

**Budget Hearings - 2017**  
**Fairfield County Commissioners' Office**  
**October 26, 2017**

**Budget Hearing – Sheriff's Office**

The Commissioners met at 9:34 a.m. to discuss the Sheriff's Office 2018 budget. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Sheriff Phalen, Chief Perrigo, Chief Lape, Jon Kochis, and Branden Meyer.

Mr. Davis thanked the Sheriff's Office for attending and asked them to highlight any issues of concern they may have.

Sheriff Phalen stated that for the last few weeks Chiefs Lape and Perrigo have been working with Ms. Brown and arrived at a budget slightly over \$13 million which they feel will be adequate for next year. There has been a decrease in gas and an increase in contract services which has been badly needed. There is also room in the budget for a firing range as well as buying new radios. If the Commissioners agree, the Sheriff thinks it's the fairest budget he has seen since he's been Sheriff.

Mr. Davis stated his chart read \$12,765,000.

Ms. Brown replied they would be adding expenditures (reflected on the bottom of the chart) that were formerly in a different department to the Sheriff's departmental budget bringing the total budget over \$13 million. The Commissioners will continue to process these funds, but they will be classified under the Sheriff.

Mr. Davis asked to confirm if the staffing was neutral.

Sheriff Phalen replied it was.

Mr. Davis asked if they should pull out of conversations with Perry County.

Sheriff Phalen stated that based on where they are today they should do that. The only way to take in inmates from Perry County would be if they could hire additional employees to handle the additional inmates while still making a profit on housing the inmates. He further indicated that this was an issue given the additional employees would be a long-term approach while the contract for housing inmates would be shorter term.

Ms. Brown stated there are other expenses not in the departmental budget that are related to the Sheriff's Office, including debt service related to the new jail and indirect costs that are assigned to the Sheriff, but not charged, just as is the case for other departments as well. Some counties choose to charge these costs to the individual departmental budgets.

Mr. Kiger asked how the new cruisers are working that were obtained last year.

Sheriff Phalen replied they were working out great as they are much better vehicles and are more suited for what they do.

Ms. Brown stated the current budget includes the additional \$20,000 from 2017 and allows for continued replacements.

Mr. Kiger asked how long it would take to replace all the regular cruises.

Chief Perrigo replied it will take a while as they just got seven last year.

Chief Lape stated it would take at least three years.

Ms. Brown stated the Commissioners are thinking of preparing a tool kit for bidding and issuing RFPs and asked if the Sheriff thought that would be helpful.

Chief Perrigo replied that whatever resources are added would be helpful.

Ms. Brown stated she would create a pilot set of materials and the Sheriff's Office could test it.

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Sheriff Phalen stated he was very appreciative of the Commissioners and Ms. Brown as he knows the budgeting process has been a struggle and that the Sheriff has a disproportionate amount of the budget. They are very appreciative of where they are today.

Ms. Brown asked if mid-2018 still makes sense for radio purchases or if they needed them sooner.

Chief Perrigo replied that the sooner the better based on when they get a good quote.

Mr. Davis stated there was no needed for an additional hearing.

The hearing was closed at 9:48 a.m.

**Budget Hearing – Prosecutor's Office**

The Commissioners met at 9:56 a.m. to discuss Prosecutor's Office 2018 budget. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Jon Kochis, Branden Meyer, Christy Noland, and Kyle Witt.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Witt for attending and asked him to highlight any issues of concern he might have.

Mr. Witt thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity. He stated the general revenue fund budget is relatively straight forward with 2% salary increase with proportional adjustments made to the appropriate line items. The health insurance numbers reflect the status changes and the budget also reflects employees who have transitioned out. Mr. Witt stated they do anticipate adding one additional hire which is a position that just has not been filled.

Mr. Davis asked about looking forward to 2019 and stated that the best-case scenario will be 2% increases. He says, "best case" as the Commission is seeing a change in revenue including having heard from the Sheriff that they cannot house Perry County prisoners with the staff they have. Mr. Davis added that there is no chance the situation gets better, only worse.

