

**Regular Meeting #46 - 2021
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
October 19, 2021**

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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: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Joshua Horacek, Jon Kochis, Aunie Cordle, Tony Vogel, Dennis Keller, Corey Clark, Dan Neeley, Chris Wagner, Jim Bahnsen, Jeff Porter, Jon Slater, Dave Burgei, Chris Schmelzer, Ray Stemen, Rick Szabrak, David Miller, Deputy Norris, Amy Brown-Thompson, and Judy Stemen.

Attending virtually were: Joe Ebel, Jason Dolin, Leslie Cooksey, Michael Kaper, Park Russell, Thomas Lininger, Lisa McKenzie, Toni Ashton, Rachel Enman, Bev Anders, Jennifer Dickerson, Andy Boystel, Meagan Bowland, Bennett Niceswanger, Chief Collins, Angel Horn, Britney Lee, Jessica Murphy, Ashely Arter, Shannon Carter, Jeremiah Upp, Sheriff Lape, and Kelly Turben.

- **Welcome**

Commissioner Levacy welcomed everyone. He stated that during the voting meeting, the Commission would be asking everyone to hold a moment of silence in honor of General Powell who passed away on October 18.

The Commissioners each congratulated Auditor Jon Slater, Jr., for his exceptional public service. Auditor Slater will retire next week.

Approval of the Commissioners' Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Commissioners' resolution authorizing the approval of a proclamation; see resolution 2021-10.12.a.

Discussion: The Commissioners applauded Auditor Slater for his service.

Mr. Davis expressed his appreciation for his service. Mr. Fix commented on how gracious Mr. Slater was towards Mr. Fix. He is appreciative for all Auditor Slater has done for the county. Mr. Levacy remembered how difficult reevaluation is throughout the county and how well Auditor Slater has always handled that. He also spoke to how the Slater family is an institution in Fairfield County. Auditor Slater thanked everyone. Dr. Brown thanked Auditor Slater and stated how much she has enjoyed working with him. She noted how he has always behaved with class, recalling the time when he transitioned to the County Treasurer's Office when Treasurer Alice Morse was retiring, and how well he has always treated all county employees.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Later in the week, the State Auditor will be presenting Auditor Slater and the office an award for financial reporting excellence.

- **Fairfield Forward**

Fairfield County Fair

Dr. Brown reported how the Commissioners and so many others have truly enjoyed the return of the Fairfield County Fair. The Commissioners participated in the auction, and there were several people to report how much they appreciated that.

The review packet contained an article of interest about horse races returning to the fair. The article mentioned the support from the Commission to improve the track.

We continue to be impressed with the leadership the youth display at the County Fair.

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A debriefing of the fair events held will be conducted administratively on October 20th as we think of ways to continue the energy and enthusiasm into the future.

Mr. Fix highlighted his experience at the fair and thanked Cheryl Ricketts for her help.

Mr. Davis spoke about how much he enjoyed the fair and showed a photo from the fair taken by Kristi Burns. Ms. Burns stated the county can use the photo in their communications.

Workforce Center Dedication Frames

We shared the prototype for the Workforce Center Dedication frames, which is something we have done with the dedication of the Jail and Records Center, too.

Today, there is a meeting at the Workforce Center with Dr. Sherman with Ohio University.

Rick Szabrak will take the frames to share with the partners.

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,
- 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.

We continue to connect partners and stakeholders to research affordable housing and various factors connected to antecedents of those in unsheltered situations.

With the ARP fiscal recovery funds, \$1.4 M has been spent; \$3 M is encumbered, and \$7.9 M has been authorized for use. The reduction in appropriations from last week is due to the Grant Hampton waterline project being less costly than expected.

We will adjust the ARP related support for townships and villages to include cities upon request. We will review the strategic process and evaluate it.

The ARP reporting has been automated as much as possible. Complete automation is not possible, but it is far less burdensome now (with all of the work done to prepare for projects and the manual report) than the CARES Act reporting.

There are multiple projects under review. We expect a report from RAMA by the year end.

Greg Butcher with the City of Pickerington will meet with Dr. Brown and Ms. Cordle on Thursday, October 21, as he was unable to attend the RAMA meetings and wanted to provide some input.

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- Legal Update

Mr. Horacek did not have a legal update.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Announcements & Dates of Interest

Happy Birthday, Commissioner Davis.

Announcements

Anyone can email or text a question anytime:

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

Dates/Events of Interest

October 21 – Budget Hearings begin

October 21 – Job Fair

October 26 – Commission Connection videotaping – Commissioner Davis

October 28 – Budget Hearings continue

November 4 – Roundtable at the Workforce Center – tour available (updates in writing)

Commissioner Davis reminded everyone Election Day is November 2nd and early voting is open now through election day.

