Meeting with Jeremiah Upp

The Commissioners met with Rhonda Myers, Executive Director of the Fairfield County ADAMH Board. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe. Also present were Jeff Baird, Jeff Barron, Aunie Cordle, David Gallimore, Dave Levacy, Gregg Marx, Branden Meyer, Michael Orlando, Jeremiah Upp, and Tony Vogel.

Mr. Upp stated that a resident on Basil Western Road has built a dam for their pond into the county's right of way.

Commissioner Shupe asked how much.

Mr. Baird stated 10 feet.

Commissioner Davis asked when the pond was built.

Mr. Baird stated that the pond is brand new. He stated that the pond is not spring fed.

Commissioner Davis asked how large the pond is.

Mr. Baird stated approximately 100 feet by 100 feet at the largest.

Commissioner Davis asked whether there was room to dam the pond without using the right of way.

Mr. Baird stated that it could have been moved back.

Mr. Upp stated that they would like to slope the hill so it is movable.

Mr. Baird stated that if the Engineer's Office decides to put in a shoulder in the future this dam would be an existing condition and the county would have to pay for right of way.

Commissioner Davis asked that the protocol is for enforcing a right of way.

Mr. Baird stated that any action would have to be initiated by the Commissioners.

Commissioner Shupe asked how extensive or severe it would be to fix it.

Mr. Upp stated that it was unfortunate that it is built. He stated that it would have to be redesigned the dirt on the front and move it back.

Commissioner Davis asked what the process is.

Mr. Baird suggested that a letter be sent to the owners. He stated that he would prefer to have the Commissioners involved from the beginning. Mr. Baird stated that the owner seemed willing to cooperate, but is not now.

Mr. Dolin asked how deep the pond is.

Mr. Baird stated approximately 8-10 feet deep.

Commissioner Davis asked whether this was a danger.
Mr. Upp stated that it would “be a stretch” to call it a danger.

Commissioner Davis asked whether they want to have the work completed prior to it being frozen.

Mr. Baird stated yes.

Commissioner Davis asked if the project had to wait until Spring whether it could wait.

Mr. Upp stated yes. He stated that this location will come up for a shoulder and widening project. If the owner does not get this problem fixed now, then it will be the Engineer’s Office to correct the problem.

Mr. Baird stated that he will send a letter from the Engineer’s office first, a second would come from the Commissioners and then a final letter from the Commissioners if the owners do not cooperate.

Commissioner Davis agreed.

Commissioner Kiger and Commissioner Shupe agreed.

The meeting concluded at 9:13 a.m.

**Executive Session #1**

On the motion of Steven Davis and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:14 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. Commissioners present were Steven Davis, Judith Shupe, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Aunie Cordle, Jason Dolin, Gregg Marx, and Branden Meyer.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe,

*This meeting was not public pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1).

On the motion of Steven Davis and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:23 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe

No formal actions were taken.

**Executive Session #2**

On the motion of Steven Davis and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to enter into Executive Session at 9:23 a.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel. Commissioners present were Steven Davis, Judith Shupe, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Aunie Cordle, Jason Dolin, and Branden Meyer.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe,

*This meeting was not public pursuant to R.C. 121.22(G)(1).

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn from Executive Session at 9:36 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe
No formal actions were taken.

Review Session

The Commissioners met to review legal issues, pending and future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe. Also present were Jeff Barron, Aunie Cordle, David Gallimore, Linda Kauffman, Ed Laramee, Dave Levacy, Branden Meyer, Michael Orlando, and Tony Vogel.

Legal Questions Under Review and Prosecutor’s Pending Items

- Review/Update the Public Records Policy
  Mr. Dolin stated that he is planning to meet with Randy Carter to discuss. He stated that this item will be moving forward soon.

- Revolving Loan Fund Agreement for Tammi Jo’s
  Mr. Dolin stated that he has been working on a draft complaint and may need an Executive Session to discuss this item next week.

- Colonnade/Health Department Lease
  Mr. Dolin stated that he is working with Jeff Spangler on an amendment to the lease agreement with the VA.

Pending Items

- Board Vacancies: ADAMH Board (2 current vacancies, 1 potential reappointment, 1 definite reappointment), Fairfield Metropolitan Housing Authority Board (1 current vacancy), Airport Board (1 current vacancy, 1 vacancy at the end of the year), Area 20 Workforce Investment Board (1 current vacancy)

- Economic Development Position
  Commissioner Davis stated that Ms. Cordle stated that many applications have been received. He stated that the Commissioners would be hearing from Ms. Cordle in the next week regarding the applications.

