber; see resolution 2020-09.15.b.

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

Approval of the Emergency Management Agency Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Emergency Management Agency resolution authorizing an account to account transfer for EMA Fund 2707 (Subfund 8183) Emergency Management Performance Grant; see resolution 2020-09.15.c.

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

Approval of the Engineer's Office Resolutions

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

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| 2020-09.15.d | A resolution to approve an Agreement with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. [Engineer] |
| 2020-09.15.e | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for payout accounts [Engineer] |

Discussion: Mr. Upp stated the resolution 'd' was for a clean diesel grant from a Volkswagen lawsuit. The Engineer's Office applied for a grant and got a dump truck covered with this funding. This is the second successful application like this.

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

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

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

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- 2020-09.15.f A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major category expense for the Fund# 7521, subfund#8232 – Family Adult Children First [Family, Adult and Children First Council]
- 2020-09.15.g A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category for the Fund# 7521, subfund# 8232 Ohio Department of Medicaid/Multi System Youth – Family Adult Children First [Family, Adult and Children First Council]
- 2020-09.15.h A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major category expense for the Fund# 7521, subfund# 8152 – Family Adult Children First (FACF) [Family, Adult and Children First Council]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of JFS Resolutions

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

- 2020-09.15.i A resolution approving Fairfield County Plan for Income Maintenance Expenditures Job & Family Services [JFS]
- 2020-09.15.j A resolution approving Fairfield County Plan for Child, Family and Adult Community and Protective Services Expenditures (State Budget Line Item 533) Job & Family Services [JFS]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Soil and Water Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Soil and Water resolution approving an account to account transfer; see resolution 2020-09.15.k.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

JFS Update

The Commissioners met at 10:08 a.m. for an update from JFS. Commissioner Davis 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, Chief Lape, Amy Brown-Thompson, Joshua Horacek, Laura Holton, Aunie Cordle, Corey Clark, Bart Hampson, Ray Stemen, Abby Watson, Jon Slater, Krista Humphries, Josh Crawford, and joining via teleconference were Jim Bahnsen, Donna Fox-Moore, Stephanie Fyffe, Jeff Barron, Jeff Porter, Rick Szabrak, Thomas Lininger, Tony Vogel, and Chris Wagner.

The Commissioners met with Aunie Cordle, JFS Director, and JFS team members to review their annual report to the community which covers 2019 operations of Community Services, Workforce Development, Child Support Enforcement, and Protective Services. Please see the attached report.

We are appreciative of the team's services for their innovative approaches to support children and families in Fairfield County.

Ms. Krista Humphries recently earned a promotion to Deputy Director of Community Services.

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Ms. Laura Holton will be retiring from her position as Chief Deputy Director of Community Services in March 2021.

A copy of an announcement about Ms. Humphries' promotion was in the review packet.

We gave Ms. Humphries and Ms. Holton cards to thank and congratulate them. We understand there will be additional opportunities to honor them, as well.

Mr. Davis thanked Ms. Holton for her many years of service.

Mr. Fix thanked Ms. Holton for her service on the ADAMH board and expressed his desire that she continue to serve.

Mr. Davis asked how many employees are currently employed by JFS.

Ms. Watson reported there are currently 212 employees at JFS.

Ms. Holton reviewed the Community Services portion of the attached report.

Mr. Levacy stated he believes the public thinks the cash assistance numbers are much higher than they are. Ms. Holton agreed.

Ms. Cordle reiterated cash assistance is time limited to three years in lifetime.

Mr. Corey Clark provided the Workforce Development update.

Mr. Davis was encouraged by the number of jobs currently open in the area.

Mr. Fix asked if they keep track of how many jobs are generated through the job fair.

Mr. Clark replied they send a survey after a job fair, and one of the questions they ask is if they hired anyone as a result. It is very difficult to get answers. Some hiring takes place months down the road or are from resumes held on to from the job fair. They see a lot of returning employers participating each year, though, and there is satisfaction from the job fairs.

Mr. Fix asked about the virtual job fairs and the availability for online access for those seeking jobs.

Mr. Clark replied they received special funding from the state to upgrade equipment for the resource room. They acquired laptops for that exact situation. There are also computers in the OMJ center. The laptops will also allow them to have interviews in the conference room.