Mr. Szabrak added there would be a meeting on October 26th at the Government Services Center with Hicks Consulting to help villages, townships, and cities with grants.

- b. Highlights of Resolutions

Dr. Brown highlighted 21 resolutions for the voting meeting.

- Earlier, we had a proclamation to honor Jon Slater, Jr. for his public service.
- There was a resolution to approve the appointment of Ronda Baldwin to the Visitors and Convention Bureau as of January 1, 2022. Thanks to Jeff Porter for his service to that Board.
- The Sheriff proposed a contract with Canal Winchester to rent jail beds.
- We proposed a resolution authorizing the approval of a software service agreement by and between Fairfield County Juvenile and Probate Court and Tyler Technologies.

There were 16 *financial and grant related resolutions* to approve:

- A resolution authorizing Jeremiah D. Upp, Fairfield County Engineer, to prepare and apply to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and to execute contracts as required;
- A resolution to amend resolution 2021-06.22.d to include cities in Fairfield County for the use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding for a response to the public health emergency with respect to COVID19 or its negative economic impacts for assistance for grant writing support, technical assistance, and planning through a contract for services;

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- Appropriations for Human Resources to accommodate newly hired staff, to pay for survey data discussed last week, and for health insurance transactions (three resolutions);
- Appropriations and memo transactions for the County Engineer (two resolutions), the Sheriff (for training), and FCFAF (for grant activity) - all non-general fund activity, and a total of four resolutions;
- An account to account transfer of appropriations for the Coroner;
- Two resolutions for EMA appropriations;
- Three resolutions for JFS reimbursements; and
- The payment of bills over \$100,000 or otherwise requiring Board approval.

In queue, there were multiple contracting and financial resolutions.

For example, we will propose a contract renewal for 2022 for the City of Lancaster Law Director services for criminal prosecution that occur in unincorporated areas and villages. This also will include the standard grant match of \$25,000 for one year.

Also, on Thursday, there will be a short meeting ahead of the budget hearings. We plan to propose reappointment of Dr. Burns to the Airport Board, and we will pick up other resolutions needed for the meeting.

Also, there was a draft resolution to approve an Acting Auditor effective October 25, 2021, at 12:00 midnight.

Mr. Davis stated that the Commission received two letters of interest to serve as Acting County Auditor. Those letters were from Joshua Horacek and Carri Brown.

Mr. Davis stated the Commission conducted private interviews with each individual. He reviewed how the process works in that the Commission appoints an acting official until the Central Committee meets and appoints a candidate to serve the unexpired term.

Mr. Davis stated there have been times in the past when the Commission would appoint someone not involved in the political process. In this case, both interested individuals are expected to be involved in the Central Committee process. Mr. Davis thinks very highly of Mr. Horacek and appreciates his legal counsel to the commission; his presentation, and work product are outstanding. Mr. Davis has been a part of many appointment processes throughout the years. He has found them to be very stressful. He wanted to let Mr. Horacek know that regardless of what the Commission or Central Committee does, he will focus on what will happen and the days after the Central Committee process.

Mr. Davis stated the Commission also interviewed Dr. Brown who has a resume that is unparalleled. Her work with the County as County Administrator has been appreciated and he thinks County government has transformed under her leadership. He does not have a recollection of having a candidate as qualified for any office as she is.

For those reasons Mr. Davis is going to support Dr. Brown. It is an honor for him to do that, and it is done with tremendous respect for both candidates.

Mr. Fix stated that he considers Mr. Horacek a friend and has tremendous respect for the work that he does. He takes great pride in the party seeking out the most qualified person for each county office. Dr. Brown has a resume that you rarely come across. It is impressive, and there is a passion there for Fairfield County that is unrivaled. He thinks the county would be best served if she is in the Auditor's position. He, too, plans on voting for Dr. Brown today.

c. Administrative, Program, & Budget Update

Administrative & Program Updates

Administrative Approvals

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

Job Fair – Thursday, October 21

A job fair will be held at the Workforce Center on October 21 from 9 am – 11:30 am. Walk-ins are welcome.

Fatherhood Commission Connection

We are beginning to brainstorm about video snippets to create an encouraging video for agencies. Brainstormed topics or questions include:

- What is your favorite memory of your father?
- Why is being a dad the most important role to you?
- What are the ways you support fathers in your life?
- What is the best advice your dad ever gave you?
- What advice you would give to young fathers?
- What do you remember the most about the first moment you became a father?

