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Review

The Commissioners met at 9:04 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, Jon Kochis, Joshua Horacek, Corey Clark, Jeff Porter, Chris Wagner, Tony Vogel, Jennifer Kolometz, Audrey Stoffel, Dennis Keller, Jon Slater, Aunie Cordle, Rick Szabrak, Deputy Norris, Judy Stemen, Ray Stemen, and Dan Neeley.

Attending virtually were: Jim Bahnsen, Jeff Camechis, Park Russell, Rony Howard, Dave Burgei, Jen Valentine, Jason Dolin, Michael Kaper, Jeff Barron, Stacy Hicks, Lisa McKenzie, Bennett Niceswanger, Amy Brown-Thompson, Ashley Arter, Mark Conrad, Marcy Fields, Branden Meyer, and Britney Lee.

- Welcome

Commissioner Levacy welcomed everyone.

- COVID-19 Update

Mr. Kochis reported a slight leveling with hospital numbers and admissions. The hospitals are still running at capacity. He expects to see better insight on the data in the next week or two. There is some capacity in Franklin County and only two beds available at FMC. The capacity issues get worse as you go southeast in Ohio. Staffing for beds is limiting some things. In general people need to stay safe.

- Fairfield Forward

Special Events

Dr. Brown reported we will continue to meet administratively with the Fair Board.

We are planning for October 11 and October 15 fair days. For October 11 and October 15, employees will be able to show their employee access badges to enter the fair with no charge to them. We reviewed some pictures of the paving project.

There is an open house planned for 108 N. High on September 21 after the voting meeting.

Mr. Kochis shared photos and videos of the Luke Bryan concert.

Mr. Davis applauded the planning and execution of the event.

Main Uses of the ARP Fiscal Recovery Funds

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

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,

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- 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) was in the review packet and was posted on our website.

Project/Category		Current Period Expenditure
Public Health		
R15a	Public Health, PPE	0.00
R16a	Public Health, Medical Expenses	206,838.33
R17a	Public Health, Vaccination Clinic and Related Expenses	5,890.86
R17b	Public Health, Capital Investments and Public Facilities of the County	1,930.64
R17c	Public Health, Capital Investment for Air Quality Improvements	0.00
R17d	Public Health, Capital Investment for Health Equipment, a Mobile Morgue	49,498.87
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	0.00
R19c	Other Public Sector Payroll Support	12,372.55
R110a	Mental and Behavioral Health	0.00
Subtotal Public Health		1,256,036.47
Negative Economic Impacts		
R211a	Subgrant for Tourism, Support for the Fairfield County Fair	0.00
R211b	Aid to Tourism, Travel	0.00
R29a	Emergency Assistance for Business Planning	0.00
R213a	Support for Agriculture and the Growing Community	0.00
R213b	Technical Assistance for Townships	0.00
R213c	Contracts for Services to Support Residents Suffering Effects of the Pandemic	0.00
Subtotal Negative Economic Impacts		0.00
Premium Pay		
R41a	Premium Pay - EMA	27,907.72
Subtotal Premium Pay		27,907.72

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Infrastructure		
R52a	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Airport	0.00
R56a	Clean Water, Stormwater	0.00
R511a	Drinking Water: Grant Hampton	0.00
R511b	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Airport	0.00
R511c	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Greenfield	0.00
R517a	Broadband, Other Projects	0.00
Subtotal Infrastructure		0.00
Administration		
R71a	Administrative Expenses	49,705.49
Subtotal Administration		49,705.49
Grand Total		1,333,649.68

\$1,333,649.68 of expenditures were made from the \$15,303,451.00 received as the first tranche of fiscal recovery funds.

Project/Category		Current Period Obligation
Public Health		
R15a	Public Health, PPE	0.00
R16a	Public Health, Medical Expenses	0.00
R17a	Public Health, Vaccination Clinic Related	18,222.76
R17b	Public Health, Capital Inv/Public Facilities	837,956.20
R17c	Public Health, Capital Investment/ Air Quality	56,674.00
R17d	Public Health, Capital Investment for Equipment	0.00
R18a	Professional Communications Board of Health	0.00
R19a	Public Safety Payroll Support	0.00
R19b	Public Health Payroll Support	56,884.29
R19c	Other Public Sector Payroll Support	0.00
R110a	Mental and Behavioral Health	0.00
Subtotal Public Health		969,737.25
Negative Economic Impacts		
R211a	Subgrant for Tourism, Support for the Fair	500,000.00
R211b	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality	0.00
R29a	Emergency Assistance for Business Planning	0.00

