

**Regular Meeting #45 - 2022
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
October 25, 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, Dennis Keller, Corey Clark, Dan Neeley, Jon Kochis, Rick Szabrak, Tony Vogel, Michael Kaper, Chris Wagner, Amy Brown-Thompson, Steven Darnell, Dr. Carri Brown, Lisa McKenzie, Branden Meyer, Joe Ebel, Jason Grubb, John Pekar, Chris Schmelzer, Judy Stemen, Ray Stemen, Ken Culver, Heather O'Keefe, Raz Sabaiduc, Josh Crawford, Marty Norris, Christina Foster, and Emylee Gussler.

Attending virtually: Belinda Nebbergall, Annette Mash, Ashley Arter, Ashton, Becky, Beth Cottrell, Britney Lee, James Bahnsen, JC, Jessica Murphy, Josh Horacek, Michael Kaper, Shannon Carter, Shelby Hunt, Stacy Hicks, and Brian Wolfe.

Welcome

Commissioner Fix opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and presenting a proclamation for Accounting Appreciation Month.

Listen and Learn – Developmental Disabilities

Mr. Pekar provided a PowerPoint presentation (contained in the minutes) and spoke about the mission of DD and how Ohio established local boards of DD with taxing authority. He added that the three key components of DD are the vibrant DD community, and the importance of members leading fulfilling lives and making meaningful contributions. Mr. Pekar spoke about the vision of DD and the independence, respect, resiliency, and sustainability of the Board of DD and all individuals involved.

Mr. Pekar continued by speaking on funding, Fairfield County DD locations, and the inception of Art and Clay. He also spoke about program enrollment, and the importance of early intervention. Mr. Pekar continued by speaking on the Forest Rose School and the philosophy of integration in classrooms.

Service Coordination, including housing, healthcare, employment, assistive technology, and the person-centered plan were all touched on by Mr. Pekar. He also spoke on outreach and partnership programs and concluded his presentation by speaking about the Staff of DD, which currently encompasses 153 full-time staff.

Commissioner Davis provided accolades to Mr. Pekar for his accomplishments.

Commissioner Levacy spoke about his appreciation for the meaningful accomplishments of Mr. Pekar and his staff.

Mr. Pekar thanked Rick Szabrak for Economic Development the Workforce Center's support for DD work programs.

Commissioner Fix spoke about relational experiences with developmental disabilities and the great accomplishments of some of those individuals and their families.

Mr. Pekar stated how much he has appreciated the cooperation of the current Board of Commissioners with the Board of Developmental Disabilities.

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Public Comments

Ray Stemen of Lancaster spoke about current issues in this country including the depth of the Mississippi River, both semi-truck and rail transportation, and offered a prayer for wisdom in decisions.

Judy Stemen provided a handout and highlighted sections from the handout, after providing a reading on the pandemic.

Ken Culver spoke about the Salvation Army and two new programs that are progressing. He also spoke about the Red Kettle Campaign and stated that the campaign helps provide many of the Salvation Army's services.

Steve Finney spoke against solar energy and provided verbal evidence that solar energy is more expensive than conventional energy. He also spoke on China's mining of cobalt.

Chris Smeltzer of Bremen spoke about the Constitution and how he continues to uphold its values.

Recognition of Retirement, Denise Gressick

Commissioner Fix presented a certificate of recognition for Denise Gressick for her impending retirement and thanked her for her years of service to Fairfield County. The certificate was accepted by IT Director Dan Neeley, on behalf of Ms. Gressick.

Legal Update

None.

County Administration Update

Week in Review

County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle provided the following information for the '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, \$8.9M expended, \$5.4M encumbered or obligated.

Juvenile Court Hosted Painting Class

Juvenile Court hosted a painting class for youth and their families. This was the first of many family engagement activities that they have planned. They are looking for volunteers to assist with future events. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Bridget Moore.

CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Grant

Fairfield County will be awarded \$692,600 for its Neighborhood Revitalization project in Pleasantville Village. Mayor Henderson was thrilled to receive this news that will allow for improvements to their parks, flood drainage and storm water work, as well as some paving in the village.

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Highlights of Resolutions

Ms. Cordle provided the following information for 'Highlights of Resolutions':

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

Resolution Review

There are 26 resolutions for the voting meeting.

Resolutions of note:

- A resolution to approve the continuation of an Enterprise Zone Agreement between Blue Label Packaging, the Fairfield County Commissioners, and the City of Lancaster. The Fairfield County Tax Incentive Review Council met on Tuesday, August 30, 2022, and found the business enterprise followed the terms of said agreement and recommended to the City of Lancaster and Fairfield County the agreement be continued.
- A resolution to approve the establishment of a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA). On September 27, 2022, the Commissioners created a Community Reinvestment Area in Violet Township, and the next step is a petition for area certification, and the petition must be submitted to the Ohio Development Services Agency.
- A resolution authorizing a five-year agreement for the Operation of Airport Facilities with the Fairfield County Regional Airport Authority.
- A resolution authorizing the appointment of Zions Bancorporation, National Association, as Paying Agent for the County's various purpose bonds, series 2015, entering into a new paying agency agreement therewith, and matters related thereto.
- A resolution to declare a surplus for the Clerk of Courts Title Fund #2326 and a fund-to-fund transfer from the Clerk of Courts Title Fund to the General Fund.