Mr. Witt added that he understood and would stay within parameters.

Mr. Davis added that Mr. Witt's predecessor did not apply the 2% increase across the board but chose to give it to higher ranking employees.

Mr. Witt replied he would be meeting with all employees to discuss performance and get feedback on how the office is progressing. He anticipates consistent raises. He has been happy with pretty much the performance of all employees.

Mr. Levacy stated that it has been a pleasure working with the Prosecutor's Office.

Ms. Brown added, for clarity, that when you discuss 2% it is over the current salaries (with no new hires), not a 2% over a revised budget or original budget, as explained in the letter about parameters, especially when there are special revenue funds that can impact the proposal and decisions. So, the parameter needs to be thought of differently in the future. She went on to ask when the legal services special revenue fund would be used.

Mr. Witt replied it would be used in 2018.

Ms. Brown recommended making an expense adjustment 2017, as well, instead of waiting, if they could identify those expenses that have already incurred within the general fund.

Mr. Witt replied there is a little hesitancy to make that change quite yet as he is conservative with the new relationship with the Historic Parks department.

Ms. Brown explained her suggestion was based on accounting of the two funds.

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Ms. Brown mentioned that Mr. Witt had previously mentioned to her there was a possible FOJ related return to the general fund budget and that would be a rare, appreciated circumstance.

Mr. Witt replied that right now they have spent roughly half of the fund, and if there is a need for it, they should use it; but if there is an opportunity to return what isn't used that would be the prudent thing to do. He is not sure what that amount might be, but he does expect it to be more than a nominal amount.

Mr. Davis stated a fresh look at the FOJ would be appreciated.

Mr. Witt asked if there were any other concerns with their budget.

Mr. Davis replied he thought the proposal was on the glidepath towards approval and that the addition of any staff is a concern due to expected disruptions in the revenue stream.

Mr. Witt replied that he understood and that the office has undergone a lot of transitions and restructuring in the last year. The overall number of employees have not gone up as victim/witness has lost two employees, and they are looking to rehire one position.

Ms. Brown offered to help and have HR help with the hiring of the new employee if needed, and she added that there are challenges when there are employees (funded by special revenue funds) who are replaced with employees (funded by the general fund). She asked if the new employee was to be an attorney.

Mr. Witt replied he hasn't made the decision as to what type of position to hire (attorney or not). He will speak with the supervisors to see what works best.

Ms. Brown added they would place the additional position (or any of his departmental positions) in the compensation plan as Mr. Witt would suggest them to be included, especially if there is a new position not included in the compensation plan.

The hearing was closed at 10:18 a.m. with no need for an additional hearing.

**Budget Hearing – Emergency Management Agency**

The Commissioners met at 10:20 a.m. to discuss the Emergency Management Agency 2018 budget. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Jon Kochis, Christy Noland, and Dennis Keller.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Kochis for attending and asked him to highlight any issues of concern he might have.

Mr. Kochis stated that they will be asking for less money this year as the notification system will not be classified in his department so that all county departments can use it. The difference is the slight increase, and they are sticking to the parameters. While they do not have the grant from the State of Ohio yet, they do anticipate there is enough in the budget to cover the match.

Mr. Kochis also overviewed a few items of interest, such as including the township fire departments in the plan for new radios.

Mr. Davis mentioned he was surprised to be back in radio issuing since 2001.

Mr. Kochis replied that since 2005 they have procrastinated which makes the transition cheaper as the system has been built out without the county needing to do anything. It cost several million in 2005.

Mr. Kochis discussed the regional application with Franklin County to purchase satellite uplinks for 15 EOCs that surround Fairfield County. He added that grants are drying up. The next thing that will be a big issue is public safety priority broadband access. Ohio is still deciding if they will be on board with that and if they do, MARCs will be the lead on that.

