

Regular Meeting #40 - 2019
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
October 1, 2019

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: Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Tony Vogel, Todd McCullough, Joshua Horacek, Tom Lininger, Jeff Barron, Loudan Klein, Chief Lape, Jake Tharp, Ray Stemen, Dennis Keller, Jeff Porter, Dave Burgei, Jon Kochis, Rick Szabrak, Jon Slater, and Branden Meyer.

- Welcome
- Legal Update

Mr. Horacek stated he did not have a legal update.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

a. Announcements

October 1 – Complete Count Committee - Census 2020 Meeting

Week of the Fair – Time with the Commission @ The Fair (individually and with multiple departments)

- Dave Levacy – October 7, 8 am
- Jeff Fix – October 8, 11:30 am
- Steve Davis – October 10, 9 am

Mr. Levacy thanked the Sheriff and Chief Lape for sharing their fair space with the Census Bureau. We discussed plans for the Complete Count Committee.

October 11 – Offices Closed for The Fair (fact sheet sent)

October 23 – Bloom Carroll Schools Groundbreaking (New Partner with Career Readiness!)

October 24 – Budget Hearings begin

b. Highlights of Resolutions

Dr. Brown highlighted **21** resolutions for the voting meeting.

We proposed a resolution for approval of change order no. 1 to the contract between the Walsh Construction Group and the Fairfield County Commissioners.

The Major Crimes Unit proposes to contract with Guidestones with federal grant funds for recovery related services.

RPC proposed a resolution in support of the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grant application of the Appalachia Ohio Alliance for the Hocking River Conservation Corridor Initiative.

There were financial and grant related resolutions to approve, such as:

- A resolution authorizing the County Auditor to assess and place on the tax duplicate delinquent sewer rentals for the Buckeye Lake Sewer System for the dates of June 15, 2019 through July 15, 2019;
- Four reimbursements by operation of law for JFS (PA fund reimbursements);

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- Appropriations for the Sheriff, Dog Shelter, Utilities, FCAFCF and the Clerk of Courts (non-general fund resolutions);
- An account to account transfer of appropriations for the Common Pleas Court;
- Three resolutions to approve planned allocations for MSY, MCJDC, and JFS;
- Financial structure to return an annexation fee (in part) based on the petitioner's plan to change the Timbertop annexation from a regular annexation to a type II annexation, expedited; and
- The payment of bills.

In queue, there were several financial and contracting resolutions, including:

- Proposals from the Sheriff to approve contracts for resource officers for Canal Winchester and Fairfield Union Schools;
- FCFACF Council proposes an amendment for the Help Me Grow agreement;
- JFS proposals to approve contracts for protective placement in network; and
- A resolution to establish a new fund for the Probate Court Guardianship Services Board and set the 2019 financial structure.

c. Administrative, Program, and Budget Update

Administrative & Program Updates

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contained a list of administrative approvals, and there were no questions posed.

Developmental Disabilities Related License for Use & Board Member Vacancy

The license for use for the all-sports complex and park will be brought to the Board of Commissioners once we have information about the non-profit organization that is forming (according to Terry McGhee). There have been no other questions to arise regarding the license for use.

Mr. Chris Miller resigned from the Board of Developmental Disabilities due to personal time commitments. We have a qualified applicant on file for this position and will interview that person and prepare a resolution as necessary. The position term ends December 31, 2022. The position should be an adult eligible for DD services or have an adult family member eligible for services.

Closing on the Republic Property

We have closed on the donated Republic property for the Sheriff's firing range. Thanks to Amy Brown Thompson for her diligence and support. We will now make sure the plans for the creation of the range are in place.

Updates at the Administrative Courthouse

The renovations of the Auditor's Offices in the Administrative Courthouse have been met very positively by the staff and the customers. We have continued to upgrade lighting with LED lighting. We are now working on options for improved customer service and staff safety at the building.

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Solar Research with the Environmental Stewardship Work Group

We continue to conduct research with subject matter experts about solar energy options. At present, we are not ruling out any options. We are taking the appropriate time for evaluation.

