

Regular Meeting #48 - 2021
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
October 26, 2021

Review

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy. Also present were Aunie Cordle, Rachel Elsea, Thomas Lininger, Joshua Horacek, Joe Ebel, Jon Kochis, Carri Brown, Chris Wagner, Jeff Porter, Dennis Keller, Tony Vogel, Chris Schmelzer, Deputy Norris, David Miller, Audrey Stoffel, Branden Meyer, Ed Laramée, Ray Stemen, Judy Stemen, Heather O'Keefe, Dave Henwood, and

Attending virtually were: Jim Bahnsen, Jeff Barron, Lynette Barnhart, Michael Kaper, Nikki Drake, Park Russell, Jeff Camechis, Marcy Fields, Kourtney Enyart, Stacy Hicks, Tony Howard, Raz Sabaiduc, Bennett Niceswanger, Amy Brown-Thompson, Angel Horn, Ashley Arter, Stephanie Fyffe, Britney Lee, and Jeremiah Upp.

- **Welcome**

Commissioner Levacy welcomed everyone. He congratulated Dr. Brown and Ms. Cordle on their new responsibilities.

- **Announcement**

Congratulations to Fairfield County. The Records Center and Auditor's Real Estate Assessment Office have been selected to receive 2021 Coronet Awards.

Thanks to the Fairfield County leadership and construction partners for working so hard on these projects to improve Fairfield County.

Thanks to Commissioners Levacy, Davis, and Fix, Carri Brown, Dennis Keller, Branden Meyer, Mark Conrad, Jeff Porter, Jon Slater, Dave Burgei, and the architects, contractors, artists, and counsel who supported the projects.

Thanks to the Heritage District for the recognition.

RSVPs are needed by October 26 for a recognition dinner on November 4 at 6:30 pm in Lancaster.

See Rachel Elsea to RSVP please.

- **Fairfield Forward**

Main Uses of the ARP Fiscal Recovery Funds

We discussed how there are two main uses of ARP fiscal recovery funds for us:

1. Responding to the public health emergency with respect to the COVID19 or its negative economic impacts, including assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries such as tourism, travel, and hospitality.

2. Making necessary investments in water, sewer, or broadband infrastructure.

As we think about the first purpose, we will need to:

- Identify a need or negative impact of the public health emergency,
- Identify how the county investment would specifically address that need, and
- Readily explain how the investment helps the county respond to the disease or the harmful economic consequences of the economic disruption.

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On October 19, the U.S. Senate passed a bipartisan bill to increase flexibility for the ARP funds, allowing highway and transit projects, *as well as provision of government services*, to be included. This bill now heads to the U.S. House of Representatives for a vote. The federal legislation would allow counties to allocate *up to \$10 million of recovery funds for the provision of government services* or \$10 million (or 30 percent) for highway and transit projects, and to address natural disasters.

The review packet contained a summary of the expenditures, encumbrances, and authorized uses of ARP fiscal recovery funds. With the ARP fiscal recovery funds, \$1.4 M has been spent; \$4 M is encumbered, and \$7.9 M has been authorized for use.

For the voting agenda, there will be a resolution to approve an authorized use and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, to purchase a vehicle for safe transports of indigent wards facing eviction and for contracted for services to pay for storage facilities and supplies expenses for the increasing number of indigent wards facing evictions and who are connected with Juvenile/Probate Court and who are facing eviction and economic distress based on the effects of the pandemic.

There are multiple projects under review. We continue to connect partners and stakeholders to research affordable housing and various factors connected to antecedents of those in unsheltered situations.

We expect a draft report from RAMA by the year end.

- COVID 19 Update

The group discussed topics of interest to the Health Department, schools, and other organizations relating to the pandemic and quarantining.

Joe Ebel reported on guidance the Board of Health is providing. He reviewed a letter from ODH.

The ODH released “Masked to Stay and Test to Play” options for COVID quarantine protocols. This allows exposed kids to remain in school if they are symptom free and masked or 14 days. There is also the option to be tested on days 5-7 and can stop wearing a mask after day 7. He also reviewed the protocols for playing school sports.

Last week there were 50 kids to test positive. This is down quite a bit from where they were a few weeks ago. The numbers continue to drop from the highs in September.

The Health Department is waiting on formal approval for 5-11 ages. About 40% of students in the 12-18 age group are vaccinated.