The review packet contained a flier about the state's Fatherhood Commission. The mission is to enhance well-being of children by providing opportunities for fathers to become better parents, partners, and providers.

Housing Coalition and Non-Profit Update

The resolutions from last week to support strategic planning for affordable housing (for the Housing Coalition) and to support non-profit organizations coming out of the pandemic were shared with the Housing Coalition on October 14th.

They are planning a robust meeting in December and were very appreciative of the support.

Aunie Cordle has already reached out to RAMA to begin contract development. RAMA is conducting some similar work in Franklin County. Affordable housing is a concern throughout Central Ohio.

Mr. Davis does not envision the housing coalition summit in December involving RAMA.

Dr. Brown stated that they would not envision RAMA attending the December meeting, but a contract with RAMA would hopefully be finalized by the end of the year. The Commission is contracting for the planning services in support of the Housing Coalition.

ADAMH Board Vacancy – Press Release Issued on October 14

Effective October 14, Christie Torchia resigned from the ADAMH Board. We have issued a press release for the board vacancy. A person dedicated to the ADAMH mission and with financial or legal experience is sought. The person needs to live in Fairfield County.

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The press release for this vacancy was in the review packet.

Budget Update

Ongoing Sales Tax Review & Budget Review

Budget hearings begin October 21.

We have a placeholder in the county allocation summary for MCJDC.

We will need more information to firm that allocation up in accordance with the formula used to calculate the allocation for each county.

Mr. Davis stated that the MCJDC Finance Committee will be meeting soon. He reviewed the financial structure and the agreement this morning with Dr. Brown. In the current version of the agreement, there is a rounding up feature where Fairfield County rounds up to the nearest \$100,000 in appreciation for the new financial agreement.

Dr. Brown also noted the in-kind contributions the county provides to MCJDC in support of operations.

d. BRAVOS

Thanks to Chris Wagner, Lori Hampshire, Meagen Bowland, and Rochelle Menningen for reconciling old agency fund account activity. This was a good example of Finance and HR working together.

Thanks to Tammy Smith and team for installing new carpet in second floor offices of the administrative courthouse. They are conducting this renovation in a safe manner. The Recorder's Office will be open to the public again on Thursday of this week.

Bravo to Christina Foster, Rachel Elsea, and Brian Wolfe for creating the Workforce Center commemorations of their dedication that was held on September 22, 2021.

Mr. Kochis thanked the Sheriff's Office for the use of the UAV on Saturday to assess storm damage.

- Old Business

- a. Commissioner Connections & Updates

Commissioner Fix complimented Magistrate Boone on last week's Lunch & Learn.

He also announced the Commissioners' purchase of the Grand Champion Steer at the Fair. Mr. Davis noted that they do not do anything with the steer but return it back to the exhibitor.

Mr. Levacy talked about how successful this year's auctions were and how much fun he had.

- New Business (none)

- General Correspondence

- a. CFLP Agenda for October 22nd

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- b. Annexation Petition Received – 8.529 +/- acres from Walnut Township into the Village of Millersport

The Petition is with subject matter experts for review.

- Invitations

- a. Habitat for Humanity Tour – Tuesday, October 26th at 1:00 p.m. in Pleasantville (All Commissioners plan to attend.)
- b. Freedom Isn't Free Opening Ceremony – Thursday, November 4th at 4:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds (Commissioner Davis plans to attend.)

- FYI

- a. Jail Population – 260 – 8 contracted
- b. Meals on Wheels Audit – Confirmed continuation of Auditor of State oversight request
- c. Coming Soon – Videos and onsite or near site mental health services to help with employee compassion fatigue
- d. Gluten Free Classes at OSU Extension
- e. Chart re: Quarantine Guidelines
- f. FMC Monitor & JFS e-link

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021, beginning at 9:50 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, Joshua Horacek, Jon Kochis, Aunie Cordle, Tony Vogel, Dennis Keller, Corey Clark, Dan Neeley, Chris Wagner, Jim Bahnsen, Jeff Porter, Jon Slater, Dave Burgei, Chris Schmelzer, Ray Stemen, Rick Szabrak, David Miller, Deputy Norris, Amy Brown-Thompson, and Judy Stemen.

Attending virtually were Angel Horn, Ashely Arter, Bennett Niceswanger, Bev Anders, Britney Lee, Chief Collins, Jason Dolin, Jeremiah Upp, Jessica Murphy, Joe Ebel, Kelly Turben, Meagen Bowland, Chief Collins, Michael Kaper, Park Russell, Shannon Carter, Sheriff Lape, Thomas Lininger, and Toni Ashton.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Moment of Silence to Honor General Powell, former Secretary of State

We held a moment of silence in honor of General Colin Powell, former Secretary of State, and distinguished military leader, on the occasion of his passing on October 18, 2021.