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Mr. Kochis stated EMA is very excited about the new garage at Baldwin and are happy to contribute the \$220,000 from the remainders of grant reimbursements that are earmarked for hazardous materials which is appropriate as this garage will house the EMA Hazardous Materials vehicle. Ms. Brown clarified that \$80,000 of the \$220,000 is actually residual equity to be transferred in 2018, and Mr. Kochis agreed.

Mr. Kochis went on to state they are also excited about the new office space as well. Around \$70,000 of equipment will be left in the existing conference room for use. Further, they expect \$1.3 million coming to the county from relief funds related to the July storms. All who applied were granted their requests.

The budget hearing was closed at 10:33 a.m. with no need for an additional hearing.

Mr. Davis announced at 10:34 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess for 5 minutes.

**Budget Hearing – Facilities**

The Commissioners met at 10:42 a.m. to discuss the Facilities 2018 budget. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, and Dennis Keller.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Keller for attending and asked him to highlight any issues of concern he might have.

Mr. Keller reviewed the purpose of the hearing, the mission statement of the department which is to be proactive and responsive in maintaining all County Facilities to insure a comfortable, safe, and pleasant work environment for our County employees and the public.

The Facilities Department provides maintenance for 21 buildings with 9 maintenance & grounds-keeping staff members, provides janitorial services for 6 buildings with 3 janitorial staff members + 2 Temps, and provides contracted janitorial services to 5 buildings by using Service Master Clean, Inc.

Mr. Keller also reviewed the stats from FMX scheduling and maintenance requests as well as the Building Automation System (BAS) which seven county buildings are on.

The department is trying to hold down expenses however possible including:

- Overall the Facilities budget reflects a 11% decrease.
- A 2% salary increase and no health insurance increase is included in the budget to follow the required parameters
- A \$.75/hr. increase to maintenance staff members is included for “on call” premium to be consistent with other departments
- Used an existing staff member promotion to fill the maintenance coordinator position for the new jail complex
- Moved a janitorial staff member to the new jail complex
- Contract services for landscaping and housekeeping provide better value and help hold down costs

Budget highlights for 2018 include:

- See hand-outs for budget details prepared by Staci Knisley
- Budget includes \$41,000 for purchase of a new truck and equipment. Several vehicles need replaced over the next few years as some critical trucks are over 10 years old.
- Repair & Maintenance, Equipment costs are increasing due to aging of our facilities. Increased maintenance at the Engineers Complex is adding cost in the coming years.
- Salaries have decreased due to retirements and transfers
- Contract Services has increased due to Janitorial Contract

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Goals and objectives for the upcoming year are better planning including the 5-Year Capital Improvements Plan which is:

- 2017 – GSC/JFS replacement of exterior Lobby doors
- 2018 - Construction of new EMA-MCU Equip Storage Building
- 2018 – DACO improvements to add ADA parking
- 2018 – Parking Lot Drainage at Dog Shelter
- 2018 – Demolition of Conrad building, Main Jail, Maint. Shop
- 2018 - Start Renovation of 108 N. High Building
- 2018 - Start Renovation of Chestnut St. Records Storage Center
- 2019 – Hall of Justice window replacement
- 2022 - Restoration of Historic Courthouse building

The department received grant funding for the ADA compliance upgrades of the DACO parking lot.

Mr. Davis asked where the county was on acquiring the Conrad building.

Ms. Brown replied we have a purchase agreement and she believed the closing would be scheduled prior to March. They need to do additional work to update the phase 1 study and are waiting to hear back from the title company.