Mr. Davis asked for more details on school districts protocols and the new state law.

Mr. Ebel replied he believed HB 224 took 90 days to take effect which occurred last week. It said K-12 schools and state universities weren't allowed to treat kids differently based on their vaccination status. They have known this is coming. The schools did not quarantine the kids, the health department looked at those factors and made the decisions as they were not covered in the bill.

Mr. Davis asked if the guidance the schools are getting from the health departments the same or is Franklin Department of Health providing different guidance.

Mr. Ebel replied as of last week health departments were giving different guidance but seemed to be moving in this direction. His assumption would be that they would revise their protocols to match the state's, but he has not seen anything like that yet. The different approaches were a concern.

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All schools with a physical location in Fairfield County received the new guidance yesterday.

Mr. Levacy asked what constitutes exposure.

Mr. Ebel replied less than 6 feet (in school it's 3 feet) for 15 minutes or more.

There were 26 COVID related deaths in September. This was the highest since January. These cases typically lag a few weeks from the case peak. They hope this will start dropping as they get into October. So far there has been one death in October. It does take a few weeks between a death occurring and being entered into the database.

Mr. Levacy mentioned the amount of disinformation regarding the cause of death.

Mr. Ebel replied normally in the hospital the physician completes the death certificate including the cause of death.

Mr. Fix asked what percentage of eligible adults were vaccinated.

Mr. Ebel believes its 63% of those eligible.

Mr. Fix asked about the new variant currently in Europe.

Mr. Ebel replied they are still learning about that variant and does not see a reason to be too worried about it. In our area 99% of the cases are the delta variant. The biggest issues with the delta variant are how easily it transmits.

Mr. Davis stated there was some concern about going into the fair and the potential for spread. He asked if we would see a spike yet from the air.

Mr. Ebel replied most people exposed start symptoms 3-5 days from exposure. The county did not see any real spike in cases. Whether the case numbers would have dropped faster without a fair is hard to say.

- Legal Update

Mr. Horacek did not have a legal update.

- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List

- a. Announcements & Dates of Interest

- Announcements

- Anyone can email a question anytime: Aundrea.Cordle@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov

- Dates/Events of Interest

- October 26 – Commission Connection videotaping – Commissioner Davis
 - October 26 – Township, Village, and Cities Outreach – Government Services Center, 6 pm
 - October 28 – Budget Hearings continue

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

- November 11 – Veterans Day

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Mr. Levacy thinks the grant writing informational meeting that evening would be very useful to the smaller entities in Fairfield County.

b. Highlights of Resolutions

There were 18 resolutions for the voting meeting.

We had a resolution to approve proclamations for the Freedom Isn't Free event and National Adoption Month.

JFS proposed approval of an agreement for network placement with Fox Run.

RPC proposed two resolutions to approve development agreements for the Meadowmoore Reserve Section 2 Phase 1 subdivision and the Meadowmoore Reserve Section 2 Phase 2 subdivision.

RPC also proposed a change order for the Fairfield County CDBG – the Village of Carroll FY2020 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project.

We proposed a contract renewal for 2022 for the City of Lancaster Law Director services for criminal prosecution that occur in unincorporated areas and villages. This also includes the standard grant match of \$25,000 for one year.

We proposed reappointment of Doug Ingram to the Regional Planning Commission.

There were 11 *financial and grant related resolutions* to approve:

- Interest allocations for September;
- Authorization of the release and satisfaction of mortgage on a FY 2016 Community Housing Improvement Program;
- A resolution to approve an authorized use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, to purchase a vehicle for safe transports of indigent wards facing eviction and for contracted for services to pay for storage facilities and supplies expenses for the increasing number of indigent wards facing evictions and who are connected with Juvenile/Probate Court and who are facing eviction and economic distress based on the effects of the pandemic;
- Account to account transfers of appropriations for FAFS Council (to support temporary services), the Sheriff's Office (to properly classify salary expenditures), and IT (for proper classification of equipment expenditures);
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for Common Pleas Court;
- Two advances for grant funds;
- Acceptance of VOCA and SVAA grants; and
- Bills requiring Commission approval.

In queue, there were multiple contracting and financial resolutions.

