

**State of the County #39 - 2025
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
September 30, 2025**

State of the County

There were 361 elected officials, county employees, county residents, and stakeholders registered for the State of the County. The event was held at the new Sheridan Center at 1550 Sheridan Drive, in Lancaster. The 2025 State of the County theme was "Our County, Our Future, Building Today, Inspiring Tomorrow."

Welcome

Travis Markwood, President of the Lancaster Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce opened the event by welcoming everyone.

Kim Barlag, President of the Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce also thanked everyone for coming and asked all the elected officials to stand and be recognized.

Posting of the Colors/Pledge

The Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard presented the flags and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation

Dr. David Uhl, Superintendent of the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities, provided the prayer.

Dedication/Ribbon Cutting

The Sheridan Center was dedicated and renamed the Levacy Center after long time public servant, Commissioner David Levacy. Commissioner Levacy's public service includes serving as a firefighter/paramedic, a Fire Chief, a City Councilman, and now as a County Commissioner for almost 14 years. He has served on several Boards and Councils and was a 2024 Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame inductee. A ribbon cutting ceremony took place on stage with the Commissioners, the County Administrator, and members of the Lancaster Fairfield and Pickerington Chambers.

State of the County Address

Aundrea Cordle, County Administrator, spoke about the progress of the county and its inspiring past and promising future. She stated that it is an honor to be a part of Fairfield County and all that it is doing for its residents. The new Levacy Center will continue to house the Fairfield County Health Department and Veterans Services will be moved to the newly named center.

Commissioner Steve Davis spoke about the Levacy Center and his admiration for Commissioner Levacy. He stated eliminating lease costs and being intentional about investments was part of the county's Strategic Plan. He also spoke about being at the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC) Summit on Sustainability earlier in the morning. He spoke about his compassion for the issues around transportation, and about its relevance for sustaining growth, supporting the workforce, and supporting the essential needs of citizens of Fairfield County.

At MORPC's September 30th, 2025, Summit on Sustainability, Commissioner Davis received the Leadership in Mobility Award for his compassionate work on transportation needs and issues.

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Commissioner David Levacy spoke about the incredible honor of having the former Sheridan Center named after him. He also spoke about the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame and Fairfield County Hall of Fame, along with new inductees Lance Meyer and Don McDaniel. He spoke of the importance of services provided by the Job and Family Services and the Child and Adult Protective Services teams. He stated, "We must continue to protect the most vulnerable in our population." He spoke of his love for Fairfield County and its residents and stated there is nowhere he would rather live.

Commissioner Jeff Fix spoke about Commissioner Levacy's dedication and commitment to making Fairfield County the best place to live, work, and raise a family. He also spoke about the county's Strategic Plan and how it is helping businesses and residents, as well as townships and villages in Fairfield County. He thanked everyone who has been and will continue to be a part of the county's progress, including the mayors and trustees. He stated that the Commissioners' Office and all other county departments are working to put the county in the best possible position for the future. He asked attendees to imagine Fairfield County in the year 2050. He spoke about possibilities in infrastructure, housing, and workforce and concluded that a bright future will exist due to the activities currently taking place.

Adjournment

Commissioner Fix thanked everyone for attending and then adjourned the State of the County at 12:28 p.m.

Motion by: David Levacy Seconded by: Steve Davis
To approve the September 30th, 2025, minutes for the State of the County by the following vote:

YEAS: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix
ABSTENTIONS: None

NAYS: None

*Approved October 7, 2025


Jeff Fix
Commissioner


Steve Davis
Commissioner


David Levacy
Commissioner

Rochelle Menningen
Rochelle Menningen, Clerk