Accomplishments for 2017 include:

- Completed the new Sheriff's Office and Jail Complex
- Demolished the old MSMJ building on Wheeling St
- Roof restoration at the Admin Courthouse
- Repainted/repared exterior of DACO building
- In-house remodel of offices at Juvenile Court, and others
- Replaced flooring at Hall of Justice & GSC/JFS buildings
- Signage Improvements in various buildings
- Upgraded the maintenance staff to smart phones for better access to FMX and Building Automation System

Upcoming challenges for the facilities department includes:

- Keeping up with needed capital improvements for our aging facilities – see my 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan
- Improving our service and response times to maintenance problems – FMX is really helping! Currently at 1.43 Days
- Develop new Baldwin Complex for EMA, MCU and Maint. Shop
- Plan for the replacement of the Hall of Justice by 2030
- Restore Admin. Courthouse by 2024 to preserve history
- Renovate 108 N. High building for use by Auditor's Office

Ms. Brown noted that the County Auditor has verbally indicated a dedication of \$2,000,000 from the real-estate fund for the overall upgrades to 108 N. High. This means the offices can only be used for real-estate purposes.

Some construction and demolition updates include:

- Construction to start on Phase 1 (records storage area) of the Chestnut Street Building (old Eagle Gazette)
- EMA-MCU vehicle storage building to be built at Baldwin Drive
- Renovation to start at 108 N. High for new Auditors Office
- Demolition of Main St. Jail and expansion of the parking lot
- Demolition of two Lincoln Ave properties to clear the front yard of the new Sheriff's Office and Jail Complex

Mr. Keller would like to potentially package all three demolitions in one budget and will evaluate it.

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Mr. Davis asked when the Main Street Jail would be demolished.

Mr. Keller replied he hoped early spring. They have \$350,000-\$450,000 budgeted for the demolition and repaving of the parking lot.

Mr. Davis replied he was an advocate for demolishing as soon as possible.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Keller for his tremendous work. With no need for an additional hearing the budget hearing was closed at 11:16 a.m.

**Budget Hearing – Municipal Judges**

The Commissioners met at 11:20 a.m. to discuss the Municipal Judges 2018 budget. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Jackie Long, and Judge Fields.

Mr. Davis thanked Judge Fields and Ms. Long for attending and asked them to highlight any issues of concern they might have.

Ms. Long stated that they have moved the court appointment attorney fees to their budget for better tracking. No other significant changes have been made. They are asking for an allocation increase aside from the budget. They used the 2% increase for staff and follow the city guidelines.

Mr. Davis noted it appeared to be a 3% increase.

Ms. Long replied that that line item included more than just salaries and the 3% increase included the city's health insurance cost increases and visiting judge per diem increases by the state.

Judge Fields added that he is proposing designating a probation officer specific for community service (scheduling, working, and going on the sites) as they are ordering more and more community service. The Supreme Court is asking that they order more community service and less jail time and fines. Current staff cannot do this every day. This individual would work Tuesday through Saturday and work with the entire county. He went on to state the additional \$17,000 is what would be needed for this position. The rest needed for the position has been found within the city. Judge Trimmer and Judge Berens have stated they would use the position as well. The testing arrangement is working well with the cooperation between the Municipal Court and Common Pleas Court. They are also testing for DR Court (which the county is not paying for).

Mr. Levacy replied he was involved in using community service when he was with the fire department. The biggest issue was figuring something out quickly and finding work needed done that day.

Judge Fields agreed. If there is someone designated to plan this daily and reach out to all the organizations and churches, they can have that lined up.

Ms. Brown stated she recently wrote a letter of support for Tamara Bartak, and the grant proposal sounded similar to this plan.

Judge Fields replied that he wasn't sure they had the statistics the state wanted for that grant. If they are to receive that grant, it would negate the need for this request. They have been told they would know by December, but they aren't sure that is true.

Mr. Davis stated they would take that under advisement and raise the issue within their budget hearings with Common Pleas Court. There is no recent history in denying judicial requests. Also, the Commissioners are interested in means and methods of maintaining or lowering the jail population.

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Judge Fields stated he wasn't sure about the reason for the recent increase. He and Judge Landefeld review the numbers daily and have had conversations with jail staff about trying to keep numbers down.

Mr. Davis stated that what they are hearing most is that from a probation standpoint there are issues with having someone out of jail who should be in (such as the situation in Kirkersville).