Once we have formal word from Ohio University, the purchase agreement will be presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval with instructions for closing. The previous resolution was approval of a go forward plan.

c. Administrative, Program, & Budget Update

Administrative & Program Updates

Administrative Approvals

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

Indigent Defense Reimbursement Rate

The review packet contained a memo from the Office of the Ohio Public Defender. While there is no guarantee that the 100% reimbursement rate will continue, that is the current rate of reimbursement.

Mr. Fix stated there is a certain amount of money set aside for indigent defense and when that money is spent there is no more reimbursement. Until the state completely takes over reimbursement, this is will not change.

ADAMH Board Position

We continue to accept applicants for the ADAMH Board position. ADAMH has a desire for financial and/or legal experience. Interviews will not be scheduled until November.

Fair Opening Debriefing

Dr. Brown and Ms. Cordle met with Nancy Myer, Cheryl Ricketts, and Jim Marcinko to debrief about the fair grand opening. All were pleased with the event and with the fair performance. There were record sales for rides on Wednesday, which resulted in sales of an additional \$63 K than expected. The final attendance (including attendance without tickets) will likely be at the 100,000 level, as expected. 2.5 tons of canned food was raised with the food drive. Next year, coordination for more shuttles is needed.

The Agricultural Society will reorganize and let us know if they want to continue to have our support and help with the opening.

We are now turning our monitoring attention to the ARP subgrant activities. An additional meeting is scheduled in November for monitoring.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station Bid Opening

On October 22, we opened bids for the EV Charging Station Project, and the low bid was from Thayer Power and Communications for \$68,441.38. The published engineer's estimate was \$62,205.

Given the low bid was more than 10% higher than the advertised estimate, we will plan to advertise again on Nov. 4, which is the earliest date for newspaper legal ads to be published, and the new bid opening date will be Nov. 19. We will seek a revised estimate for the project.

Mr. Keller added it was \$16 above the 10% cut off. The work itself is not complicated. It is expected the increase in prices is a result of product demand.

Budget Update

Ongoing Sales Tax Review & Budget Review

Auto sales tax for the sales of August and pay-in of November are estimated at \$506K, bringing the month total to \$2.2 M, or 18% above 2019. Without considering December, the revenues exceed the annual expectations.

Budget hearings continue today and October 28.

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d. BRAVOS

Bravo for the department level cooperation and planning for the budget hearings. Much of the information for the requests has arrived late this year, but the information has been detailed and evaluative.

Thank you to Dr. Brown for making these hearings as smooth as possible.

From Elaine Swartz: Thanks to HR for their hard work in providing good health plan benefits for all employees.

Thanks to everyone who worked hard on the Job Fair held at the Workforce Center. There were about 150 job seekers and 80 employers participating in the Job Fair.

From Erin Frost: Thanks to all of Fairfield County for the foundational leadership that has helped her to succeed. Also, thanks to Leighann Adams, Deputy Warden, who recently received positive feedback from a resident about her customer service.

From Chris Wagner, thanks to Angel Horn for taking notes during the budget hearings last week so that information about future capital outlay expenditures was known.

From Josh Harper, thanks to REA team for implementing a new e-recording procedure.

We received an email from a resident who had a complicated title issue and was very pleased with the services they received at the Title Office.

- Old Business

- a. Commissioner Connections & Updates

Mr. Fix updated everyone on their meeting with Governor DeWine after last week's meeting. It was clear Governor DeWine appreciates Fairfield County. Afterwards, the Commission met with the President of Ohio University at the Workforce Center. There is a lot of enthusiasm around the local universities for the workforce center.

- New Business (none)

- General Correspondence

- a. Letter from constituent regarding lighting on West Fair Ave

Dr. Brown reached out to Paul Martin for comments and replied to the resident.

- b. Thank you from Dr. Carri Brown

Dr. Brown thanked the Commissioners for their partnership and support.