- Facilities Manager Position
  Commissioner Davis stated that Ted Abbott is still considering about taking the position, but has not decided yet.

Items that Need New Action/Attention- Requests and Review

- Roundtable Date- Move from November 8 to November 1
  Commissioner Shupe stated that she will be in Virginia on November 8 and asked that the Roundtable be moved to November 1.

  Commissioner Davis and Commissioner Kiger agreed to move the Roundtable to November 1.

- Request for additional repairs, re: County Paving Projects
  Mr. Vogel stated that the contractor wants to add more depth to get draining away from the building. He stated that he wants to make College Avenue wider. He stated that he does not support the Liberty Center project. He suggested that this be done as a separate project later on. He suggested that two of the three projects be done.

  Commissioner Kiger asked about the paving along College Avenue whether it would include the bridge.

  Mr. Vogel stated that the paving would go back to the Ag Center.

  The Commissioners agreed to approve the two projects.

  Mr. Vogel stated that Steve Gillespie gave a letter saying that his last day of work will be on November 16, and then he will use his leave until his retirement date on January 31, 2012.

  Commissioner Davis asked whether Steve’s position has been posted.

  Ms. Cordle stated yes, internally for one week.
Update from Job & Family Services
Mr. Orlando discussed the suggestion made by Rich Bowlen during the Leadership Conference on cost savings. He stated that Mr. Bowlen accepted a job in the private sector will be leaving in 2 months. He stated that this position will be hard to find a replacement for. He stated that Mr. Bowlen left the county in a better place than the county was in when he started.

Commissioner Shupe asked whether the position was being posted internally.

Mr. Orlando stated that they will do a statewide search and allow internal applicants to apply at the same time.

Commissioner Davis stated that he will be looking forward to reviewing the proposal from Mr. Bowlen.

Mr. Orlando stated that it describes what goes in the county and what goes out of the county.

The Commissioners went into Recess at 9:50 a.m.

Commissioners’ Regular Meeting
A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 beginning at 10:02 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger and Judith Shupe. Also present were Aunie Cordle, David Gallimore, Ed Laramee, Dave Levacy, Branden Meyer, Michael Orlando, and Jeremiah Upp, and Tony Vogel.

Pledge of Allegiance
Commissioner Davis asked everyone to rise and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements
No announcements.

Public Comment
No public comment.

Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, October 2, 2012 and Approval of Minutes from the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, October 9, 2012
On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, October 2 and approval of minutes from the Regular Meeting for Tuesday, October 9.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe

Approval of Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Committee’s Recommendations for funding a proposal for Economic Development Administration Revolving Loan Fund (EDARLF) financing [Fairfield County Economic Development]
On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to table the approval of Fairfield County Revolving Loan Fund Loan Review Committee’s Recommendations for funding a proposal for Economic Development Administration Revolving Loan Fund (EDARLF) financing [Fairfield County Economic Development], see Resolution 2012-10.23.a.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe
Approval of an order of suspension for an employee of Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Support Enforcement [Fairfield County Job & Family Services]

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of an order of suspension for an employee of Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Support Enforcement [Fairfield County Job & Family Services], see Resolution 2012-10.23.b.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe

Approval of Engineer’s Resolutions

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of the following Commissioners’ Resolutions:

2012-10.23.c Approval to rescind Resolution 2012-10.02.y, Approval of the Account to Account transfer Prosecutor’s Office [Fairfield County Prosecutor]

2012-10.23.d Approval of the account to account transfer- Major Expenditure Object Category- Commissioners/Maintenance [Fairfield County Commissioners]

2012-10.23.e Approval to appropriate from unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category- Fairfield County Commissioners- Maintenance #1001 [Fairfield County Commissioners]

2012-10.23.f Approval of payment of invoices without an appropriate carryover purchase order for the ADAMH Board [Fairfield County ADAMH Board]

2012-10.23.g Approval of account to account transfer of appropriations- Major Object Expenditure Category (1001- General 2443- GIS) Auditor [Fairfield County Auditor]