Judge Fields replied that they are quick to get those out for testing positive and it's typically committing a new crime that will put them in for the probation violation. This has been communicated to jail staff.

Ms. Brown asked for clarification on the additional request, as the current request did not include the increase for the new position.

Judge Fields replied it would be \$17,000 which is lower than the 60/40 split.

Mr. Davis reviewed the upcoming revenue worries the county was facing.

Mr. Davis stated an additional hearing was not necessary. They will discuss the request with Common Pleas and would appreciate an update on the grant when an update is available.

The hearing was closed at 11:39 a.m. with the Commission in recess until 1:00 p.m.

**Budget Hearing – Treasurer's Office**

The Commissioners met at 1:03 p.m. to discuss the Treasurer's Office 2018 budget. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Michael Kaper, and Jim Bahnsen.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Bahnsen and Mr. Kaper for attending and asked them to highlight any issues of concern they might have.

Mr. Bahnsen presented the revenue generated by the Treasurer's office. Last year's revenue generated to the GRF was \$855,000, and this year to date, it is \$717,000, estimated to reach \$946,000. The Treasurer fees this year have been \$470,000 so far for the year, with an expected \$484,000 by the end of the year.

The Treasurer's salary is now completely charged to the general fund with Mr. Kaper's salary moved to DTAC with the Land Bank reimbursing DTAC. This reduces the salary and health insurance line items for the general fund. Contract services are slightly increased due to charges from the bank. This year, they needed to get three new computers at the suggestion of IT. They will replace two next year.

Ms. Brown pointed out the Treasurer's salary has been adjusted slightly upward to be consistent with the Prosecutor's opinion (based on the Ohio Revised Code).

She also mentioned the difference in the proration of DTAC and General Fund would mean there will be an adjustment to the language in the Land Bank reimbursement agreement, which is done on an annual basis.

Mr. Bahnsen agreed.

Mr. Davis asked if the Land Bank was a separate fund.

Ms. Brown replied that was correct, as they are a separate quasi-public entity with a segregated account for operations.

Mr. Davis asked how the Land Bank was doing.

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Mr. Kaper relied things were going well. The NIP grant deadline is November which should be fine. They will have roughly \$900,000 from that fund. They still possess the Miller Building and hope to have a conclusion to that soon.

Mr. Davis asked how the Land Bank was financially.

Mr. Kaper replied they have available DTAC funding which they have not used in the past two years. They also have a bank account that normally has about \$100,000 in it at any given time.

Mr. Bahnsen stated they are currently working on 150 foreclosures.

He went on to state there is an increase in the DTAC fund budget due moving of salaries. Contract services and advertising are also up due to the number of foreclosures and title searches.

Mr. Bahnsen distributed a table of organization for the office.

With no further questions and no need for an additional budget hearing the hearing was closed at 1:25 p.m.

**Budget Hearing – OSU Extension**

The Commissioners met at 1:30 p.m. to discuss the OSU Extension 2018 budget. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, and Jerry Isles.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Isles for attending and asked him to highlight any issues of concern he might have.

Ms. Isles reviewed the packet of information distributed. The packet included the 2018 total budget of \$465,094 with the request of \$428,000 (an approximate \$16,000 increase from last year). This will move the carry-over fund down to the 25% range. While the \$16,000 is a 3.9% increase, there was a \$8,800 pay out for a retiring employee. Without that payout, they would've been below a 2% increase.

Mr. Isles reviewed their organizational strategies. They replaced the retiring employee with a 4H educator. By doing this, they moved from a full county employee to an employee classified with OSU picking up the benefits. They are also projecting two retirees for next year. Their payouts will be roughly \$10,000 each, so one was included on the premise that one could retire this year.

Mr. Davis asked if the carry-over balance was after the \$47,000 was taken out.

Mr. Isles replied that was at the end of this year, not including what they plan on using next year.

Mr. Kiger mentioned he was glad to hear that OSU Extension was taking the county's potential revenue loss into consideration.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Isles for the update and stated he did not see a need for an additional hearing.