- Invitations

- a. Buckeye Builds – Water and Wastewater Grant Award announcement – Wednesday, October 27th at 10:30 am. At 747 Mill Park Drive, Lancaster

- b. Coronet Award Dinner – November 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the KC Event Center

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- c. Fairfield County TID Meeting – Thursday, October 28th at 9:00 a.m. – Rick Szabrak will attend
- d. Dedication of Ohio's 140th State Nature Preserve at Coyote Run – Monday, November 1st at 1:00 p.m. at 9212 Pickerington Road, Pickerington
- FYI
 - a. Jail Population – 256 – 5 contracted from Perry
 - b. Thank you from Eastland-Fairfield Career Center
 - c. DD newsletter
 - d. OU Today Feature of the Workforce Center
 - e. Guide to 2020 Census Redistricting

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 26, 2021, beginning at 9:50 a.m. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Aunie Cordle, Rachel Elsea, Thomas Lininger, Joshua Horacek, Joe Ebel, Jon Kochis, Carri Brown, Chris Wagner, David Miller, Jeff Porter, Tony Vogel, Dennis Keller, Branden Meyer, Chris Schmelzer, Ed Laramée, Ray Stemen, Judy Stemen, Heather O'Keefe, Deputy Norris, Audrey Stoffle, Karen,

Attending virtually were Amy Brown-Thompson, Angel Horn, Ashely Arter, Jeff Barron, Bennett Niceswanger, Jim Bahnsen, Jeremiah Upp, Jessica Murphy, Kelly Turben, Lisa McKenzie, Lynette Barnhart, Marcy Fields, Raz Sabaiduc, Tony Howard, Stacy Hicks, and Sheriff Lape.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

Commissioner Levacy asked if there were any announcements.

Rachel Elsea reported, as a reminder, public comments are to be limited to three minutes. Comments may or may not be about county business. While this is a time for the public to offer comments, this is not a time for questions and answers. Comments represent the view of the person commenting.

Public Comment

Commissioner Levacy asked if anyone from the public who would like to speak or offer comments.

Mr. Chris Schmelzer from Bremen spoke regarding his concerns about the legality of the COVID vaccine, he and his wife's illnesses, his questions regarding kids getting the vaccine, the legitimacy of Dr. Fauci, ARP funds acting as influence peddling, and the efficiency of solar panels.

Ms. Audrey Stoffle stated she appreciated the COVID update. She read some CDC statistics regarding COVID deaths. She believes there should be three categories for COVID related deaths (unvaccinated, partially vaccinated, and fully vaccinated), different school district quarantine guidelines, and Senate Bill 22.

Mr. Ray Stemen of 2444 West Point Road in Lancaster does not support the red flag gun bill up for a vote tomorrow.

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Ms. Judy Stemen of 2444 West Point Road in Lancaster reviewed the attached list of COVID related articles.

Approval of Minutes for October 21, 2021 Regular Meeting

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the October 21, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

Approval of the Auditor's Office Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Auditor's Office resolution approving an account to account transfer into a major expense object category County Auditor; see resolution 2021-10.26.a.

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

Approval of the Commissioners' Resolution

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

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| 2021-10.26.b | A resolution authorizing the approval of proclamations. [Commissioners] |
| 2021-10.26.c | A resolution renewing a contract with the City of Lancaster and the Board of Commissioners, for Criminal Prosecution Services [Commissioners] |
| 2021-10.26.d | A resolution to approve a memo expense for interest allocation reimbursements for Fairfield Department of Health, Fairfield County Parks, & Fairfield County Port Authority – Fund #7012, #7321, #7308, & #7865, – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners] |
| 2021-10.26.e | A resolution to approve an account to account transfer into a major expenditure object category, appropriations from unappropriated into major expenditure object category for Fund# 7521, and a fund to fund transfer from the General Fund #1001 to Fund# 7521 Family Adult Children First Council (FACFC) – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners] |
| 2021-10.26.f | A resolution to approve an authorized use of American Rescue Plan fiscal recovery funding and appropriate from unappropriated funds for the County ARP fiscal recovery fund, #2876, to purchase a vehicle for safe transports of indigent wards facing eviction and for contracted for services to pay for storage facilities and supplies expenses for the increasing number of indigent wards facing evictions and who are connected with Juvenile/Probate Court and who are facing eviction and economic distress based on the effects of the pandemic. [Commissioners] |
| 2021-10.26.g | A resolution approving the reappointment of Mr. Doug Ingram to the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission. [Commissioners] |
| 2021-10.26.h | A resolution authorizing the release and satisfaction of mortgage on a FY 2016 Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP) for Tena Singleton [Community Action] |

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

Approval of the Common Pleas Court Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Common Pleas Court resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category Fairfield County Common Pleas ATP Court Grant subfund 8285; see resolution 2021-10.26.i.