Mr. Fix asked how the Workforce Center touches the northwest portion of the county.

Mr. Clark replied they have looked at opportunities to have a satellite location in the area.

Mr. Fix asked what the unemployment rate was in Fairfield County.

Mr. Clark replied the COVID high was 14%, and the rate is now down to 7.5%. Pre-COVID the rate was 4%.

Mr. Clark also provided the Child Support Enforcement update.

Ms. O'Keefe provided an update on Child and Adult Protective Services.

Mr. Davis asked if reporting abuse or neglect was adversely affected by the pandemic.

Ms. O'Keefe reported they saw a reduction of calls by 50% in March, and by July, it was back up to 70% and is now back to about normal.

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Mr. Davis stated he could listen to the JFS updates all day long as it inspires him and what the county is doing as a government. He expressed the immense amount of respect the Commissioners and others have for JFS.

Ms. Cordle thanked Ms. Stalter for her work in creating the Report to the Community. She also thanked Mr. Hampson and his team as their department is a part of every department. She thanked the Sheriff's Office and the Courts for their partnerships.

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Jeff Fix and a second of Dave Levacy , the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 11:00 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____
that the September 15, 2020 minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:


NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on September 22, 2020



Steven A. Davis
Commissioner


Dave Levacy
Commissioner

Dave Levacy
Commissioner

Absent

Jeff Fix
Commissioner

Fuller

Rachel A Elsea, Clerk

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Report to the
COMMUNITY

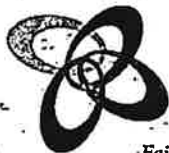
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Child & Adult
Protective Services

Child **Support**
Enforcement

COMMUNITY
Services

WORKFORCE
Development



Fairfield County
Job & Family
Services

Safe Children • Stable Families • Strong Community



A Word of

Welcome**Aundrea Cordle**

Director, Fairfield County Job and Family Services

COMMITTED TO *Service* COMMUNITY DRIVEN

Through a constant emphasis on our core culture values of customer service and maximizing financial resources, Fairfield County Job and Family Services (FCJFS) continued to protect children and elderly, encourage family stability, and promote self-reliance for a stronger community during 2019.

The children, individuals, and families that we serve, come to us during a time of crisis or need. It is our collective and individual responsibility to meet these needs in a professional, respectful, and helpful manner. We are focused on successful outcomes for all of our customers and recognize that this is something that we cannot do alone. With this in mind, we are grateful for the power and strength of our community partnerships that we are able to leverage to truly support those in need.

The team at FCJFS seeks out opportunities to meet the need in Fairfield County. We are extremely appreciative of our local, state, and federal funding that enables us to provide outstanding service to our community. We don't stop here though. We look to participate in pilot programs, grant opportunities and new approaches that result in better practice and service.

The team at FCJFS is strong in experience, caring in nature, and committed to positive outcomes for those they serve. We are honored to serve our community.

The following Report to the Community highlights a few program statistics and some very powerful customer success stories. Hopefully this helps to bring to life the programs and services of our agency.

Sincerely,

Andrea N. Cordle, MBA, SPHR, SHRM-SCP
Fairfield County Job and Family Services Director



Customer Service Ambassador

Fairfield County Job and Family Services offers a Customer Service Ambassador to any customer who has questions, comments and or complaints about the services which we provide. If you need this specialized service, please feel free to contact us at either of the following numbers: (740) 652-7617 or (740) 808-3239.

Fairfield County Job and Family Services Mission Statement

To protect children and elderly, encourage family stability, and promote self-reliance for a stronger community.

Administration

Aundrea Cordle,
Director

Corey Clark,
Chief Deputy Director of Child Support
Enforcement Agency, Workforce
Development, and Strategic Initiatives

Laura Holton,
Chief Deputy Director of Community Services
and Performance Initiatives

Bart Hampson,
Deputy Director of Finance

Dan Neeley,
Deputy Director of Information Technology

Heather O'Keefe,
Deputy Director of Protective Services

Snapshot

13,975

individuals received food assistance (SNAP) - of those, 42% were children.