2012-10.23.h Approval of BWC 2011 (pd in 2012) Safety Discount Invoice Fund to Fund [Fairfield County Auditor]

2012-10.23.i Approval of account to account transfer of appropriations- Major Object Expenditure (Coroner Admin.) [Fairfield County Coroner]

2012-10.23.j Approval of account to account transfer of appropriations- Major Object Expenditure Category (2002 Org 12200200- Dog & Kennel) [Fairfield County Dog Shelter]

2012-10.23.k Approval of account to account transfer of appropriations- Domestic Relations Court (1001 General Fund) [Fairfield County Domestic Relations Court]

2012-10.23.l Approval to appropriate from unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category- Fairfield County Economic Development- Fund #1001 [Fairfield County Economic Development]

2012-10.23.m Approval of amended certificate & request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts of memo expenditure- 3445 ODOT Payments [Fairfield County Engineer]

2012-10.23.n Approval of amended certificate & request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts of memo expenditure- 3445 ODOT Payments [Fairfield County Engineer]
2012-10.23.o Approval of amended certificate & request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts of memo expenditure- 3445 ODOT Payments [Fairfield County Engineer]

2012-10.23.p Approval to appropriate from unappropriated funds, Motor Vehicle Fund 2024, the County Engineer [Fairfield County Engineer]

2012-10.23.q Approval of account to account transfer of funds- Children Services-Fairfield County Job & Family Services [Fairfield County Job & Family Services]

2012-10.23.r Approval to appropriate from unappropriated funds- Fund #2072, Fairfield County Job & Family Services [Fairfield County Job & Family Services]

2012-10.23.s Approval of memo expenditure- Fairfield County Job & Family Services [Fairfield County Job & Family Services]

2012-10.23.t Approval of reducing appropriations for specific line items- Fund #2599, Workforce Investment Act and updating receipt line item and issuing an additional amended certificate- Fairfield County Job & Family Services [Fairfield County Job & Family Services]

2012-10.23.u Approval of reducing receipts and appropriations for specific line items- Fund #2072, Children Services, Job & Family Services [Fairfield County Job & Family Services]

2012-10.23.v Approval of updating receipts, issuing an amended certificate and adjusting appropriations- Job & Family Services, Fund 2018 [Fairfield County Job & Family Services]

2012-10.23.w Approval to appropriate from unappropriated for Fund 7619- Federal Equitable [Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit]

2012-10.23.x Approval of account to account transfer [Fairfield County Prosecutor]

2012-10.23.y Approval of account to account transfer [Fairfield County Prosecutor]

2012-10.23.z Approval of account to account transfer of appropriations- Major Object Expenditure Category (Police Revolving Loan Fund 2503) [Fairfield County Sheriff]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe

**Approval of Authorization for Payment of Bills, October 23, 2012 [Fairfield County Commissioners]**

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of Authorization for Payment of Bills, October 23, 2012 [Fairfield County Commissioners], see Resolution 2012-10.23.aa.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe

The Regular Meeting ended at 10:07 a.m.
Meeting Jonathan Van Linge

The Commissioners met with representatives from the VA and Health Department to discuss the lease of the Colonnade building for the Health Department. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe. Also present were Jeff Barron, Aunie Cordle, David Gallimore, Ed Laramee, Branden Meyer, Rhonda Myers, and Jonathan Van Linge.

Commissioner Davis stated that the Commissioners like to meet the individuals who they appoint to their boards.

Mr. Van Linge stated that he is a special education teacher at Crossroads and works with the Pickerington and county schools. He stated that he wants to serve on the board to help kids. He stated that Crossroads serves the students who are sent to the alternative school by the Juvenile Court.

Ms. Myers stated that she is very excited about his resume because the board does not have anyone working with youth. She also stated that they do not have many young board members on the board. She stated that a young person’s perspective will be helpful to get a broader and more diverse perspective.

Commissioner Kiger asked about the time commitment.

Ms. Myers stated that there are monthly meetings, a combined meeting for November and December and no meeting in July. She stated that there would be a 3 hour training meeting later in the evening. She stated that there is additional committee work and she is working on getting the policies updated.

Mr. Van Linge stated that he works with the after school programs, but his schedule is flexible.

Mr. Van Linge stated that he was born and raised in Lancaster.

Commissioner Shupe asked whether there were any questions.