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R213a	Support Agriculture and the Growing Community	45,000.00
R213b	Technical Assistance for Townships	0.00
R213c	Contracts for Services to Support Residents Suffering Effects of the Pandemic	48,000.00
Subtotal Negative Economic Impacts		593,000.00
Premium Pay		
R41a	Premium Pay	0.00
Subtotal Premium Pay		0.00
Infrastructure		
R52a	Water Collection/Conveyance, Airport	0.00
R56a	Clean Water, Stormwater	0.00
R511a	Water: Transmission/Distribution, Grant Hampton	0.00
R511b	Water: Transmission/Distribution, Airport	0.00
R511c	Water: Transmission/ Distribution, Greenfield	0.00
R517a	Broadband, Other Projects	0.00
Subtotal Infrastructure		0.00
Administration		
R71a	Administrative Expenses	49,323.00
Subtotal Administration		49,323.00
Grand Total		1,612,060.25

\$1,612,060.25 was encumbered or obligated.

The Board of Commissioners has authorized uses for 7,962,730.78.

Project/Category		Total Appropriations
Public Health		
R15a	Public Health, PPE	5,000.00
R16a	Public Health, Medical Expenses	206,838.33
R17a	Public Health, Vaccination Clinic Related	37,168.62
R17b	Public Health, Capital Inv/Public Facilities	3,205,772.02
R17c	Public Health, Capital Investment/ Air Quality	56,674.00
R17d	Public Health, Capital Investment for Health Equipment, a Mobile Morgue	49,500.00
R18a	Professional Communications Board of Health	34,577.94
R19a	Public Safety Payroll Support	944,927.28
R19b	Public Health Payroll Support	56,884.29
R19c	Other Public Sector Payroll Support	49,714.55
R110a	Mental and Behavioral Health	0.00
Subtotal Public Health		4,647,057.03
Negative Economic Impacts		

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R211a	Subgrant for Tourism, Support for the Fair	500,000.00
R211b	Aid to Tourism, Travel, or Hospitality	45,000.00
R29a	Emergency Assistance for Business Planning	150,000.00
R213a	Support Agriculture and Growing Community	45,000.00
R213b	Technical Assistance for Townships	100,000.00
R213c	Contracts for Services to Support Residents Suffering Effects of the Pandemic	48,000.00
Subtotal Economic Impacts		888,000.00
Premium Pay		
R41a	Premium Pay for Emergency Management	27,907.73
Subtotal Premium Pay		27,907.73
Infrastructure		
R52a	Water Collection/ Conveyance, Airport	278,000.00
R56a	Clean Water, Stormwater	475,000.00
R511a	Water: Grant Hampton	1,370,000.00
R511b	Water: Transmission/Distribution, Airport	102,000.00
R511c	Water: Transmission/Distribution, Greenfield	0.00
R517a	Broadband, Other Projects	30,000.00
Subtotal Infrastructure		1,875,000.00
Administration		
R71a	Administrative Expenses	144,766.02
Subtotal Administration		144,766.02
Grand Total		7,962,730.78

There are multiple projects under review in addition to the projects already approved.

The Interim Final Rule of the federal government will remain active for now. Funds used in a manner consistent with the Interim Final Rule while the Interim Final Rule is effective will not be subject to recoupment.

We are working with RAMA to develop the strategic planning process.

There will be staff surveys and stakeholder group surveys, along with community summits on September 30 and October 7. The location for the summits is Life Church, 5550 Lancaster-Newark Rd NE, Pleasantville, OH 43148. During the State of the County Address, there will also be a survey. The report from RAMA will be due at the end of the year/first of 2022.

Ms. Cordle reviewed the format for the forums on September 30 and October 7. Mr. Davis asked if the commissioners should attend the community forums. Ms. Cordle indicated it would be nice if they could attend to introduce the planning sessions.

We continue to connect partners and stakeholders to research homelessness, affordable housing, and various factors connected to these topics as antecedents.

The Land Bank will be adding a strategic theme in its strategic plan about affordable housing. Dr. Brown provided some brainstormed options on September 14, 2021.

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This week, Aunie Cordle provided PRC related information to Community Action for referral purposes.

- Legal Update

Mr. Horacek stated there was a settlement with AEP on for the Engineer's Office. They worked with the engineer's office to come up with a number for the road damage incurred. This will be passed on to the townships whose roads received the damage.