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

Approval of the Job and Family Services Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Job and Family Services resolution regarding Network Placement and Related Services Agreement between Fox Run-The Center for Children & Adolescents, Child Protective Services Department; see resolution 2021-10.26.j.

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

Approval of the Prosecutor's Office Resolution

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Prosecutor's Office resolution accepting Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and State Victims Assistance Act (SVAA) Grants for October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022, grants to be administered by the County Prosecutor; see resolution 2021-10.26.k.

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

Approval of the Regional Planning Commission Resolutions

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Regional Planning Commission resolutions:

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| 2021-10.26.l | A resolution to approve a Development Agreement for the Meadowmoore Reserve Section 2 Phase 1 subdivision [Regional Planning] [Regional Planning Commission] |
| 2021-10.26.m | A resolution to approve a Development Agreement for the Meadowmoore Reserve Section 2 Phase 2 subdivision [Regional Planning] [Regional Planning Commission] |
| 2021-10.26.n | A resolution authorizing approval of change order #2 for the Fairfield County CDBG – the Village of Carroll FY2020 Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project [Regional Planning] [Regional Planning Commission] |

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

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Approval of the Sheriff's Office Resolution

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

- 2021-10.26.o A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to Sheriff's Office CFLP Solid Waste District Grant Fund 2394 [Sheriff]
- 2021-10.26.p A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to Fund 2503 Police Revolving. [Sheriff]
- 2021-10.26.q A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer Fund 2394 CFLP Litter Enforcement [Sheriff]

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

Approval of the Payment of Bills

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Payment of Bills resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval; see resolution 2021-10.26.r

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

Open Enrollment Update

Mr. Porter updated the Commission on the number of employees who have completed open enrollment. Over 600 have completed. The deadline is tomorrow, and HR will be reaching out to those who have not enrolled. They will have two days for individuals who need to come to the Records Center for help. So far 70 individuals have signed up for the identity theft. This is free and everyone is encouraged to sign up.

Mr. Porter also added they are in the final stages of finalizing an EAP benefit that will have a counselor on site at the wellness clinic. This will be offered two days a week with appointments required.

Dr. Brown suggested a reminder be sent for required trainings necessary by the end of the year.

Mr. Porter added that one was sent last week.

The Commission was in recess at 10:14 a.m.

MORPC Update

The Commissioners met at 10:30 a.m. for an update from MORPC. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy. Also present were Aunie Cordle, Rachel Elsea, Carri Brown, Jon Kochis, William Murdoch, Eileen Luby, and Joe Garrity.

Attending virtually was Sheriff Lape.

Mr. Murdoch reviewed the attached presentation including MORPC's service area, projected growth of Central Ohio, housing changes in the past 20 years, the Build Back Better grant, a comprehensive economic development strategy, the competitive advantage projects program, RPTO dedicated funding, transportation, regional strategies, available resources, and the capital improvements budget.

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Mr. Davis mentioned the planned housing summit coming up in December and welcomed MOPRC to attend. The coalition has existed or sometime. It is unclear what level of support it has had.

Mr. Murdoch replied they'd be happy to share the data they have for Fairfield County.

Mr. Fix commented on how happy the county was with their contribution and membership with MORPC.

The Commission was in recess at 11:13 a.m.

Budget Hearing – Sheriff's Office

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. for the Sheriff's Office 2022 Budget Hearing. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy. Also present were Aunie Cordle, Rachel Elsea, Carri Brown, Sheriff Lape, Elissa Dowdy, Chief Collins, Branden Meyer, and Chief Ervin.

Sheriff Lape reviewed his 2022 budget. He reviewed recruitment, hiring, and retention. Recruitment is going well and staffing levels are where they need to be. They hope to be exactly where they need to be in the near future. They are looking forward to the new substation in Violet Township. They are close to the new range opening, but do not expect to be able to use it until next year. They are also looking forward to the new SWAT garage.

Dr. Brown asked if the dispatchers line item was high enough to cover the entire table of organization.

Ms. Dowdy replied it was as two of the dispatchers were covered on different line items.

Sheriff Lape stated they will have another open enrollment day in their office for staff.

Mr. Davis reviewed the Commission's five-year financial planning.

Chief Collins reiterated that two officers have left LPD's employment process in the last few weeks due to wanting to stay with the Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Lape also reviewed their community engagement efforts.