Mr. Van Linge stated no. He stated that he saw the vacancy posted and was interested in serving on the board. He stated that he knows what to expect.

Commissioner Kiger asked how many vacancies are on the board.

Ms. Myers stated that the evening training session begins at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Kiger asked whether a resolution is needed.

Commissioner Davis stated no. He stated that a resolution will be prepared for passage later in the afternoon.

Mr. Myers thanked the Commissioners for making the appointment.

The meeting concluded at 10:31 a.m.

Review Session (continued)

The Commissioners met to review legal issues, pending and future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe. Also present were Jeff Barron, Aunie Cordle, David Gallimore, Linda Kauffman, Ed Laramee, Dave Levacy, Branden Meyer, Michael Orlando, and Tony Vogel.
Invitations

- 2012 4-H Advisor’s Banquet- Tuesday, November 27. Time: Reception & Registration- 6:30 p.m., Dinner- 7:00 p.m. RSVP Deadline: Friday, November 9. Commissioner Shupe stated that she will be attending.

Informational

- Notice received from the Ohio Division of Liquor Control, re: Notice of Request for Alcohol Permit by Lomonicos Market & Eatery in Pickerington.

Mr. Meyer stated that he received a response back from the Sheriff’s office stating that there are no issues with the applicants or the location. There seems no reason to object or to request a hearing.

- Thank you note received from Dave Benson, re: thank you for support of the Fairfield County Fair

- Letter received from Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living, re: County Fairgrounds Administration Building

- Miscellaneous Budget Discussion

Mr. Laramee discussed the additional license taxes for motor vehicle tags as explained in R.C. 4504.02. He stated that county does not have a levy in place. He stated that the dollars are based on last year’s registration. He stated that the county could potentially raise $444,000 by doing this. He stated that it would not go into effect until 2014 if passed.

Commissioner Davis asked whether there are parameters on permissible use of the funds.

Mr. Laramee stated that a lot of what the Engineer does can be used; there is a lot of latitude.

Commissioner Davis asked whether this would be for the sole use and benefits of the Engineer’s office, not administrative expenses and asked whether the General Fund cannot participate in this.

Mr. Laramee stated correct. He stated that the Engineer’s office has made inquiries to him regarding this issue. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Laramee for the information.

Commissioner Davis asked whether $700,000 is the “gap number” with the budget.

Ms. Knisley stated yes.

Commissioner Davis asked whether the number includes additional deputies.

Ms. Knisley stated yes.

Commissioner Davis asked whether the Recorder is the last Budget Hearing left.

Mr. Meyer stated yes. He stated that he would like to discuss the Maintenance and Commissioners budgets.

Ms. Knisley agreed.

Review Session ended at 11:04 a.m. The Commissioners went into Recess until their 1:00 p.m. Budget Hearing.

Budget Hearing: Clerk of Courts- Deborah Smalley

The Commissioners met with Deborah Smalley to discuss the budget for the Clerk of Courts Office. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe. Also present were Jason Dolin, Staci Knisley, Ed Laramee, Dave Levacy, and Branden Meyer.

Ms. Knisley stated that an additional $20,000 for Courtview was previously discussed for this year’s budget.

Ms. Smalley stated that the Courtview contract can be increased up to 5%. She stated that it increases 5% each year.
Ms. Knisley stated that this is an ongoing expense that was approved this year.

Ms. Smalley stated that she would like to request a raise for her staff, 2% or 3%.

Commissioner Davis stated that 2% looks like that will be the ceiling.

Ms. Smalley stated that the caseload is up and she has not added additional staff. She stated those filings in DR Court, and the civil and criminal are also up.

Commissioner Kiger inquired about the Title Fund. He stated that looks like the carryover balance will be $1.7 million. He stated that when Ron Balser was the Clerk of Courts, he would always give extra money to departments who needed it and would return extra money back to the General Fund.

Ms. Smalley stated that when departments need money she prefers to help them individually. She stated that most of this carryover money will be spent.

Ms. Smalley stated that she expects the Commissioners to pay for the phones at the Pickerington Title Office.

Mr. Laramee stated that looking at the figures; it appears that the actual revenue will be over $1 million, with a revenue estimate of $800,000. He stated that the office is in line to bring in $1.7 million. He stated that the expenses appear to be $1.4 million. He stated that there is $300,000 more revenue, the budget only reflects $800,000 not $1.7 million.