Announcements

Commissioner Levacy asked if there were any announcements.

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Rachel Elsea reported, 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 spoke about a Pennsylvania School Board opting out of the National School Board Organization due to comments regarding parents being terrorists.

Ms. Judy Stemen of 2444 West Point Road in Lancaster reviewed the attached list of articles regarding COVID-19 and also shared a personal story about windows in her home.

Approval of Minutes for October 19, 2021 Regular Meeting

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the October 19, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

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| 2021-10.19.b | A resolution approving the appointment Ms. Ronda Baldwin to the Fairfield County Visitors and Convention Bureau Board. [Commissioners] |
| 2021-10.19.c | A resolution to amend resolution 2021-06.22.d to include cities in Fairfield County for the use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding for a response to the public health emergency with respect to COVID19 or its negative economic impacts for assistance for grant writing support, technical assistance, and planning through a contract for services [Commissioners] |
| 2021-10.19.d | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in major expenditure object categories for the Fund# 5376, Self-Funded Health Insurance - Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners] |
| 2021-10.19.e | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major expense object category – Fairfield County Human Resources [Commissioners] |
| 2021-10.19.f | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major expense object category for the Self-Funded Insurance Fund# 5376 and General Fund# 1001 – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners] |

Discussion: Dr. Brown thanked Mr. Porter for his service on the Visitors and Convention Bureau and welcomed Ms. Baldwin to the position.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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Approval of Coroner's Office Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Coroner's Office resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major expenditure object category for the Fairfield County Coroner; see resolution 2021-10.19.g.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Emergency Management Agency Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Emergency Management Agency resolutions:

2021-10.19.h A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category EMA 2090 Emergency Management Agency Fund [EMA]

2021-10.19.i A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category EMA 2090 Emergency Management Agency Fund [EMA]

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 of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Engineer's Office resolutions:

2021-10.19.j A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for fuel [Engineer]

2021-10.19.k A resolution authorizing Jeremiah D. Upp, Fairfield County Engineer, to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and to execute contracts as required. [Engineer]

2021-10.19.l A resolution to request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts of Memo receipts and memo expenses for fund 2580 for subdivision inspections of Estates at Lake Forest, Heron West S3, Chesapeake S3 and Violet Meadows S6.1 [Engineer]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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 Family, Adult, and Children First Council resolution to appropriate from unappropriated funds in a major category expense for the Fund #7521, subfund #8164; see resolution 2021-10.19.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Job and Family Services Resolutions

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Job and Family Services resolutions:

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- 2021-10.19.n A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2758 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]
- 2021-10.19.o A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2015 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]
- 2021-10.19.p A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Fund 2072 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 of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Juvenile/Probate Court resolution authorizing the approval of a software service agreement by and between Fairfield County Juvenile and Probate Court and Tyler Technologies Inc; see resolution 2021-10.19.q.

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 Resolution

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

- 2021-10.19.r A resolution authorizing the approval of a contract with the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office and The City of Canal Winchester for housing prisoners in the Fairfield County Jail [Sheriff]
- 2021-10.19.s A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Sheriff's Office Fund 2711 Continuous Professional Training [Sheriff]

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 of 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 2021-10.19.t.

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 of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Commissioners resolution approving the appointment of the Acting Auditor of Fairfield County; see resolution 2021-10.19.u.

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to amend the resolution to name Carri Brown as the Acting Auditor of Fairfield County.

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

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Discussion on the approval of the resolution as amended:

Mr. Davis stated he will support Dr. Brown and reiterated his immense respect for Mr. Horacek and his service to the county. He thanked Dr. Brown for her service as County Administrator and noted that many of the national awards the County has received are a direct result of her work. The accomplishments over the last 8 years have been accomplished standing on her shoulders. He stated he will have additional remarks after the voting agenda.

Mr. Fix reiterated his deep respect for Mr. Horacek and how he had a bright future in Fairfield County. Mr. Fix looks forward to being a part of that. He spoke to the stressful times of having a retiring elected official and having to choose between friends.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Open Items

Mr. Davis mentioned a conversation in December 2019 in which Dr. Brown mentioned to Mr. Davis that she would not be County Administrator forever. Until that point, he had not thought of this idea. He then realized planning for her succession needed to happen. As the Commission began to think about that, the pandemic hit, and it did not seem like an appropriate time to plan for Dr. Brown's succession. Earlier this year it did seem appropriate and that is when the Commission appointed Aunie Cordle as Deputy County Administrator.