The hearing was closed at 1:39 p.m.

**Budget Hearing – Utilities**

The Commissioners met at 1:41 p.m. to discuss the Utilities 2018 budget. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, and Tony Vogel.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Vogel for attending and asked him to highlight any issues of concern he might have.



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Mr. Vogel reviewed the department's mission statement, "We will provide the highest quality of potable water and treated wastewater services in a manner that is safe, reliable, cost effective, prompt, efficient, courteous, and sensitive to the needs of our customers and the environment."

The budget is as follows:

- Sewer Admin. - (5044)  
 Income Revenue **\$ 5,007,577 (includes \$850,000 tap revenue)**  
  
 Expenditures
 

– Personal Services	\$ 659,075
– Fringe Benefits	\$ 281,891
– Contractual Services	\$ 1,118,818
– Material & Supplies	\$ 229,507
– Capital Outlay	\$ 592,767
– Other	\$ 10,000
– Debt Service	\$ 1,316,327
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,208,385</b>

 \*\*\* This year's carry over ~ \$ 2,800,000
  
- Water Admin. - (5046)  
 Income Revenue **\$ 4,085,716 (includes \$1,100,000 tap revenue)**  
  
 Expenditures
 

– Personal Services	\$ 588,936
– Fringe Benefits	\$ 215,698
– Contractual Services	\$ 925,713
– Material & Supplies	\$ 595,119
– Capital Outlay	\$ 651,688
– Other	\$ 5,000
– Debt Service	\$ 1,028,316
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,010,470</b>

 \*\*\* This year's carry over ~ \$ 1,700,000
  
- Sewer Admin. - (Greenfield)  
 Income Revenue **\$ 750,000**  
  
 Expenditures
 

– Personal Services	\$ 55,000
– Fringe Benefits	\$ 22,000
– Contractual Services	\$ 223,000
– Material & Supplies	\$ 76,000
– Capital Outlay	\$ 0
– Other	\$ 4,000
– Debt Service	\$ 264,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 644,000</b>
  
- Water Admin. - (Greenfield)  
 Income Revenue **\$ 508,000**  
  
 Expenditures
 

– Personal Services	\$ 55,000
– Fringe Benefits	\$ 22,000
– Contractual Services	\$ 124,000
– Material & Supplies	\$ 100,000
– Capital Outlay	\$ 0
– Other	\$ 4,000
– Debt Service	\$ 158,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 463,000</b>

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Mr. Davis asked a few questions about the acquisition of the Greenfield sewer and water district. The budgeted numbers are projections based on history of the Greenfield reports, and as more information is known, the numbers could be adjusted.

- Department's description of new housing developments

- **Subdivision**

- ***Under Construction***

	<u><b>Total Size</b></u>	<u><b>Current Phase</b></u>	<u><b># sold to date</b></u>
– Wellington Park 1 and 5	253 lots	53 lots	4
– Springcreek 2-3	17 lots	17 lots	14
– Heron Crossing	154 lots	48 lots	39
– Lake Forest SF/Condo	290 lots	90 lots	55
– Meadowmoore Sec 4	40 lots	40 lots	40
– Meadowmoore Reserve	205 lots	32 lots	1
<b>Total</b>			<b>153</b>

- Department's description of new housing developments

- **Subdivision**

- ***Proposed Construction***

– Enclave at Meadowmoore –	112 lots	(Ault Road)
– 8185 Farms (Ryan)–	300 lots	(Pickerington/Busey)
– Stenson Property –	176 lots	(Tollgate Road)
– South Hampton–	155 lots	(Hill Road)
– Estates of Lake Forest –	55 lots	(Refugee Road)
– Chesapeake (Fischer) –	67 lots	(Milnor Road)
– Spring Creek Phase 3 –	338 lots	(Milnor Road)
– Violet Meadows Sect. 5 –	<u>15 lots</u>	(SR 204)
<b>Total</b>		<b>1218 Lots</b>

The potential with the developments is for a 20-30% increase in the departments customer service base.