Ms. Smalley stated that she will “get the facts” and report back.

Commissioner Davis stated that he believed that a subsequent hearing was not necessary.

The meeting concluded at 1:28 p.m.

**Budget Hearing: Domestic Relations Court- Judge Laura Smith**

The Commissioners met with Judge Smith to discuss the budget for the Domestic Relations Court. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe. Also present were Jason Dolin, Staci Knisley, Ed Laramee, Dave Levacy, Lori Lovas, Branden Meyer, and Judge Laura Smith.

Commissioner Davis stated that this budget hearing is a good opportunity to answer any questions. He asked Judge Smith to share her plans for the grant that DR Court was awarded.

Judge Smith stated that the grant will be used for a Visitation Center. The grant’s fiscal year runs October 1 through September 31. She stated that the first year is used for planning purposes. She stated that Mandi Crist has been doing the planning.

Commissioner asked who the grant administrator is.

Judge Smith stated that Lori Lovas is administering the grant and Mandi Crist is doing the financing for the grant.

Commissioner Shupe asked whether this is the same Visitation Center that JFS works with.

Judge Smith stated yes. She stated that the grant will provide funds for it. The Center will be used after hours and on weekends.
Commissioner Davis stated that no conclusion as related to salary compensation has been made. He stated that he was hopeful that something can be done. He stated that 2% looks like the top end of the range. He stated that no all departments came in flat with their requests. He explained that the Commissioners do not intend to budget against casino revenue.

Judge Smith stated that she doesn’t dispute the reasoning behind that.

Commissioner Davis stated that there is a lot of casino money that could come in and the Commissioners would like to do something to thank the county employees.

Judge Smith thanked the Commissioners for having the county in the good financial situation that the county is in.

Commissioner Davis stated that Commissioner Shupe and Commissioner Kiger have been here for longer than he and are to be thanked.

Commissioner Shupe stated that the Commissioners have had good cooperation from the departments.

Commissioner Davis stated the good financial position was made better and started with the ¼ point sales tax that Commissioner Kiger and Commissioner Shupe supported.

Judge Smith stated that the court recording equipment will need to be upgraded. She also stated that she may need a third bailiff in the future.

Commissioner Davis asked whether Judge Smith had any additional questions.

Judge Smith expressed concern regarding an email that she received from Dave Smalley regarding the Community Transition Center (CTC).

Commissioner Davis stated that the other judges had expressed concern as well. He stated that the Commissioners have not met with Mr. Smalley regarding this, but stated that Mr. Smalley had mentioned this issue to him. Commissioner Davis stated that he explained he is interested in what happens to the “301st inmate,” which is the number when prisoners have to start being transferred out of county. He stated that using the CTC would help avoid reaching the 301 number, but on the other hand the reputation of the facility makes this difficult.

Judge Smith stated that she doesn’t feel that it is appropriate to house the individuals that she sentences with ex-felons. She stated that she believes the statute regarding this says “county jail.”

Commissioner Davis asked whether Judge Smith knows how many people she has in the jail facilities.

Judge Smith stated that she has 6 individuals currently in jail. In 2010, on 45 occasions there were 761 days when she had individuals in jail. In 2011, on 75 occasions there were 75 occasions for 931 days when she had individuals in jail. Year to Date on 42 occasions there were 690 days. She stated that most of the people she has sentenced are for child support contempt. She stated that the numbers from her court is insignificant. She stated that potential items that she will need in the future include a bailiff, new furniture and court recording equipment may be needed.

The meeting concluded at 1:56 p.m.
Budget Hearing: Veterans Service Commission- Ed Mohler

The Commissioners met with Ed Mohler to discuss the budget for the Veterans Service Commission. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe. Also present were Jason Dolin, Kenneth Gregg (VSC- DAV Representative), Chuck Hanley (VSC- Amvets Representative), Chuck Keller (VSC- VFW Representative) Staci Knisley, Ed Laramee, Dave Levacy, Branden Meyer, Ed Mohler (VSC- Director), and Dean Scholl (American Legion- DAV Representative).

Commissioner Davis stated that some departments will be asked to come in for a second round, those who have made large increases in their requests. He stated that no decision regarding raises for employees has been made. He also stated that a new revenue stream is coming in and the Commissioners are not depending on it or budgeting against it.

Commissioner Shupe thanked Mr. Mohler for turning back any extra funds.