Sheriff Lape brought up the new substation, his concern was that there would not be a supervisor at that location, the need to have someone there due to the nature of the other business on the property. Sheriff Lape neglected to account for the need for a vehicle or that position. Also, as a result of the pandemic, CPS referrals have increased 21% for sexual assault cases. He would like to request a second Special Victims investigator to help with this trend. Regular Deputy investigators have had to pick up 2-6 cases each to help with the overflow of special victim cases.

Ms. Cordle added they believe ARP funding would qualify for these requests through 2024. They are working through the data to support this but expect it to be there.

Mr. Davis stated that the Commission was planning on using the 2019 numbers as a baseline for budgeting planning as 2020 and 2021 are not expected to be reliable.

Dr. Brown added this is the first time the budget has lined up with the table of organization in a long time.

Mr. Levacy suggested they have a follow up meeting to discuss the requested positions.

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Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Jeff Fix and a second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 12:10 p.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Motion by:

Seconded by:

that the October 26, 2021, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on October 28, 2021

 Steven A. Davis Commissioner	 Dave Levacy Commissioner	 Jeff Fix Commissioner
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 Rachel A. Elsea, Clerk

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Leaked contracts: Pfizer shifted risk to government, maximized profits Company's COVID vaccine was 1st to receive emergency-use authorization

<https://www.wnd.com/2021/10/4954219/>

By Art Moore

Published October 20, 2021

**** Pfizer has used its power to "shift risk and maximize profits," according to a consumer advocacy group that obtained secret government contracts.

****Public Citizen found that only five of the 73 deals Pfizer has made worldwide for its COVID-19 vaccine have been formally published by governments, and they have "significant redactions," DailyMail.com reported.

Major Government Report Proves Covid Vaccines are Bioweapons – Video This assault on humanity must be stopped!

<https://www.infowars.com/posts/major-government-report-proves-covid-vaccines-are-bioweapons-video/>

Greg Reese

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NIH admits funding Wuhan experiment resulting in 'gain-of-function'

Scientist charges Fauci 'lied to Congress, lied to the press, and lied to the public'

<https://www.wnd.com/2021/10/nih-admits-funding-experiment-resulting-gain-function/>

By Art Moore

Published October 21, 2021

**** Mark Meadows, said that "to call this a bombshell is an understatement."

"Dr. Fauci and others claimed under oath the NIH didn't fund gain of function research in the Wuhan Lab. Now the obvious is confirmed: they did," Meadows wrote.

White House Details Plan To "Quickly" Vaccinate 28 Million Children Age 5-11

Meanwhile, the White House is rolling out an 'advertising' campaign to convince parents and kids that the vaccine is safe and effective.

<https://www.infowars.com/posts/white-house-details-plan-to-quickly-vaccinate-28-million-children-age-5-11/>

by Zero Hedge

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**** The jab – which doesn't prevent transmission of Covid-19 will be available at pediatricians, local pharmacies, and possibly even at schools, according to the White House, which expects FDA authorization of the Pfizer shot for children – the least likely to fall seriously ill or die from the virus, in a matter of weeks, according to the Associated Press.

State suspends medical license of ivermectin prescriber

Despite treatment's endorsement from National Institutes of Health

<https://www.wnd.com/2021/10/state-suspends-license-ivermectin-supporter/>

By Bob Unruh

Published October 21, 2021

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CDC: Unvaccinated police, gov't workers to get 'education and counseling' **'There is a plan, should these people not want to be vaccinated'**

<https://www.wnd.com/2021/10/cdc-unvaccinated-police-govt-workers-get-education-counseling/>
By Ari Moore
Published October 25, 2021

LIVE: Over 50,000 NYC Workers March Against COVID Vaccine Mandates **NYPD, FDNY and other city workers risking their careers to fight for medical freedom as vaccine mandate deadline passes.**

<https://www.infowars.com/posts/live-over-16000-nye-workers-march-against-covid-vaccine-mandates/>
Infowars.com
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****"I think two weeks from now, when the day comes, we may have some serious operational difficulties when firehouses have to get closed," Ansbro said.

