**Regular Meeting 43 - 2026**
**Fairfield County Commissioners' Office**
**October 20, 2026**

## Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Steve Davis called the meeting to order, and Commissioners David Levacy and Jeff Fix were also in attendance. Also present: County Administrator Aundrea Cordle, Deputy County Administrator Jeff Porter, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners Rochelle Menningen, Communications and Information Coordinator Bennett Niceswanger, Auditor Dr. Carri Brown, Engineer Jeremiah Upp, Treasurer James Bahnsen, Budget Director Bart Hampson, JFS Director Corey Clark, IT Director Daniel Neeley, EMA and Facilities Director Jon Kochis, Deputy Economic Development Director Anthony Iachini, Utilities Director Tony Vogel, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Amy Brown-Thompson, DD Superintendent David Uhl, Soil and Water Manager Nikki Drake, FCFC Manager Shavonda Green, Regional Planner Josh Hillberry, and Sheriff's Deputy Kevin Romine. Also in attendance: Ray Stemen, Scott Barr, Trista Morgan, Krista, and 15 students from Eastland-Fairfield Career and Technical Schools.

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## Welcome

Commissioner Davis welcomed everyone in attendance.

## Public Comment

Ray Stemen of Lancaster offered a prayer.

Scott Barr of Amanda Township spoke in opposition to high voltage power lines being proposed in his area. He urged the Commissioners to pass a resolution opposing the Grid Growth project. He then shared several of the highlights included in the draft resolution that he provided to the Commissioners for their consideration.

Sandy Mulligan of Lithopolis spoke in opposition to the Grid Growth project being proposed in her area. Her concerns were primarily regarding the safety of residents located near the power lines, including a school, over 200 homes, a church, and the Fairfield County Airport. She urged the Commissioners to pass a resolution opposing the Grid Growth project.

## Revolving Loan Fund Interview

Anthony Iachini introduced Stephanie Bosco as the interviewee and stated that the Revolving Loan Fund provides loans to local small businesses. He added that there will be an opening on the board at the end of the year for a representative in the business sector.

Stephanie Bosco stated that she is well integrated into businesses of all sizes in Lancaster and the Fairfield County area through her position on the Port Authority and as Director of Economic Development for Lancaster.

Commissioner Fix expressed appreciation for the leadership Stephanie has provided on the Port Authority.

Bosco stated her appreciation for the partnership between the Port Authority and the County. She concluded by mentioning that she is very involved with many regional partners.

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## County Administration Update

- *The County Administration Update was provided by County Administrator Aundrea Cordle, unless otherwise indicated.*

### Week in Review

*Eastland Career Center Skills USA Local Officers*

Representatives from Eastland Career Center's SkillsUSA Local Officers are attending the Commissioners' meeting today. These students are elected representatives of Eastland Career and Technical School's SkillsUSA chapter and participate in leadership training throughout the year. We are proud that many of these students are Fairfield County students. The visit will provide the students with an opportunity to observe local government in action, learn about the role of the County Commissioners and other county elected officials, and gain insight into leadership and public service within their community.

## Highlights of Resolutions

*Administrative Approvals*
The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

*Resolution Review*
There are 17 resolutions on the agenda for the Regular voting meeting.

Resolutions of note:

- The first resolution on the agenda approves the establishment of a Budget Stabilization Fund and the transfer of monies ($11,195,299.04) to that fund.
- Facilities has a resolution to authorize an agreement with Motorola Solutions Inc. for cameras and access control devices for county buildings.
- Major Crimes has two resolutions regarding advances. One to authorize the repayment of $78,000 from Sub Fund 8375, the Violent Crime Reduction Grant 2025 Fund, and another to authorize an advance into the 2026 Violent Crime Reduction Grant Fund in the amount of $33,244.70.

### Budget Review

None.

### Calendar Review/Invitations Received

*Informational Items and Invitations Received*

- Commissioner Fix and Team to meet with Berne Township, October 20, 2026, 7:00 p.m., Sugar Grove Rd., Sugar Grove
- Millersport Business Group Meeting, October 21, 2026, 8:30 a.m., American Legion, 2557 Canal Dr., Millersport
- Commissioner Fix and Team to meet with Rushcreek Township, October 21, 2026, 7:00 p.m., 213 Marietta St., Bremen
- Fairfield County Engineer's ROADEO, October 23, 2026, 7:00 a.m., Engineer's Office, 3026 W, Fair Ave., Lancaster