Grant or loan options may become available in March 2020. There could be special financing (with USDA or ODSA or others) options. We have already reviewed two summaries prepared by vendor partners and are now seeking some additional options. We are interested in this project to be evaluated as a unique component, as opposed to options combined with other energy related projects or building rejuvenation projects.

Budget Update

Budget hearings are set for the 2020 budget. We will continue to monitor revenues and expenditures.

Administratively, now, there are questions being posed to gather information and prepare for budget hearings.

d. Leadership Conference Debriefing

Fairfield County held a leadership conference focused on training (ethics, cybersecurity, compliance with laws, regulations, and policy) on September 26, 2019. The purpose of the Leadership Conference was for county leaders to further the mission of Fairfield County, learn about leadership concepts, and evaluate current topics of common interest. We received excellent feedback about the training and the venue. CORSA will be providing a credit for Fairfield County holding the conference.

The next leadership conference will be March 3 at 6 pm (in connection with the Regional Planning Commission Meeting) in the Commissioners' Hearing Room and the focus will be Sunshine Law and Fairfield County procedures.

Mr. Davis appreciated the opportunity to get his flu shot at the leadership conference.

e. BRAVOs

Congratulations to Juvenile Court for now using texting technology for reminders about court related appointments.

Thanks to everyone who prepared for the Luke Bryan concert.

Bravo to JFS and stakeholders for the exceptional Job Fair held at Ohio University-Lancaster on September 27.

Mr. Szabrak provided an update on the Magna site and Workforce Development Center construction.

Bravo to Amy Brown-Thompson who took the lead on the closing for the Republic property. She demonstrated patience and diligence.

- Old Business (none)
- New Business (none)

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- General Correspondence Received

- a. Regional Planning Commission packet

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- a. Bloom Carrol Elementary Groundbreaking – Wednesday, October 23rd at 4:30 p.m. at 4955 Carroll Eastern Road
 - 1. Commissioners Fix and Levacy will attend and Commissioner Levacy will provide comments.
 - b. Homeport Home and Vision Award Ceremony – Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 p.m. – Irving E Schottenstein Theatre, New Albany

- FYI

- a. Jail Population – 333

Mr. Fix asked if the increase in the number of inmates was because of Labor Day weekend activities.

Chief Lape replied that he had looked into the increase and could not pinpoint the cause. They have contacted the courts to see if electronic monitoring could be used more. Typically, the inmate population decreases in the fall, so the current increase is not expected.

Mr. Levacy asked if Fairfield County saw any effects from the spike in overdoses.

Chief Lape replied while the Sheriff's Office does not get those numbers from the Coroner, they have not seen any effects in their own statistics.

- b. Village of Carroll Zoning Hearing
 - c. Drug Collection, Electronics Recycling, and Shred Day – Saturday, October 26th
 - d. Friend of Education Award Press Release – Congratulations Rick Szabrak!
 - e. Produce Perks Midwest Information
 - f. Visitors and Convention Bureau promoted Scarecrow Tour

- Open Items

Commissioner Levacy stated at 9:32 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, October 1, 2019 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Jeff Fix. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Joshua Horacek, Tom Lininger, Jeff Porter, Dennis Keller, Loudan Klein, Jon Kochis, Tony Vogel, Todd McCullough, Chief Lape, Jake Tharp, Jeff Barron, Branden Meyer, Rick Szabrak, Ray Stemen, Branden Meyer, Jon Slater, Jeff Camechis, Steve Goodwin, Steve Fleegal, and Mr. and Ms. Hennessey.

Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Levacy asked everyone to rise as able, and he led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Announcements

Commissioner Levacy asked if there were any announcements.

Mr. Steve Goodwin of the Appalachia Ohio Alliance state the Commissioners would be considering a resolution of support for the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund Grant. This has been reviewed by RPC and SWCD. They appreciate the Commissioners support.