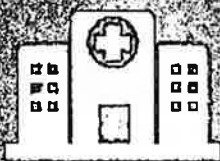


29,648

one-way transportation trips were provided to individuals attending medical appointments, work activities, or GED classes in 2019.

30,455

individuals participated in the Medicaid program - 51% were children/elderly

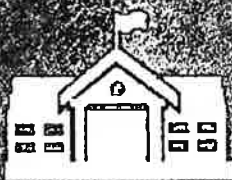


730 Households with 1,134 Children

received cash assistance. Of that, 85% were kinship households.

815

children were issued a \$250 voucher for school clothing/supplies in 2019.



We assisted:

802 families with utility assistance through our PRC program.

407 families with housing assistance.

*Names have been changed for privacy. Photos are for illustrative purposes only.

Meet Teresa

Teresa worked with our Community Services department for many years. She dropped out of high school after her junior year. Teresa had worked on obtaining her GED sporadically over the years, but was never able to finish. She was temporarily living with a family friend, but was not able to stay there permanently. She was looking for employment, but knew that without having her high school diploma it would be hard to secure a job to support her growing family.

Teresa was approved for cash assistance and as part of her work activity, she decided to focus on obtaining her high school diploma. She was able to enroll into the Pickaway Ross Adult Diploma Program in March 2019. This program allows customers to obtain their high school diploma while earning a certificate in an area of their choice. She decided she wanted to obtain a certification of STNA. She faced many challenges while completing this program. She had an ill child that was hospitalized, there were snow days and she was pregnant with her fourth child. However, she didn't let anything stop her. By April 2019 she passed her STNA certification and had earned her high school diploma. She quickly obtained employment working as an STNA.

Community Services also assisted her with SNAP (food assistance) and Medicaid. We assisted with her utility bills so she was able to move into her new home. We also assisted with school clothes for her two oldest children. She used agency transportation to get to and from her classes at Pickaway Ross since her current vehicle was not very reliable.

Shortly after achieving all of this, she was approved for the Dragonfly Dreams program through Metropolitan Housing and she was finally able to have her own home to share with her children. A year later this customer is still living at the same home and is now working 40 hours a week at \$14.00 an hour.



COMMUNITY Services

WORKFORCE Development

Ohio
MEANS
Jobs.

Fairfield
County

A proud partner of the
American Job Center network

Hosted **59** **HIRING**
EVENTS in 2019
attended by **250**
job seekers.

11,332
visitors to the
Resource Room.



Taylor's Story

Taylor came to the OhioMeansJobs Center in Fairfield County searching for a change. She was in her mid-20's, a single mom, and working part-time at a local phone store. She desired to have more than a job, she wanted a career where she could grow and learn new skills. After meeting with a WIOA Career Advisor and discussing her options, Taylor decided she wanted to pursue a career as a Dental Assistant. She completed the training in just 10 short weeks and successfully obtained a Certificate as a Dental Assistant Radiographer. She started working upon completion of the training at a local dental office. She was trained as a Patient Service Representative, greeting customers, scheduling appointments, and assisting with various other operations of the office while picking up Dental Assistant activities when needed. After working just a few months in this position, she was promoted to full-time Dental Assistant.

Taylor stated, "I am extremely grateful for the opportunity I've been given. WIOA has helped me get the career of my dreams. I am learning so much every single day. Every day is different and now I can provide a future for my son."

JOE
FAIR

Welcomed:

87
Employers

292
Job Seekers

32

customers successfully completed
occupational training programs
and received certifications.



Parenting Time is Important because children are better off when both parents are involved in their lives. They are:



Five times less likely to live in poverty



Two times less likely to be abused or neglected



Two times less likely to abuse drugs



Three times less likely to fail in school



Two times less likely to develop emotional or behavioral problems



The agency spent **\$1 for every \$10.11** in support collected in 2019.



Over \$21 Million collected in support payments in Fairfield County in 2019.

For custodial parents below the poverty line, child support is

66.7% of their income.

1 in 3

children are impacted by the child support program.