Commissioner Kiger also expressed his thanks.

Mr. Mohler stated that he sent meeting minutes from their meeting stating the dollars that the VSC has brought into the county as a result of VA claims. He stated that they have kept their budget.

Commissioner Davis asked whether there were any questions regarding the VA move. He stated that the VA had a lease with the owner of the Colonnade facility. The owner could not get a commitment and then he contacted the county. He stated that the Commissioners did not at any point try to force out the VA. He stated that the move out date moved from November 1, then December 1, now April 30. He stated that the county has done everything that the VA has asked. He stated that the lease agreement at the new facility is for 10 years.

Commissioner Kiger stated that the date moved from September 1 to November 1 to December 1. He stated that the Commissioners have tried to help the VA through this whole process.

Mr. Mohler stated that he has spoken to the Chillicothe VA Director who told him that the VA is not moving the clinic out of Lancaster.

Commissioner Kiger stated that Don Phillips called him regarding a request to have a panic button installed in the VSC Office. He asked whether he had heard any response about this.

Mr. Mohler stated no. He thanked the Commissioners for repairing their roof.

The meeting concluded at 2:14 p.m.

Approval approval of the appointment of Jonathan Van Linge to the Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board [Fairfield County Prosecutor]

On the motion of Judith Shupe and second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted on the approval of the appointment of Jonathan Van Linge to the Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board [Fairfield County Prosecutor], see Resolution 2012-10.23.bb.

Mr. Meyer prepared this resolution after the morning’s meeting with Mr. Van Linge for passage later in the afternoon by the Commissioners.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe
Budget Hearing: Economic Development- David Gallimore

The Commissioners met with Gregg Marx to discuss the budget for the Prosecutor’s Office. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 2:21 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe. Also present were David Gallimore, Linda Kauffman, Staci Knisley, Ed Laramee, Dave Levacy, and Branden Meyer.

Commissioner Davis stated that no decision has been made regarding raises. He stated that it will most likely be a 2% increase across the board. He stated that the Commissioners are not budgeting with the casino revenue.

Ms. Kauffman stated that the budget was revised to submit the same budget as 2012. She stated that a potential 6% increase for health insurance is included. She stated that she can use Enterprise Zone Fund and Revolving Loan Fund can be used to pull for salaries.

Ms. Knisley suggested that all salary expenses be pulled from the Economic Development budget.

Mr. Gallimore stated that two versions are prepared.

Commissioner Davis inquired whether Mr. Gallimore is taking insurance.

Mr. Gallimore stated that he is not taking insurance. He stated that version 2 includes the new Director’s salary and an increase for Ms. Kauffman’s position. Mr. Gallimore stated that he cannot support the increase because the current job classification needs to be revised. He stated that Ms. Kauffman’s job description needs to be reclassified.

Commissioner Davis asked whether 2% was included. He stated that all departments are being asked this. He stated that some did and some did not. He stated that prior to Shane Farnsworth’s departure; Mr. Farnsworth did have a brief discussion about a potential increase for Ms. Kauffman. Commissioner Davis stated that there is still time to discuss this for the current proposed budget. He stated that he is trying to hit the $35.9 million target.

Ms. Knisley stated that the revised budget has the new Director’s salary included in it. There are other non-General Fund revenue streams that can be used.

Ms. Kauffman stated that the Revolving Loan Fund has revenue what she can pull up to 50%. She stated that she never pulls 50%, usually only 16%.

Commissioner Davis asked if Ms. Kauffman pulls from other funds, the only way that the General Fund would feel it/see it would be in a carryover.

Ms. Kauffman and Ms. Knisley stated yes.

Ms. Kauffman stated that she typically charges funds for the full hours spent, only salary, but OPERS also. She stated that IT informed her that she needs to purchase a new computer.

Commissioner Davis asked whether Economic Development is moving office spaces.

Mr. Meyer stated no. He stated that Mr. Farnsworth had mentioned possibly moving from the larger office to the smaller office next to Ms. Kauffman.

Commissioner Davis asked who decides this.

Ms. Knisley stated that this is a Commissioners’ decision.
Commissioner Davis stated that the Commissioners will be having a few second hearings.

Commissioner Shupe stated that about $700,000 from the requests has to be cut.

