

**Regular Meeting #41 - 2022
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
October 11, 2022**

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 210 E. Main Street, Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Fix called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, Jeff Fix. Also present: Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, Bart Hampson, Lisa McKenzie, Dr. Carri Brown, Jeremiah Upp, Tony Vogel, Jon Kochis, Dan Neeley, Corey Clark, Dennis Keller, Vince Carpico, Chris Schmelzer, Judy Stemen, Marty Norris, Ray Stemen, Jason Grubb, Amy Brown-Thompson and Raz Sabaiduc.

Attending virtually: James Bahnsen, T Ashton, Tiffany Wilson, Jessica Murphy, Lori Hawk, Lynette Barnhart, Tony Howard, Tony Vogel, Nikki Drake and Ashley Arter.

Welcome

Commissioner Fix opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance.

Listen & Learn – Engineer

Fairfield County Engineer, Jeremiah Upp, provided an update on projects the Engineer's Office is working on. There are several big development plans which creates opportunities for public/private business partnerships in the county. The Engineer's Office is working with developers for roadway improvements to add more lanes to existing roads and accommodate future trucking needs. The department will see some staffing changes as well. The former Lancaster City Engineer will be starting with the County Engineer soon to offer his expertise on development. Former Superintendent Jason Grubb has been promoted to Facilities Director with the Engineer's Office. There are also plans to improve US Route 33 to accommodate increased traffic through the area. The Engineer's Office has conducted several traffic studies which helps them to determine road improvement needs for roads going through Fairfield County. The Transportation Improvement District has discussed with ODOT potentially expanding Taylor Road which will alleviate some of the congestion coming in and out of Pickerington. Jeremiah concluded by speaking on the increased costs of materials the department has faced in the last year.

Commissioner Davis thanked Jeremiah for the update and for continued dedication to customer service by the Engineer's Office.

Commissioner Fix explained he is impressed by the efforts of the Engineer's Office and the Transportation Improvement Board in all the projects the two take on. He thinks it is critical that there is a comprehensive plan in place to address these numerous projects around the county.

County Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown, thanked Jeremiah and the Engineer's Office for the force account summaries.

Jeremiah also spoke about the upcoming seasonal costs of salt to prepare roadways for winter.

Commissioner Levacy asked for more details on the force account summaries.

Jeremiah explained any amount over the budget for a project must be bid.

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Public Comments

Ray Stemen from Lancaster stated that local governments will be faced with many important decisions in the near future.

Judy Stemen from Lancaster offered her concerns regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

Shelby Hunt from Pickerington offered his concerns regarding the COVID-19 vaccine.

Legal Update

None.

County Administration Update

Week in Review

ARP Update

From the \$30,607,546.77 received as the first and second tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$18.9M has been appropriated, \$8.8M expended, \$5.4M encumbered or obligated.

Food Donation

Fairfield County employees helped to help Stock the Trailer - Fill the Pantry with the Fairfield County Fair. Yesterday, during the Grand Opening of the Fair, Jon Kochis dropped off the donations that were collected from throughout the County offices.

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

Resolution Review

There are 15 resolutions for the voting meeting.

Resolutions of note:

- A resolution accepting Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and State Victims Assistance Act Grants for October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, grants to be administered by the County Prosecutor.
- Resolutions authorizing fund to fund transfers for Fairfield County Job and Family Services, FACFC Multi-System Youth, and Multi County Juvenile Detention Center for 4th Quarter 2022 Allocations
- A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major expenditure object category for security equipment under the facilities department
- A resolution authorizing fund to fund transfer for JFS fiscal administrative services for FACFC

Budget Review

- Budget meetings begin today with OSU Extension, Prosecutor's Office, Recorder's Office, Dog Shelter, Sheriff's Office, and the Engineer's Office.
- The Budget meetings on each of the next three Tuesdays are separate meetings of the Board.

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Recognition

- County Auditor, Dr. Brown, thanked Lori Kidder, Jess Ferguson, Randy Carter, Carri Brown, Crystal Walker, Makayla Finley, Noel Soddors, David Miller, Chris Wagner, and Michelle Wright for volunteering at the Fairfield County Fair.
- County Auditor, Dr. Brown, thanked the Pickerington Chamber for presenting a well-organized and inspiring Athena training on October 7th.
- County Auditor, Dr. Brown, thanked the GIS and REA team for training Lithopolis officials on GIS systems and for participating in the EMA exercise.
- Thank you to the community partners that assisted with the Windsor Arms fire.
 - Lancaster Public Transit who immediately assisted residents with transportation and later took residents to family and the shelter.
 - The Red Cross for providing assistance and shelter for displaced residents.
 - Tractor supply and Tim Hortons for donations to residents
- Thank you to the EMA team for a well-organized training exercise that took place last week.
- Michael Scamyhorn came to the rescue last night and restored internet connectivity at the airport.
- Thank you to the Facilities team especially Brad Berry and Mike Eaton.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- Pickerington Lions Club Meeting, October 13, 2022, 6:30 p.m., Combustion Brewery, 80 W. Church St., Pickerington (Fix, Davis)
- Summit on Sustainability, October 14, 2022, 8:30 a.m., Hilton Columbus Downtown, 401 N. High St., Columbus (Levacy)
- Fairfield Medical Center Whetstone Campus Ribbon Cutting, October 17, 2022, 5:30 p.m. 12135 Lancaster St., Millersport (Fix, Levacy)
- United Way Report Luncheon, October 20, 2022, 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Ohio University Gymnasium, 1570 Granville Pk., Lancaster
- County Commissioners Association of Ohio and County Engineers Association of Ohio (CCAO/CEAO) Winter Conference, December 7-9, 2022, Hyatt Regency Columbus, 350 N. High St., Columbus