COVID policing backfires: University faces lawsuit after acting on false report of COVID

<https://www.wnd.com/2021/10/covid-policing-backfires-university-faces-lawsuit-acting-false-report-covid/>
By Abby Liebing, The Western Journal
Published October 25, 2021

****Archer, the executive director of the University of Colorado Denver's National History Day in Colorado and the National Conference of Governor's Schools, was on her way to campus on Sept. 3 when she received alarming news based on a false rumor that she had COVID-19.

Gov. DeSantis to Offer \$5,000 Hiring Bonus for Police Who Lose Jobs Due to Vax Mandates in Other States

Florida actively recruiting more officers amid exodus from Democrat cities, states

(!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!OR RINO STATES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)

<https://www.infowars.com/posts/gov-desantis-to-offer-5000-hiring-bonus-for-police-who-lose-jobs-due-to-vax-mandates-in-other-states/>
by RT
October 25th 2021

**** Such states as Indiana, Arizona and Alaska have already been either openly courting officers forced out of their jobs because they won't get vaccinated against Covid-19 or have timed their recruiting pitches with the introduction of vaccine mandates.

****Chicago's police union has, meanwhile, estimated that more than 3,000 officers in the city face possible elimination of their jobs because of their refusal to get jabbed.

(????????????And look at Ohio, and just what our state is doing !!!
LOSING MANY OFFICERS TO OTHER STATES !!!)



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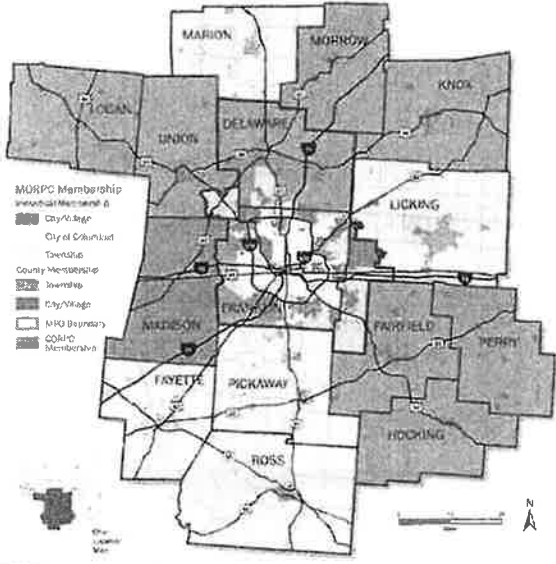