- 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 21 – RAMA meeting (in-person), 2 pm
September 22 – RAMA meeting (virtual), 10 am
September 22 – Workforce Center Building Dedication
September 23 – Leadership Conference
September 28 – State of the County Address
September 30 – RAMA forum

October 5 – Foster the Future Mural Dedication
October 7 – RAMA forum
October 11- County Fair Grand Opening
October 12 – Common Pleas Court Lunch n Learn
October 15 – Fair Day
October 19 – Engineer Projects Viewings and Hearings
October 21 – Budget Hearings begin
October 26 – Commission Connection videotaping – Commissioner Davis
October 28 – Budget Hearings continue

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

- b. Highlights of Resolutions

Dr. Brown highlighted 35 resolutions for the voting meeting.

We had a resolution authorizing the approval of a contract with Perry County for housing prisoners in the jail.

The County Engineer proposed a resolution to approve the contract bid award for the 2022 Guardrail Repair/Improvement Project.

Facilities proposed approval of the Dynamix contract for the energy conservation project, part 2.

RPC proposed a resolution to approve a contract between the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners and the Village of Bremen for Nonresidential Building Inspection Services.

There were 31 *financial and grant related resolutions* to approve:

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- A resolution to approve allocation of BWC Specialist direct administrative cost 2021 as a memo expenditure for various funds;
- A resolution to approve the recommendation of the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Committee to fund Combustion Brewery as a Fairfield County CARES ACT Recovery Assistance Revolving Loan Fund project;
- 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 the County Utilities building, in addition to the uses approved for Beavers Field, for overall broadband improvements at county property;
- A resolution approving authorized use and appropriations from unappropriated funds into major expenditure object categories, relating to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fiscal Recovery Fund# 2876 , for additional expenses associated with adapting space for the Board of Health as a COVID-19 response, mitigation, and prevention activity;
- 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, to contract for professional services from Ohio Guidestone to address a Juvenile Court identified need relating to truancy, with the need arising from the pandemic;
- 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 aid to the tourism industry, a contract for professional services and fixtures relating to improvements of public restrooms at Beavers Field to improve public health safeguarding measures, a decrease in appropriations based on current information; this resolution also clarifies the expectations for fixtures and flooring that are a response to the pandemic to improve health safeguarding on county owned property;
- 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 a subgrant to provide public health essential furnishings, equipment and a printer that will be maintained at the Board of Health and to be used as a response to the COVID-19 public health emergency;
- Account to account transfers of appropriations to properly classify expenditures for Facilities, Commissioners, and the Sheriff (three resolutions);
- Two resolutions for CFLP grants;
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for the Law Library, Utilities, JFS, and the County Auditor & Juvenile Court (general fund) – five resolutions;
- Two resolutions for debt accounting;
- Four reimbursements or movements by operation of law for JFS;
- Repayment of an advance by Juvenile Court;

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- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for the County Engineer (three resolutions, one with a fund-to-fund transfer), as well as memo expenditures for the County Engineer (for four resolutions);
- The payment of bills over \$100,000; and
- Two settlement agreements, one proposed by the County Engineer for road maintenance and one connected with the litigation against the Franklin County Cooperative.

In queue, there were multiple contracting and financial resolutions.

For example, in progress, there was a resolution to approve the purchase of a CAT excavator, and there was a resolution to approve the purchase of Tyler Technology products for case management for Juvenile and Probate Court.

There were other resolutions in queue, as well.

From an American Rescue Plan perspective, we had in queue 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 public sector payroll support to address needs arising from the pandemic for protective services based on cases involving substance abuse.

The resolution for the Rushcreek DMD will be addressed within a reasonable timeframe.

There is also a vacation petition under review with subject matter experts.

c. Administrative, Program, and Budget Update

Administrative & Program Updates

Administrative Approvals

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

CCAO Webinar on Solar Siting/CCAO Solar Program Update

Dr. Brown attended a webinar on solar siting on September 15th. SB 52 has been signed into law and allows or unincorporated areas to be site restricted in terms of large scale solar and wind operations by Commission resolution.

We in Fairfield County have not adhered to a philosophy of restricting operations. During the siting process, a commissioner or designee would be appointed to the state siting board.

There are grandfather clauses in SB 52 that do not apply to Fairfield County in terms of projects that are works in progress.

Also, 66 public entities within 53 counties have provided a letter of intent to participate in a large-scale solar array within the CCAO energy program. Draft power purchase agreements are being evaluated and are expected to be available by the end of the year.