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 Thursday, September 26, 2019

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Thursday, September 26, 2019 Regular Meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Clerk of Courts - Legal Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Clerk of Courts Legal resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category (2318 Computer Fund); see resolution 2019-10.01.a.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Commissioners Resolutions

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

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| 2019-10.01.b | A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer for the 4th Quarter 2019 Allocation for the Multi County Juvenile Detention Center (MCJDC) - Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners] |
| 2019-10.01.c | A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer for Fairfield County Job and Family Services (JFS) –4th Quarter 2019 Allocation - Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners] |
| 2019-10.01.d | A resolution authorizing the County Auditor to assess and place on the tax duplicate delinquent sewer rentals for the Buckeye Lake Sewer System for the dates of June 15, 2019 through July 15, 2019 [Commissioners] |
| 2019-10.01.e | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category for the Annexation Proceedings Fund# 2543 – Fairfield Co Commissioners [Commissioners] |
| 2019-10.01.f | A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer to the Fairfield County Family Adult Children First Council for Multi-Youth Committee – 4th payment for the 2019 Allocation - Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners] |

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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Approval of the Dog Shelter Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Dog Shelter resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category for the Fairfield County Dog Shelter, #2002, vehicles; see resolution 2019-10.01.h.

Discussion: Mr. Davis asked Mr. McCullough what the euthanasia and adoption rates were now compared to the year before he started as Dog Warden. Mr. McCullough replied that in 2011/2012 the euthanasia rate was around 39% and today it is less than 9%. The adoption rate was around 40% and is now around 50%. The biggest change is that they are focusing on returning more dogs to their owners. Dr. Brown added that it was outlined in the NACO Award application that the 9% euthanasia rate was entirely dogs that could not be adopted. For dogs eligible for adoption, the euthanasia rate is zero. Mr. Davis asked Mr. McCullough for a spreadsheet with that information.

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

Approval of the Facilities Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Facilities resolution to approve a change order No. 1 to the contract between the Walsh Construction Group and the Fairfield County Commissioners; see resolution 2019-10.01.i.

Discussion: Mr. Keller stated that the change order was to replace 100 feet of sanitary piping under the floor slab. The current piping was built in 1990 over sewer lines. The project is on time and on budget with an anticipated occupancy date of December 13th.

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

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

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

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| 2019-10.01.j | A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521, Family, Adult & Children First Council [Family, Adult and Children First Council] |
| 2019-10.01.k | A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521, Family, Adult & Children First Council [Family, Adult and Children First Council] |
| 2019-10.01.l | A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521, Family, Adult & Children First Council [Family, Adult and Children First Council] |

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

Approval of the JFS Resolutions

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

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- 2019-10.01.m A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Sub Fund 8185 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]
- 2019-10.01.n A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2599 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]
- 2019-10.01.o A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Sub Fund 8182 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]
- 2019-10.01.p A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Sub Fund 8056 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]

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

Approval of the Major Crimes Unit Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Major Crimes Unit resolution to authorize the Fairfield County Commissioners to sign the Major Crimes Unit – Project FORT Ohio Guidestone Contract; see resolution 2019-10.01.q.

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

Approval of the Regional Planning Commission Resolutions

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Regional Planning Commission Office resolution in support of the Clean Ohio Conservation Fund grant application of the Appalachia for the Hocking River Conservation Corridor Initiative; see resolution 2019-10.01.r.

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

Approval of the Sheriff's Office Resolutions

On the motion of 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 2503 Police Revolving; see resolution 2019-10.01.s.

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

Approval of the Utilities' Office Resolutions

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Utilities' Office resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in an expenditure object category Utilities Fun 5085; see resolution 2019-10.01.t.

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

Approval of the Payment of Bills

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Payment of Bills resolution authorizing the approval of payment of

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invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval; see resolution 2019-10.01.u.

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

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 10:13 a.m.


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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by: _____ Seconded by: _____
that the October 1, 2019 minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:
ABSTENTIONS: None
*Approved on October 8, 2019

NAYS: None


Steven A. Davis
Commissioner


Dave Levacy
Commissioner

Jeff Fix
Commissioner


Rachel Elsea, Clerk