Correspondence

Items Requiring Response

Informational Items

- Press Release, Office of the Fairfield County Auditor, "Fairfield County Auditor's Office Starts Map of the Month Series", October 5, 2022
- Fairfield County Municipal Court September 2022 Fee Collection Report
- Ohio Bold Beginning! Healthy Supported Families Flyer, Office of the Governor
- Thank You Card from the County Auditor's Team to the Commissioners and County Administration for their Stewardship with the Health Benefits Plan, and their Dedication to Recruitment, Retention, and Employee Recognition

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- Congratulatory Card from the County Auditor's Team to the Buckeye Lake Region Corporation for winning the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's Collaborative Achievement in Sustainability Award
- Thank You Card from Shelby County to Commissioner Fix and County Staff for Sharing Benefit and Workplace Culture Knowledge
- County Commissioners' Association of Ohio Correspondence Regarding CCAO Nominating Committee Procedures

Jail Population

- October 4 was 296 with 43 of those being contracted placements
- October 11 is 291 with 46 of those being contracted placements

Old Business

Commissioner Levacy spoke about attending the Fairfield County Fair on Sunday. He added that Governor Mike DeWine also attended the fair on Sunday and was impressed by the size and popularity of the fair.

New Business

Dr. Carri Brown spoke about the Central Ohio Regional Planning Organization which will provide funding for road improvements. She also spoke about the map series press release and urges anyone with a specific type of map they would like to see to bring those to the attention of the Auditor's Office. She concluded by explaining that there will be many account to account transfers as the county approaches the end of the year.

Regular (Voting) Meeting

The Commissioners continued to their Regular Voting Meeting in the Commissioners' Hearing Room of the Historic Courthouse at 210 E Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Fix called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Dave Levacy, Jeff Fix. Also present: Aundrea Cordle, Jeff Porter, Rochelle Menningen, Bennett Niceswanger, Bart Hampson, Lisa McKenzie, Dr. Carri Brown, Jeremiah Upp, Tony Vogel, Jon Kochis, Dan Neeley, Corey Clark, Dennis Keller, Vince Carpico, Chris Schmelzer, Judy Stemen, Marty Norris, Ray Stemen, Jason Grubb and Raz Sabaiduc.

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Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Fix asked everyone to rise as able and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

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Approval of Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2022

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, October 4, 2022, meeting.

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Board of Commissioners

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Board of Commissioners:

- 2022-10.11.a A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer for Fairfield County Job and Family Services (JFS) –4th Quarter 2022 Allocation - Fairfield County Commissioners
- 2022-10.11.b 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 2022 Allocation
- 2022-10.11.c A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer for the 4th Quarter 2022 Allocation for the Multi County Juvenile Detention Center (MCJDC)
- 2022-10.11.d A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major expenditure object category for fund# 1001 - Fairfield County Commissioners/Facilities
- 2022-10.11.e A resolution authorizing fund to fund transfer for JFS administrative services for FACFC

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Board of Elections

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Board of Elections:

- 2022-10.11.f A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category for Fund #2891 Precinct Election Official (PEO) Training-Board of Elections

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

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Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency:

2022-10.11.g A Resolution authorizing Jon Kochis, Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency Director, to prepare and submit a grant application to the Firehouse Subs Foundation Grant program and to execute contracts as required.

Commissioner Fix asked how much they are asking for.

Jon Kochis explained they are asking for \$10,000.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Engineer

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Engineer:

2022-10.11.h A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for training and equipment repairs

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council:

2022-10.11.i A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521 – Family Adult Children First – Sub-Fund 8152 – Parent/ADAMH grant [Family, Adult and Children First Council]

2022-10.11.j A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521 – Family Adult Children First – Sub-Fund 8280 – Perinatal Cluster ADAMH [Family, Adult and Children First Council]

2022-10.11.k A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521 – Family Adult Children First – Sub-Fund 8158 – MSY Gen Pool [Family, Adult and Children First Council]

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- 2022-10.11.l A resolution to request approval for appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense category – Fund 7521 - Family Adult Children First Council - Sub-Fund 8286 – Communities of Support. [Family, Adult and Children First Council]
- 2022-10.11.m A resolution to request approval for appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense category – Fund 7521 - Family Adult Children First Council - Sub-Fund 8195 – Safe Communities. [Family, Adult and Children First Council]
- 2022-10.11.n A resolution to a request approval for appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense category – Fund 7521 - Family Adult Children First Council - Sub-Fund 8297 – Early Intervention American Rescue Plan Act.

Executive Director of FACFC, Raz Sabaiduc, stated the first three resolutions are to increase line items for contractual services. The other three resolutions are to increase budget items.

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Prosecutor

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Prosecutor:

- 2022-10.11.o A resolution accepting Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA) Grants for October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023, grants to be administered by the County Prosecutor.

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff:

- 2022-10.11.p A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Sheriff's Office Fund 2027 Weights (Rd&Brdg)

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Soil and Water Conservancy District

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Soil and Water Conservancy District:

- 2022-10.11.q A resolution approving an account to account transfer

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

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Approval of the Payment of Bills

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution for the Payment of Bills:

2022-10.11.r A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval

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

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Steve Davis and a second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 9:45 a.m.

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18, 2022.


Motion by: Steve Davis Seconded by: Dave Levacy
that the October 11, 2022, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, Jeff Fix
ABSTENTIONS: None

NAYS: None

*Approved on October 18, 2022


Jeff Fix
Commissioner


Dave Levacy
Commissioner


Steven Davis
Commissioner


Rochelle Menningen, Clerk