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Ms. Drake and Mr. Ferbrache reported there were several thousand acres in Walnut Township that had been leased. They are watching and observing the impact to prime farmland. There are around 85,000 acres in Ohio protected. They are also looking at the impact to private drainage, nearby neighborhoods, wellfields, etc. They are gathering as much information as they can to understand short and long-term impacts to the agriculture industry.

Mr. Davis asked Ms. Drake and Mr. Ferbrache if they concluded that they need support from the Commission to let them know.

Update from the Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action

Rental assistance and related matters

1. While there was a backlog of assistance applications at one time, there is no backlog now. All applications are in progress.
2. They deeply appreciate the SEOLS contract for services the county is pursuing.
3. They are getting significant resources for rental and related assistance. They have been able to push out about 80% of their current funding streams in this regard.

CFLP related matters

4. They are very pleased with the idea regarding the county paying for the \$13K of stipends (\$500 each) which will free up resources so that they can increase some wages in accordance with market.
5. They are working on a plan to adjust compensation as this has multiple trickle-down effects. They need to work on this organization wide, not just for CFLP related positions, and it is a complex thing to do organization wide.

COVID matters

6. Head start COVID protocols are solid.
7. They appreciate the offer from the county to help with cleaning or reception but indicated that was not solely the barriers they have to reopening. They will be in touch if they can think of ways the county can help with this.

Administrative Update on Work Group Examining Alternatives for the Government Services Center NW

We continue to conduct fact finding and investigation for the Government Services Center NW and anticipate an announcement on September 28th during the State of the County Address. Administratively, there will be a press release issued, as well.

Communication from a Fairfield County Resident (Mr. Schoffner) to RPC

A Fairfield County resident sent email about concerns about a rezoning request in Etna Township in Licking County. The resident spoke with James Mako, Fairfield County RPC Director, and was directed to Etna Township and Licking County RPC, given the actions and decisions are before or will be before those entities based on the ORC.

Commissioner Davis commented that referring the matter to the proper political subdivisions was the correct action.

Energy Aggregation

Dr. Brown will be finalizing the energy aggregation contract later today.

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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, but we have not changed the projection or planning tool. Overall, the county receipts for multiple categories are tracking ahead of estimates.

For the sales tax revenues (full) based on sales of July, 2019 full receipts totaled \$1.757 M. For the sales tax revenues (full) for sales of July, 2021, to be received in October, 2021, the receipts are estimated at \$2.185 M. Auto sales tax receipts for the same period of about \$120K were anticipated. The auto sales tax receipts are estimated at \$441K.

Budget hearings begin October 21.

d. BRAVOS

Thanks to Dennis Keller for leading the environmental stewardship group.

Congratulations to the Major Crimes Unit team on being named the Ohio Task Force of the Year by the Ohio Narcotics Association of Regional Coordinating Officers! Commander Lowe invited Dr. Brown to present at their October 6th conference that will be held in Lancaster.

Thank you to law enforcement, EMA, firefighters, and everyone else who worked to keep the Luke Byran concert safe.

- Old Business

- a. Commissioner Communications

The Commission Connection video from Dave Levacy was posted on the website and emailed on September 15th. We received a lot of positive feedback about how the video featured some beautiful parks and scenery in our county and how it highlighted some safe and positive things to do in Fairfield County. Commissioner Levacy (and Aunie Cordle) and Commissioner Fix attended the Lancaster-Fairfield County Chamber event last Thursday night. Rachel Elsea tweeted a picture of Commissioner Levacy and Aunie Cordle.

Mr. Davis continues to have relevant and timely communications with Mr. Janoso regarding FMC's capacity to treat patients and how that is being impacted by the pandemic.

Mr. Fix reported on the Fairfield Growing and Soil and Water Conservation District meetings. He also participated in the CCAO Government Affairs Committee meeting and other CCAO meetings this past week.

- New Business (none)

- General Correspondence

- a. Liquor permits for Dream Vision and Butch's Bar

These are transfers into Fairfield County (Walnut Township).

- Invitations (none)

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- FYI

- a. Jail Population – 268

There is one bed rented from the new Hocking County agreement.

- b. DACO Events

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

- d. Thanks for Appreciation Cookout (from JFS)

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, beginning at 9:49 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, Jon Kochis, Joshua Horacek, Corey Clark, Jeff Porter, Chris Wagner, Tony Vogel, Jennifer Kolometz, Audrey Stoffel, Dennis Keller, Jon Slater, Aunie Cordle, Rick Szabrak, Deputy Norris, Judy Stemen, Ray Stemen, and Dan Neeley.