Mr. Davis asked Ms. Elsea to have a resolution on the agenda at the next meeting to name Ms. Cordle as Acting County Administrator.

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 10:12 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 October 12, 2021, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on October 19, 2021


Steven A. Davis Dave Levacy Jeff Fix
Commissioner Commissioner Commissioner


Rachel A. Elsea, Clerk

School Board Group in Pennsylvania Quits National Association After Angry Parents Called 'Domestic Terrorists'

October 17th 2021, 10:04 am

Pennsylvania state's association of school boards has voted to leave the national federation for such governing bodies, saying the "final straw" was a letter to President Joe Biden that likened parents to "domestic terrorists."

The Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) told members in a memo sent earlier this week that its directors had voted unanimously to withdraw from the National School Boards Association (NSBA). The state group has had a number of concerns about the NSBA's direction in recent years, and the letter to Biden cemented the decision to quit the federation.

"This misguided approach has made our work and that of many school boards more difficult," the PSBA said.

The most recent national controversy surrounding a letter to President Biden suggesting that some parents should be considered domestic terrorists was the final straw.

The state group added that the NSBA's call for federal intervention against parents who are irate over school curriculums and policies has *"fomented more disputes and cast partisanship on our work on behalf of school directors."* The PSBA said it seeks to *"find common ground"* and support all school boards, *"no matter their politics."*

Now is not the time for more politics and posturing. It is the time for solutions to the many challenges facing education.

The NSBA letter to Biden, which was sent late last month, resulted in the US Department of Justice responding just a week later by announcing that the FBI would be investigating threats against school officials and staffers. NSBA executive director Chip Slaven praised the swift federal crackdown as *"a strong message to individuals with violent intent who are focused on causing chaos, disrupting public schools and driving wedges between school boards and the parents, students and communities they serve."*

The trade group's letter encouraged the Biden administration to investigate and classify the *"heinous actions"* of parents who allegedly threatened school officials as a form of *"domestic terrorism and hate crimes."*

School board meetings across the US in recent months have featured calls for resignations and demands that curriculums be reformed after parents realized that in many cases, children are being taught that white people are racist oppressors and non-white people are victims of systemic racism. Parents also challenged curriculums that they considered anti-American, as well as such policies as teaching about gender identity as early as kindergarten. Allowing transgender students to use the bathrooms and locker rooms of their choice also has been contentious.

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Biden Brags Admin Ready To Inject All Children Ages 5-11 With Experimental Covid Jab

Infowars.com

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NBA player: Blood clots from COVID vaccine ended my season

Claims team told him 'don't say anything about it'

<https://www.wnd.com/2021/10/4952852/>

By Art Moore

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BOMBHELL: Pfizer whistleblower says vaccine 'glows,' contains 'toxic' luciferase, graphene oxide compounds

Epic: Video Shows Falling Vaccine "Effectiveness," Destroys Fauci

Impressive video compilation depicts how the media has been slowly walking back their narrative on Covid vaccine effectiveness

https://www.lifesitenews.com/video/bombshell-pfizer-whistleblower-says-vaccine-glows-contains-toxic-luciferase-graphene-oxide-compounds/?utm_source=gab

LifeSite News Clips

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**** Melissa Strickler, a Christian, recently went public with insider emails showing Pfizer executives wanted to hide the vaccine's connection to aborted fetal cells. Now, she tells Jim Hale in this exclusive LifeSite interview that the company's jab includes toxic chemicals that make it 'glow,' including luciferase and graphene oxide.

Doctor says physicians being 'hunted' for speaking out about COVID

'They are trying to delegitimize and pick us off one by one'

By WND News Services

Published October 16, 2021

"Expert" Calls For Denying Life-Saving Hospital Treatment to the Unvaccinated

Says they are "not fit for life on earth" in unhinged rant.

<https://www.infowars.com/posts/expert-calls-for-denying-life-saving-hospital-treatment-to-the-unvaccinated/>

by Paul Joseph Watson

October 15th 2021

**** Chris Vickery, who describes himself as a "data breach hunter" also brags about how his "findings have contributed to investigations conducted by the FTC, FBI, SEC, Secret Service, HHS, SSCI, and more."

Lockdown babies suffering verbal, motor, cognitive difficulties

Also causes elevated stress in pregnant women

By WND News Services

Published October 16, 2021

**** The past 18 months COVID-19 pandemic enforced measures that were put in place are responsible for the elevated stress in pregnant women according to researchers which have resulted in children born during this time having significantly reduced verbal, motor and overall cognitive performance compared to children born pre-pandemic. This is because the unborn child is susceptible to genetic and environmental factors that can alter its lifelong trajectory of brain development.