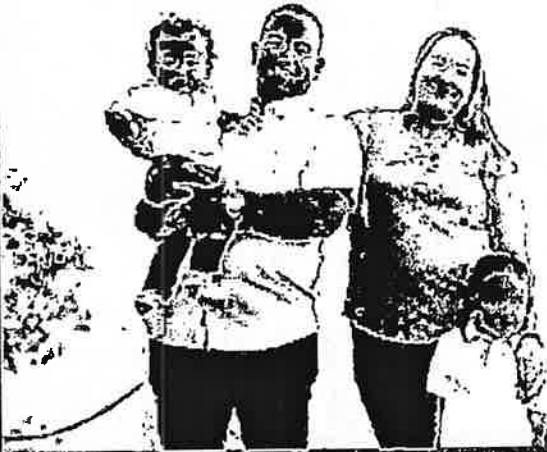
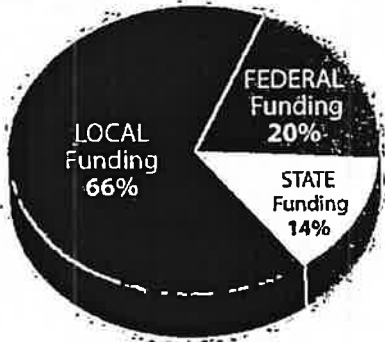
Paul's Story

Paul is a non-custodial parent who has a history of drug use and a criminal record that made obtaining employment challenging. His CSEA Case Manager called him regularly to encourage him to keep trying and to provide job postings. Paul was eventually hired by a local landscaping company who was willing to give him a chance. His Case Manager continued to make regular contact with him as well as his employer to help provide a support system for him. The employer reports that he is doing an "amazing job" and is now working full-time and meeting his child support obligation.



Child Protective Services

LOCAL FUNDING CRITICAL



Sara's Story

When Protective Services first met Sara, a mom of a 4-year-old, she was incarcerated. Her son was living with his Aunt, and Sara was struggling with plans moving forward following her incarceration. The incarceration facility sent Sara to a short term treatment center, where she stayed for about two weeks. Protective Services staff began to work with Sara and provide information and referral to assist her in maintaining sobriety and getting her son back into her care. When she was released from the treatment center, she was determined to make changes in her life that would benefit herself and her son. Using Protective Services as support, Sara found a safe place for her to stay, and the encouragement she needed. Sara became engaged in counseling and case management services, providing her with new skills to handle everyday life. Protective Services continued to work with Sara on her case plan goals, developing coping skills, and enhancing her parenting abilities while maintaining sobriety. At the conclusion of working with Sara a year later, she had secured employment, began a new, healthy relationship, gave birth to a healthy baby boy, and had regained custody of her now 5-year-old son. Sara continues to use the skills and services she accessed when involved with Protective Services to maintain her sobriety and care for her children.

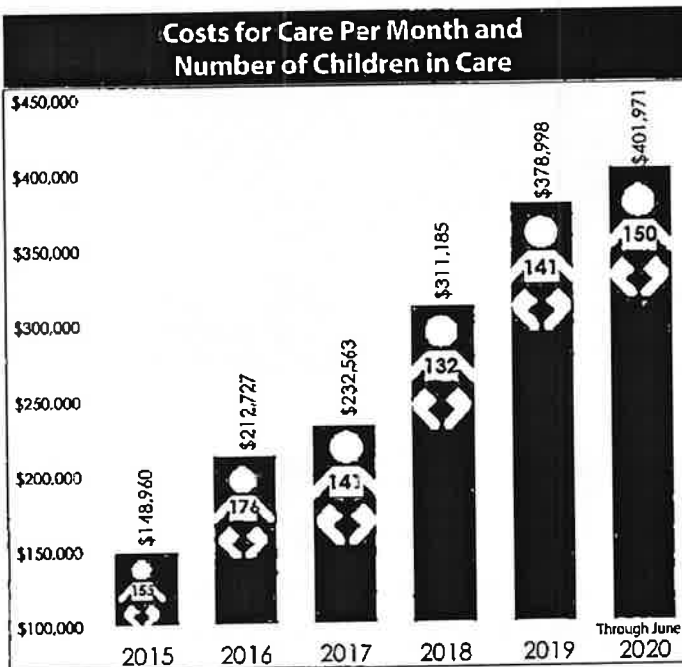
34% of children in agency custody were age 5 and under.