Attending virtually were: Jim Bahnsen, Jeff Camechis, Park Russell, Rony Howard, Dave Burgei, Jen Valentine, Becky, Michael Kaper, Jeff Barron, Stacy Hicks, Lisa McKenzie, Bennett Niceswanger, Amy Brown-Thompson, Ashley Arter, Mark Conrad, Marcy Fields, Branden Meyer, and Britney Lee.

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.

Ms. Elsea invited everyone to the Auditor's Office dedication at the open house at 10:30 a.m.

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

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.

Mr. Ray Stemen of 2444 West Point Road in Lancaster stated that information is coming from everywhere, and everyone must research and study things reported to determine what they will believe. He believes the current federal administration is erasing his freedom of choice.

Ms. Judy Stemen of 2444 West Point Road read an article by James O'Keefe. She also highlighted article headlines regarding COVID and the COVID vaccine (see attached).

Approval of Minutes for September 14, 2021

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the September 14, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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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 Auditor's Office Resolutions

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

- 2021-09.21.a A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Auditor Fund #1001 [Auditor- Admin]
- 2021-09.21.b A resolution to approve allocation of BWC Specialist direct administrative cost 2021 as a memo expenditure for various funds. [Auditor- Finance]

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:

- 2021-09.21.c A resolution approving account to account transfers in major object expense categories – Fund# 1001 – Fairfield County Facilities [Commissioners]
- 2021-09.21.d A resolution to approve a memo receipt and memo expenditure for the Various Purpose Refunding Bonds, Series 2021 [Commissioners]
- 2021-09.21.e 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 aid to the tourism industry, a contract for professional services and fixtures relating to improvements of public restrooms at Beavers Field to improve public health safeguarding measures, a decrease in appropriations based on current information. [Commissioners]
- 2021-09.21.f A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major expenditure object category for fund# 1001 - Fairfield County Juvenile Court [Commissioners]
- 2021-09.21.g A resolution to approve a memo expense for W. Buckeye Lake/Ballard Lane expenses – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]
- 2021-09.21.h A resolution approving authorized use and appropriations from unappropriated funds into major expenditure object categories, relating to the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fiscal Recovery Fund# 2876 , for additional expenses associated with adapting space for the Board of Health as a COVID-19 response, mitigation, and prevention activity [Commissioners]
- 2021-09.21.i 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 contract for professional services from Ohio Guidestone to address a Juvenile Court identified need relating to truancy, with the need arising from the pandemic. [Commissioners]

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- 2021-09.21.j A resolution to approve to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category for the New Energy Project Fund# 4878 – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]
- 2021-09.21.k 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 the County Utilities building, in addition to the uses approved for Beavers Field, for overall broadband improvements at county property. [Commissioners]
- 2021-09.21.l 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 a subgrant to provide public health essential furnishings, equipment and a printer that will be maintained at the Board of Health and to be used as a response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. [Commissioners]
- 2021-09.21.m A resolution approving account to account transfers in major object expense categories – Fund# 1001 – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners]
- 2021-09.21.n A resolution approving the submission of the Fiscal Year 2022 CFLP Litter Law Enforcement and Solid Waste Enforcement Grant Applications to CFLP. [Commissioners]
- 2021-09.21.o A resolution to approve the fiscal year 2022 CFLP Solid Waste District Recycling Services and Recycling & Litter Prevention Grant Application for Fairfield County. [Community Action]

Discussion: Mr. Levacy commented that the amount of work that has gone into ARP preparations is tremendous. He applauded Dr. Brown and Ms. Cordle for their work.

Mr. Fix added that in his CCAO meetings it has become apparent that Fairfield County is well ahead of other counties in terms of ARP utilization.

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

Approval of the Economic Development Resolution

On the motion Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Economic Development resolution to approve the recommendation of the Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Committee to fund Combustion Brewery as a Fairfield County CARES ACT Recovery Assistance Revolving Loan Fund project; see resolution 2021-09.21.p.

Discussion: Mr. Szabrak stated this is an opportunity for a business in Pickerington. They have created a canning line and will be able to expand distribution.

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:

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- 2021-09.21.q A Resolution to Approve the Contract Bid Award for the 2022 Guardrail Repair/Improvement Project. [Engineer]
- 2021-09.21.r A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for the purchase of a distributor [Engineer]
- 2021-09.21.s A resolution of increasing appropriations, appropriate from unappropriate, account to account and fund to fund transfer for Guardrail Repair [Engineer]
- 2021-09.21.t A resolution to approve a Settlement Agreement between Fairfield County and Ohio Power Company, a unit of American Electric Power. [Engineer]
- 2021-09.21.u A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for services [Engineer]

Discussion: Dr. Brown commented that the settlement agreement was a result of much work done by the Prosecutor and Engineer to make sure the townships received the funding to fix the roads damaged by AEP. Mr. Horacek stated that the Engineer put a lot of work into justifying the settlement.