- CFLP Meeting, October 23, 2026, 9:00 a.m., Don Hill Administration Bldg., 20 S. 2nd St., Newark
- CFLP Policy Committee Meeting, October 23, 2026, 10:00 a.m., Don Hill Administration Bldg., 20 S. 2nd St., Newark
- Scam and Identity Theft Prevention Workshop Provided by the Canal Winchester Chamber of Commerce and the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office, October 21, 2026, 12:00 p.m., Canal Winchester Community Center, 45 E. Waterloo, Canal Winchester
- Two Glaciers Wetland Restoration Ribbon Cutting, November 5, 2026, 10:00 a.m., Two Glaciers Park, 7410 Clearport Rd. SW, Lancaster

**Correspondence**

- Correspondence from Residents Regarding 765kV Transmission Lines

**Updates from Elected Officials and Department Heads**

Treasurer Bahnsen congratulated the Commissioners on supporting the junior fair program and purchasing a prize steer.

Engineer Jeremiah Upp reported finishing construction and preparing for winter maintenance and snow removal. This Friday his office will hold the ROADEO and encouraged everyone to attend.

Auditor Carri Brown stated her office continues outreach for zoning and rental clarification. She added that the CAAO introduced a fact sheet for capital improvement funds and are looking at the State's unclaimed funds.

Amy Brown-Thompson highlighted the Lighthouse, which will be hosting a fundraiser. She also spoke briefly about the *Take Back the Night* event.

Anthony Iachini stated that pre-apprenticeship students at the Workforce Center are starting OSHA training. He added that Workforce Development will be hosting a job fair with JFS and there is development starting on Basil-Western near the DHL building.

Jon Kochis stated EMA will be hosting a mercury response training due to some recent events in the county involving older cars and antique items, which both contain mercury.

IT Director Dan Neeley was contacted by Lancaster City Schools regarding assistance with programming for student reading apps.

JFS Director Corey Clark stated that 70 employers are registered for the job fair and JFS has kicked off the holiday donation drive.

County Administrator Cordle encouraged the students in attendance to consider the job fair.

Deputy County Administrator Jeff Porter is getting ready to release a document imaging RFP and the HR team is preparing for the benefits fair at the Records Center, and open enrollment. The Dog Shelter is currently at half-capacity.

Soil and Water Manager Nikki Drake spoke on the partnership with Ohio Department of Natural Resources to help promote their programming and she provided an update on an employee who was in an accident.

Stephanie Bosco stated there are several single-family home projects that will be completed soon and the Overlook subdivision is completing their final plats for additions.

Vince Carpico stated that the RLF board will have another open position at the end of the year, and conversations will occur with potential candidates.

**Old Business**

Commissioner Levacy attended the junior livestock auction at the fair. He also attended the calling hours of Gary Stebelton last week and spoke fondly in his memory.

Commissioner Fix stated that Gary Stebelton was the definition of a statesman. He enjoyed his participation in the junior livestock auction. The Commissioner added he met with the Village of Carroll and was pleased to see that they were more receptive to development planning and continued to meet with other townships and villages regarding growth and development.

Commissioner Davis stated he enjoyed the livestock auctions and that he visited Medina, Ohio to see a new courthouse.

**New Business**

Commissioner Davis spoke on returning to his law practice and added that his firm is representing several of the landowners regarding the Grid Growth project and cannot speak on the matter.

Commissioner Levacy encouraged everyone to vote and to vote early.

Commissioner Fix spoke on a meeting about the mega site and stated his appreciation of Jeremiah Upp and Eric McCrady for reviewing those plans.

**Regular (Voting) Meeting**

The Commissioners continued to their Voting portion of the meeting and the following Commissioners remained present: Steve Davis, David Levacy and Jeff Fix. Also present: County Administrator Aundrea Cordle, Deputy County Administrator Jeff Porter, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners Rochelle Menningen, Communications and Information Coordinator Bennett Niceswanger, Auditor Dr. Carri Brown, Engineer Jeremiah Upp, Treasurer James Bahnsen, Budget Director Bart Hampson, JFS Director Corey Clark, IT Director Daniel Neeley, EMA and Facilities Director Jon Kochis, Deputy Economic Development Director Anthony Iachini, Utilities Director Tony Vogel, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Amy Brown-Thompson, DD Superintendent David Uhl, Soil and Water Manager Nikki Drake, FCFC Manager Shavonda Green, Regional Planner Josh Hillberry, and Sheriff's Deputy Kevin Romine. Also in attendance: Ray Stemen, Scott Barr, Trista Morgan, Krista, and 15 students from Eastland-Fairfield Career and Technical Schools.

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Davis asked everyone to rise as able and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Announcements**

None.

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**Approval of Minutes for October 13, 2026**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of David Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, October 13, 2026, meeting.

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

**Approval of Budget Hearing Minutes for October 13, 2026**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of David Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes for the Tuesday, October 13, 2026, meeting.