Budget Review

Ms. Cordle provided the following information for 'Budget Review':

- Budget meetings are scheduled today with Facilities, IT, Clerk of Courts, Municipal Judges, Municipal Clerk, Auditor, Sheriff's Office, and Juvenile and Probate Court.
- The Budget meetings are separate meetings of the Board.
- Sales Tax information was received with an increase of 16% over 2021 in the auto category and an increase of 12% in the non-auto category.

Recognition

Ms. Cordle provided the following employee recognitions:

- Auditor Brown thanked Nick Dilley and team for their leadership for the GIS connection with the 911 and public safety program, which will allow for the use of location identification by cell phone with 911 calls. This will require a regular interface with GIS and coordination with the City of Lancaster, as well.

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- Auditor Brown thanked Rachel Enmen for her highly responsive customer service, especially with web inquiries. She has responded to even complex inquiries on the same day.
- Thank you to the Finance and Payroll Teams as well as IT for the conversion of MUNIS. Many hours were spent making the transition and smooth as possible. A special recognition goes to Michelle Wright for all her hard work assisting all the employees with logging into Time and Attendance as well as Employee Self Service.
- Thank you to Staci Knisley and Marcy Fields for their work in reviewing reimbursements regarding psychotropic medications in the jail and identifying outstanding reimbursements totaling over 184,000.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

Clerk to the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen, reviewed the following Commissioners' calendar items and provided the invitations that had been received:

- South Licking Water Conservancy District Meeting, October 25, 2022, 5:30 p.m., Hebron Municipal Complex, 934 W. Main St., Hebron (Levacy)
- OneOhio Region 18 Meeting, October 26, 2022, 7:00 p.m., Berkshire Township Building, 1454 Rome Corners Rd., Galena (Fix)
- Lancaster City Schools Official Construction Kickoff Ceremony, October 27, 2022, 4:30 p.m., Lancaster High School, 1312 Granville Pike, Lancaster (Fix, Levacy)
- CFLP Solid Waste District Board Meeting, October 28, 2022, 9:00 a.m., Licking County Transit Authority, 745 E. Main St., Newark (Fix, Davis, Levacy)
- City of Lancaster Groundbreaking of North Water Treatment Plant, October 31, 2022, 1:00 p.m., Miller Park, 420 W. Sixth Ave., Lancaster
- Freedom's Never Free Closing Ceremony, November 5, 2022, 3:00 p.m., Fairfield County Fairgrounds, Ed Sands Building, 157 E. Fair Ave., Lancaster
- Pickerington – Violet Historical Society Art Exhibit Featuring PHSN National Art Honor Society Students, November 6, 2022, 2:00-4:00 p.m., Pickerington – Violet Historical Society Museum, 15 E. Columbus St., Pickerington

Correspondence

Clerk to the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen, reviewed the following correspondence that had been received:

- Press Release, October 24, 2022, Office of the Auditor, Fairfield County Auditor Updates Real Estate Website to Include Tool Tutorials
- Thank You Card to Fairfield County Board of Commissioners for Sponsoring the Fairfield County Junior Fair Program
- Lancaster Fairfield Community Action 2021 Audit Report

Jail Population

Ms. Cordle stated the jail population on October 18, 2022, was 285 with 42 of those being contracted placements, and on October 25, 2022, was 270 with 45 of those being contracted placements.

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Old Business

None

New Business

Commissioner Davis stated that he and Rick Szabrak had a meeting with Mr. Spangler, a Lancaster High School assistant principal, regarding the difficulty students have scheduling Driver's Education classes. He added that Lancaster City Schools and Fairfield Union are working on a grant program for retrofitted vehicles that would allow the schools to provide driver's education classes. The Commissioner asked the County Administrator and Deputy County Administrator to look into possible ARP funding. The Commissioner added that he was also reaching out to other colleagues for research and support on this issue and asked his fellow Fairfield County Commissioners for support.

Deputy County Administrator, Jeff Porter, stated Fairfield County Clerk Branden Meyer is looking into drivers' education testing services at the new Fairfield Center in Pickerington.

Branden Meyer stated that Preble County has already begun offering these services.

Auditor Brown spoke about the current 2022 budget for revenues and gave the current estimates for 2023. She also reported on OU's social justice discussions and stated that the Auditor's Office will hold a Weights and Measures excellence program for businesses who continue to provide accurate weights and measurements.

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, Dennis Keller, Corey Clark, Dan Neeley, Jon Kochis, Rick Szabrak, Tony Vogel, Amy Brown-Thompson, Steven Darnell, Dr. Carri Brown, Lisa McKenzie, Branden Meyer, Joe Ebel, Jason Grubb, Judy Stemen, Ray Stemen, Ken Culver, Heather O'Keefe, Raz Sabaiduc, Josh Crawford and Marty Norris.

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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.