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

Approval of the Facilities Resolution

On the motion Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Facilities resolution authorizing the approval of a construction agreement for the Phase 2 Energy Project with Dynamix Energy Services; see resolution 2021-09.21.v.

Discussion: Mr. Keller stated it was exciting to start this project after years of planning and anticipation. This will solve many mechanical and structural issues of several county buildings, especially the courthouse. Mr. Levacy asked to be included in the pre-construction meetings. Dr. Brown added that the posters would be displayed at the State of the County.

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

Approval of the JFS Resolution

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

- 2021-09.21.w A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2015 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]
- 2021-09.21.x A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2072 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]
- 2021-09.21.y A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Sub Fund 8056 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]
- 2021-09.21.z A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category for Fairfield County Job & Family Services Sub Fund 8056 (2072 Wendy's Wonderful Kids). [JFS]

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2021-09.21.aa A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2599 reimbursing Fund 2018 [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 Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Juvenile/Probate Court resolution authorizing the repayment of an advance to the General Fund from Fund #2856 Child Abuse & Neglect Discretionary Fund; see resolution 2021-09.21.bb.

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

Approval of the Law Library Resolution

On the motion Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Law Library resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expense object category – Fairfield County Law Library (Fund 2761); see resolution 2021-09.21.cc.

Discussion: Dr. Brown stated that this resolution was for accounting relating to a previous Commission allocation to the Law Library. The Law Library is fortunate to have Ms. Bails who learned a lot with the Commission Office and is now working with RPC and the Law Library putting her skills to new use after her promotion. We are proud of Ms. Bails and the progress she has made with RPC and the Law Library. Mr. Horacek added that Ms. Bails does an excellent job.

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

Approval of the Regional Planning Commission Resolution

On the motion Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Regional Planning Commission resolution to approve a contract between the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners and the Village of Bremen for Nonresidential Building Inspection Services; see resolution 2021-09.21.dd.

Discussion: Mr. Levacy is proud of how well the building department has grown and pleased with other entities joining.

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 Resolutions

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

2021-09.21.ee A resolution authorizing the approval of a contract with the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners (Fairfield BCC), the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office (Fairfield Sheriff) and the Perry County Board of Commissioners (Perry BCC) and the Perry County Sheriff (Perry Sheriff) for housing prisoners in the Fairfield County Jail, Sheriff's Office [Sheriff]

2021-09.21.ff A resolution approving an account to account transfer Fund 2503 [Sheriff]

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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 Utilities Resolution

On the motion Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Utilities resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Utilities Fund 5044 & 5046; see resolution 2021-09.21.gg.

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 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 2021-09.21.hh.

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 resolution to approve a Settlement and Release Agreement; see resolution 2021-09.21.ii.

Discussion: Mr. Davis reviewed the history of the litigation with Franklin County. He thanked Marc Fishel, Jeff Porter, Joshua Horacek, Amy Brown-Thompson, Aunie Cordle, Dr. Carri Brown, Commissioner Fix, Commissioner Levacy, and others for their work in reaching the successful and appropriate conclusion of this litigation. The Commission looks favorably on this settlement for the speed and ability to control long term health benefit plan costs for employees and departments. He also spoke to the financial stability this will give to the health insurance fund.

Mr. Levacy thanked Mr. Porter and others for gathering the research to show the County should leave the cooperative. Fairfield County has the need to look out for their employees and he thinks they have done that..

Mr. Fix added that the County is ahead of the game in insurance. He also expressed his thanks to Commissioner Davis especially given his legal expertise and leadership throughout the process.

Mr. Porter thanked the Commission for taking the initiative to move to a self-funded insurance model. The cooperative was not a bad deal at the beginning of the relationship, but at the time the Commission chose to exit, they decided to go with the self-funded model which has allowed for better health coverage for employees.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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 10:27 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Motion by:
Seconded by:
that the September 21, 2021, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:
ABSTENTIONS: None
NAYS: None

*Approved on September 28, 2021

Steven A. Davis
Commissioner
Dave Levacy
Commissioner
Jeff Fix
Commissioner
Rachel A. Elsea, Clerk