7 out of 10 impacted by substance abuse.

8,992

phone calls regarding concerns for children received in 2019, a 6% increase over 2018.

38% of children in permanent custody had prior dissolved adoptions.



On average **213** children per month required Child Protective Services intervention due to safety concerns:

Adult Protective Services

1 out of 10

adults age 60 and over experience some type of abuse, neglect, or exploitation.

APS received 952 referrals of abuse, neglect and exploitation in 2019, a 16% increase over 2018.

20% of referrals were for mental health issues.

12% of referrals were for substance abuse by a client or caregiver.

55% of referrals were from mandated reporters.

Meet Ann

Fairfield County Adult Protective Services became involved with "Ann" for concerns of neglect. Ann was reportedly not caring for herself, was wandering around outside asking others for food, and was left alone for long periods of time caring for her son's dogs which were difficult for her to manage. Additionally, there were concerns for financial exploitation of Ann by her son and his girlfriend. An assessment revealed Ann was responsible for all of the home's finances, and under constant pressure from her son to provide him money. There was a lot of verbal and emotional abuse surrounding Ann's decision to give her son money or not, leaving Ann often upset.

APS staff worked with Ann to assess her own wants and capabilities. APS was able to assist Ann in finding her own subsidized housing, local transportation, furniture, and provided rent and deposit assistance. Ann reports she is much happier being on her own, without the stress of caring for her son's dogs and the pressure to give him money. She has been able to make friends in her new living environment, is eating healthier and seeing her doctor regularly. Family members have reported Ann is the happiest she has been since her husband passed away. APS staff have assessed no further protective need and closed her case knowing she is safe and thriving in her new environment.

85%

of the perpetrators continue to be family members.

"Beyond the many valuable resources provided directly, Fairfield County Job and Family Services staff

also supports other community initiatives such as United Way of Fairfield County. We are very appreciative of our partnership."

—Scott Reed, Fairfield County United Way



"Year after year Job and Family Services continues to be a **strong community support** for Fairfield County residents.

Job and Family Service's dedicated team is quick to identify and adapt to the ever-changing needs of our community." —Jeannette Curtis, Fairfield County 211

"JFS utilizes a collaborative approach and fosters a good working relationship with our office to serve and protect families here in Fairfield County."

—Kyle Witt, Fairfield County Prosecuting Attorney



"The amount of support we have had from Fairfield County Job and Family Services has been a huge part of what makes this possible. They are always available and help us get whatever services needed to help these kiddos flourish and succeed"

—Heather Mason, Foster Parent



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"Fairfield County JFS treats everyone as if they're their most important customer. They have changed the lives of individuals looking for new careers and helped companies succeed by finding great new employees. Economic Development couldn't ask for a better partner than JFS."

—Rick Szabrak, Fairfield County Economic Development Director

"JFS is a leader in county government. These dedicated county employees have deep connections to the people they serve, and they are trusted partners in preserving the well-being of children and families. We are so proud of their innovative and thoughtful services."

—Carri Brown, Fairfield County Administrator



"Fairfield County JFS is **LEADING** the way in helping families struggling with substance use disorders."

—Dennis Lowe, Fairfield-Athens Major Crime Unit Commander

"The Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services is vital to the well-being of children and families in our communities; JFS supports families in need, protects children and elders, and works with many community partnerships to improve the quality of life in our county."

—Clinton Davis, Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency Director



"The Fairfield County Juvenile Court and Fairfield County Job and Family Services continue to diligently partner to develop best practices in the area of our county families. FCJFS is a frontline service provider that focuses on continuing to examine, improve, and modernize practice so as to provide the best service possible."

—Judge Terre L. Vandervoort

"Fairfield County Job and Family Services and the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office enjoy an active partnership in service to our community. Whether through child support enforcement, building security and training or out in the field managing situations with families in need, our common goals remain the same: professional service to Fairfield County residents."

—Alex Lape, Fairfield County Sheriff's Office



"Aundrea Cordle and her dedicated team are innovators in addressing the needs of our community's most vulnerable children and families. The Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council is grateful to work closely with JFS collaboratively toward the mission of enabling every child to succeed."

—Donna Fox-Moore, Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council Executive Director

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