Approval of Review and Regular Meeting Minutes for October 18, 2022

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Review and Regular Meeting Minutes for the Tuesday, October 18, 2022, meeting.

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

Approval of Budget Hearing Minutes for October 18, 2022

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes for the Tuesday, October 18, 2022, meetings.

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:

2022-10.25.a A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of a Proclamation

Commissioner Fix presented a proclamation recognizing November as Adoption Recognition and Recruitment Month to Job and Family (JFS) Services Director, Corey Clark, and members of his team.

Dave Henwood of JFS thanked the Commissioners for their recognition and offered statistics on adoption in Fairfield County.

2022-10.25.b A resolution of authorization to forgive an advance, appropriate from unappropriated into a major expenditure object category, and reverse advances related to South Central Major Crimes Unit grants

2022-10.25.c A resolution authorizing the approval of payment to the Fairfield County Recorder for the recording of a vacation of an alley

2022-10.25.d A resolution authorizing the Agreement for the Operation of Airport Facilities with the Fairfield County Regional Airport Authority – Fairfield County Commissioners

2022-10.25.e A resolution authorizing the appointment of Zions Bancorporation, National Association, as Paying Agent for the County's various purpose bonds, series 2015, entering into a new paying agency agreement therewith, and matters related thereto.

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 Developmental Disabilities

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 Developmental Disabilities:

2022-10.25.f A resolution to approve a reimbursement for share of costs for Ethernet Services paid to AT&T as a memo expenditure for fund# 2060 - Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities

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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 Dave Levacy and the second of Jeff Fix, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Board of Elections:

2022-10.25.g A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object categories for Fund #2884 General Assembly Primary Election 2022- Board of Elections

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy and Jeff Fix

Abstention: Steve Davis

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Clerk of Courts - Legal

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Clerk of Courts - Legal:

2022-10.25.h A resolution approving an account-to-account transfer in a major object expense category – Clerk of Courts Title Division

2022-10.25.i A resolution to approve to declare a surplus for the Clerk of Courts Title Fund #2326 and a fund to fund transfer from the Clerk of Courts Title Fund #2326 to the General Fund #1001-Fairfield County Clerk of Courts

The Commissioners thanked Clerk Meyer for this transfer.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas

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

2022-10.25.j A resolution approving an account to account transfer [Court of Common Pleas] [Common Pleas Court]

2022-10.25.k A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated into a major expense category for fund #8304 –Recovery Court Grant to establish a budget for 2022 – Fairfield County Common Pleas

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 Economic & Workforce Development

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 Economic & Workforce Development:

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- 2022-10.25.l A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category – Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development [Economic & Workforce Development]
- 2022-10.25.m A resolution approving an account-to-account transfer in a major object expense category – Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development [Economic & Workforce Development]
- 2022-10.25.n A resolution to approve the continuation of an Enterprise Zone Agreement between Blue Label Packaging, the Fairfield County Commissioners and the City of Lancaster [Economic and Workforce Development] [Economic & Workforce Development]
- 2022-10.25.o A resolution to approve the establishment of a Community Reinvestment Area (CRA)

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution 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 resolution from Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First Council:

- 2022-10.25.p A resolution to approve additional appropriations by appropriating from unappropriated into a major expense object category – Fund # 7521 – Family Adult Children First – Sub-Fund 8306 – Community School Attendance Program

Executive Director of FACFC, Raz Sabaiduc, stated the resolution is to reestablish their budget for the Community School Attendance Program.

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 Job and Family Services

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 Job and Family Services:

- 2022-10.25.q A resolution approving an account-to-account transfer Fund 2599 Workforce Fund
- 2022-10.25.r A Resolution regarding an amendment for a previously approved Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Ohio Mentor, Inc and Child Protective Services Department
- 2022-10.25.s A Resolution regarding an amendment for a previously approved Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between NECCO, Inc and Child Protective Services Department

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- 2022-10.25.t A resolution regarding Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between St. Vincent Family Services and Child Protective Services Department
- 2022-10.25.u A resolution regarding Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Youth Advocate Services and Child Protective Services Department
- 2022-10.25.v A resolution approving an account to account transfer Fund 2018 Public Assistance Fund
- 2022-10.25.w A resolution regarding Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between The Bair Foundation and Child Protective Services Department
- 2022-10.25.x A resolution regarding Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Open Arms Adoption and Child Protective Services Department

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 Juvenile & Probate Court

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 Juvenile & Probate Court:

- 2022-10.25.y 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

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:

- 2022-10.25.z 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

Commissioner Davis asked Administrator Cordle to schedule a conversation with Park National Bank and Treasurer Bahnsen regarding the investments that are held there.

With no further business, on the motion of Steve Davis and a second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:19 a.m.

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

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The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 1, 2022.

Motion by: Steve Davis Seconded by: Dave Levacy
that the October 25, 2022, minutes were approved by the following vote:

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

NAYS: None

*Approved on November 1, 2022

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Jeff Pix
Commissioner


Dave Levacy
Commissioner


Steven Davis
Commissioner

Rochelle Menningen
Rochelle Menningen, Clerk