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

**Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of David Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution:

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| 2026-10.20.a | A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ESTABLISHING A BUDGET STABILIZATION FUND PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 5705.13 , APPROPRIATE FROM APPROPRIATED, AND FUND TO FUND TRANSFER |

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

**Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of David Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas:

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| 2026-10.20.b | A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FROM UNAPPROPRIATED IN A MAJOR EXPENDITURE OBJECT CATEGORY FOR COMMON PLEAS COURT; FUND # 2365, COUNTY PROBATION |

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

**Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Engineer**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of David Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Engineer:

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| 2026-10.20.c | A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FROM UNAPPROPRIATED IN A MAJOR EXPENDITURE OBJECT CATEGORY COUNTY ENGINEER 2024-MOTOR VEHICLE FOR MATERIALS & SUPPLIES |

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

**Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Facilities**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of David Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Facilities:

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| 2026-10.20.d | A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ACCOUNT TO ACCOUNT TRANSFER IN A MAJOR OBJECT EXPENSE CATEGORIES FOR THE FACILITIES BUDGET, GENERAL FUND# 1001. |
| 2026-10.20.e | A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS AND ACCESS CONTROL DEVICES WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS INC. |

Commissioner Davis appreciated Jon Kochis for his thoroughness in the discussion with Medina and their building.

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

**Approval of Resolutions from Fairfield County Job and Family Services**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of David Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from Fairfield County Job and Family Services:

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| 2026-10.20.f | A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMO RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE FOR FAIRFIELD COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES, FUND 2015 REIMBURSING FUND 2018 |
| 2026-10.20.g | A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMO RECEIPT AND EXPENDITURE FOR FAIRFIELD COUNTY JOB & FAMILY SERVICES, FUND 2072 REIMBURSING FUND 2018 |
| 2026-10.20.h | A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMO EXP./ MEMO RECEIPT FOR THE COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION PAID TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY TRANSIT AS A MEMO EXPENDITURE FOR FUND# 2018 PUBLIC ASSISTANCE FUND |
| 2026-10.20.i | A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMO EXP./ MEMO RECEIPT FOR THE COSTS OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES PAID TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AS A MEMO EXPENDITURE FOR FUND# 2072 PUBLIC CHILDREN'S SERVICES |
| 2026-10.20.j | A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A MEMO EXP./ MEMO RECEIPT FOR THE COSTS OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES PAID TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AS A MEMO EXPENDITURE FOR FUND# 2072 PUBLIC CHILDREN'S SERVICES |

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

**Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Juvenile and Probate Court**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of David Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Juvenile and Probate Court:

2026-10.20.k A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FROM UNAPPROPRIATED IN A MAJOR EXPENDITURE OBJECT CATEGORY FOR PROBATE COURT; FUND # 2316, COMPUTER FUND, PROJECT # CIP27

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

**Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of David Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff:

2026-10.20.l A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FROM UNAPPROPRIATED IN A MAJOR EXPENDITURE OBJECT CATEGORY FOR SHERIFF; 2503; POLICE REVOLVING

2026-10.20.m A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FROM UNAPPROPRIATED IN A MAJOR EXPENDITURE OBJECT CATEGORY FOR SHERIFF; 2711, CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

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

**Approval of Resolutions from the South Central Major Crimes Unit**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of David Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the South Central Major Crimes Unit:

2026-10.20.n A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF AN ADVANCE FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO MCU — FUND 7911 VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION GRANT 2026

2026-10.20.o A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF A REPAYMENT OF AN ADVANCE TO THE GENERAL FUND FROM MCU 7911 (SUBFUND 8375) VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION GRANT 2025.

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

**Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Utilities**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of David Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Utilities:

2026-10.20.p A RESOLUTION TO APPROPRIATE FROM UNAPPROPRIATED IN A MAJOR EXPENDITURE OBJECT CATEGORY FOR UTILITIES; 5044, LAND AND EASEMENTS

Director Vogel stated that these are funds that will be used to purchase property around the wastewater treatment plant.

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

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**Approval of the Payment of Bills**

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of David Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution for the Payment of Bills:

2026-10.20.q 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: Jeff Fix, David Levacy, and Steve Davis

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Davis acknowledged that news and social media outlets often contribute to division but encouraged those present to focus on finding things to appreciate.

With no further business, On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 9:51 a.m.

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

The next Review and Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

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Motion by: Jeff Fix Seconded by: David Levacy
To approve the October 20, 2026, minutes by the following vote:

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

*Approved on October 27, 2026

Jeff Fix
Commissioner

Steve Davis
Commissioner

David Levacy
Commissioner

Bennett Niceswanger, Asst. Clerk