Commissioner Davis stated that the target is $35.9 million. He stated that some revenue streams are looking very good and the carryover may exceed 25%. He stated that the target for this current year was $35.7 million and the county budgeted $35.640 million along with a 2% salary increases. He stated that the experience requirement was “ramped up” with the job posing for the new Director.

Mr. Gallimore asked the Commissioners what salary should be included in the budget.

Commissioner Davis suggested $78,000 be used.

Ms. Kauffman asked whether everything submitted for now is okay.

Commissioner Davis stated yes.

The meeting concluded at 2:54 p.m.

**Budget Hearing: Municipal Court- Judge David Trimmer**

The Commissioners met with Judge David Trimmer and Jackie Long to discuss the budget for the Municipal Court. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order at 2:21 p.m. with the following Commissioners present: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe. Also present were Staci Knisley, Ed Laramee, Dave Levacy, Jackie Long, Branden Meyer, and Judge David Trimmer.

Commissioner Davis stated that all of the other judges discussed alternate housing in lieu of jail. He stated that the Commissioners have not made a decision regarding raises, possibly 2%. He asked whether the Court follows guidance of the Commissioners or the city.

Ms. Knisley stated the city.

Ms. Long stated that the Mayor’s office

Commissioner Davis stated that the Commissioners do not plan to budget against the casino revenue.

Judge Trimmer stated that the actual casino impact will hard to know until after a full year passes.

Commissioner Davis stated that he had no questions about the budget.

Ms. Long stated that they had an agreement with Judge Martin to fund a salary for a probation officer, salary only, no benefits.

Commissioner Shupe asked whether the $41,000 is a separate allocation.

Ms. Knisley stated yes.

Judge Trimmer asked what is going to happen with the county owned parking lot. He stated that the city is very interested in either continuing to use it or own it. He stated that the city is going to present to Moody’s to sell project the Moody’s, and then start the project. He stated that it would be no later than January.

Commissioner Davis stated that his law office does not lease from the county anymore. He asked whether the city employees pay for the spaces or whether the city pays.
Judge Trimmer stated that the city pays for the spaces. He stated that the court needs spaces for public visitors and jurors.

Commissioner Davis stated that he wants to be helpful. He stated that the county received a certain amount is revenue from leases in that parking lot and he would want that revenue to be accounted for.

Commissioner Shupe stated that the lot is not totally leased.

Commissioner Davis stated that the drive-thru is important to the county.

Ms. Long stated that the city would have an interest in using the drive-thru also. She stated that it would be a great place to pay parking tickets.

Judge Trimmer asked whether there is room for multiple people to work in the drive-thru.

Ms. Knisley stated yes.

Commissioner Davis stated that the third item that needs to be decided on is who the owner will be and who will be permitted utilization.

Judge Trimmer stated that the city wants the county involved.

Commissioner Davis stated that the “just give it to us” is challenging to answer. He asked who the correct person within the city is the correct person to discuss this with.

Judge Trimmer stated a combination of the administration and the court, possibly Mike Courtney and Jackie Long.

Commissioner Davis asked how the public visitors would be reserved and saved so the general public does not park there.

Judge Trimmer stated that they will have to have a system where the parking spaces are marked or parking passes for the jurors.

Commissioner Davis suggested that he be allowed to meet on behalf of the Commissioners and bring back information.

Commissioner Kiger agreed.

Commissioner Shupe agreed as long as the information is brought back to the Commissioners before making any final decisions.

Commissioner Davis stated that it will be helpful to have this discussion.

Mr. Laramee stated that there may be requirements that the new courthouse may have regarding ADA compliance such as number of handicap spaces.

Commissioner Davis asked if there were any other comments related to this.

Commissioner Kiger stated that a parking garage was discussed several years ago.

Commissioner Davis stated that the charge per parking space would need to be more than $50 per space to pay for it.

The meeting concluded at 3:27 p.m.
Adjournment

With no more business to discuss, on the motion of Mike Kiger and a second of Judith Shupe, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 3:44 p.m.

Roll call vote on the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe
Absent: Judith Shupe

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by: Mike Kiger   Seconded by: Judith Shupe
that the minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: Steven Davis, Mike Kiger, and Judith Shupe       NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on November 20, 2012.

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Steven A. Davis     Mike Kiger     Judith K. Shupe
Commissioner       Commissioner  Commissioner

Branden C. Meyer, Clerk