Mr. Davis stated it used to be that growth was annexation based, but it appears these won't be annexed in and removed from the territory.

Mr. Vogel replied that he is not sure if they will be annexed, but the city cannot serve these areas regardless of annexation.

- Department's description of new commercial developments

- **Commercial Projects**

- Aldi Grocery – SR 256 (Pickerington)
    - Overland Park Apartments – 157 units (Pickerington)
    - Lake Forest Condos – 81 units (Pickerington)
    - Enclave at Meadowmoore – 112 units
    - South Shore Cable Company – Basil-Western Rd.
    - Gillilan Development – Commercial Out Lots Refugee/Milnor

- Greenfield Sewer District Acquisition

- ✓ Signed agreement With the Greenfield Board
  - ✓ Will be filing with courts at end of October
  - ✓ Completed a resolution for the Greenfield Funds
  - Next a resolution for the OWPC Loan Agreements
  - Acquisition will be at the beginning of the year
  - Transfer all assets
  - Send out letter notification to customers (FAQ online)
  - Hold a public meeting addressing changes

Mr. Levacy asked what the capacity of Greenfield was.

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Mr. Vogel replied the water capacity was 150,000 gallons a day.

- Department's description of new personnel, grants, or contracts planned
  - Well Field Test & Acquisition
    - Test well drilled 10/17-10/27
    - Test production at beginning of November
    - Purchase agreement at the end of the year
    - Possibly use roadway bond funds as part of purchase (\$1M)
  - Planned Projects
    - Water Line Projects – Grant & Hampton Lanes; SR 204/256; Tossing Well 6
    - Tussing Rd. Softener Rehabilitation.
    - Sewer Line Projects – Lift Station Evaluation; Mingo sewer line replacement
    - Sewer Plant – Pleasant Lea Screen & UV

Mr. Davis asked for an update on the Supreme Court case from the past.

Mr. Vogel replied that they received a decision. They will rewrite the permit this year and are throwing out the limits.

With no need for a follow-up budget hearing, the hearing was closed at 2:07 p.m.

**Budget Hearing – JFS**

The Commissioners met at 2:03 p.m. to discuss the JFS 2018 budget. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Aunie Cordle, and Bart Hampson.

Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Hampson and Ms. Cordle for attending and asked them to highlight any issues of concern they might have.

Ms. Brown began by reviewing the JFS allocation in the aggregate and broken down by department. A total for 2018 is \$2.124 million, with the traditional allocation including a 1.5% increase, estimating 75% of that being labor related and accommodating a 2% increase for that portion of the allocation. The salary line item is consistent with the 2% parameter. The overall increase is about 1%. There will be minor adjustments for 2017 based on short and long term disability. What is not reflected in the chart is the rent JFS pays by contract and the IV-D (child support) revenue which supports specific contracted services, including security services.

Mr. Hampson provided projections for the levy funding. The first section of a handout showed the levy as it currently is and how it could continue at the current pace grossing \$7.6 million yearly. The expenses and conservative trends are also included. The second section showed the new levy plan which would be sustainable through 2023. Total revenue is a combination of federal, state, and levy revenue with the federal and state revenues being held constant.

Mr. Davis asked what the annual cost would be for a \$100,000 house. Ms. Cordle replied that is would be \$5.30 per month, or \$63.60 per year.

With no need for an additional hearing, the hearing was closed at 2:34 p.m.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, on the motion of Mike Kiger and a second of Dave Levacy the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn 2:34 p.m.

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

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The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. with review session at 9:00 a.m. on the same day.




Motion by: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

that the October 26, 2016 minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

\*Approved on October 31, 2016

Steven A. Derris                      Dave Lenoxy                      Mike Kiger

Steven A. Davis  
Commissioner

Dave Levacy  
Commissioner

Mike Kiger  
Commissioner

Karim Elsa

Rachel Elsea, Clerk