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October 26, 2021

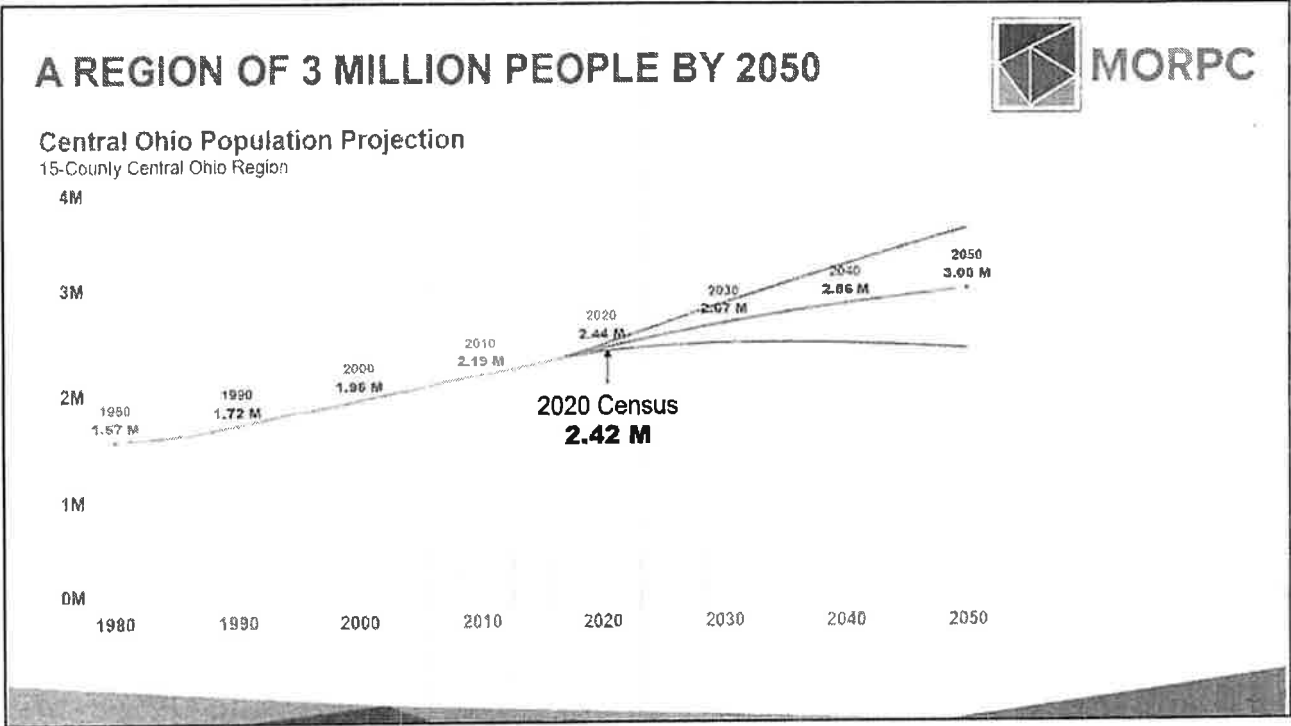
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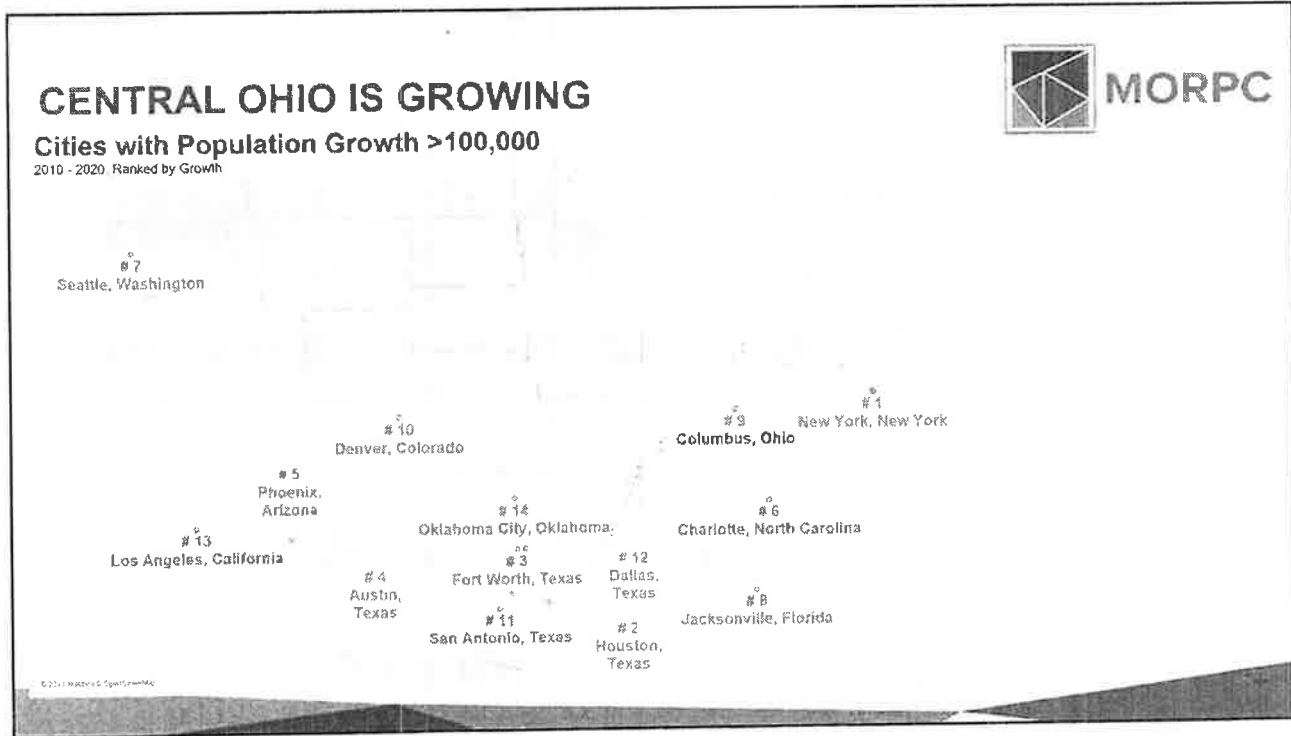


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- Residential Services
- Government Affairs
- Communications & Engagement

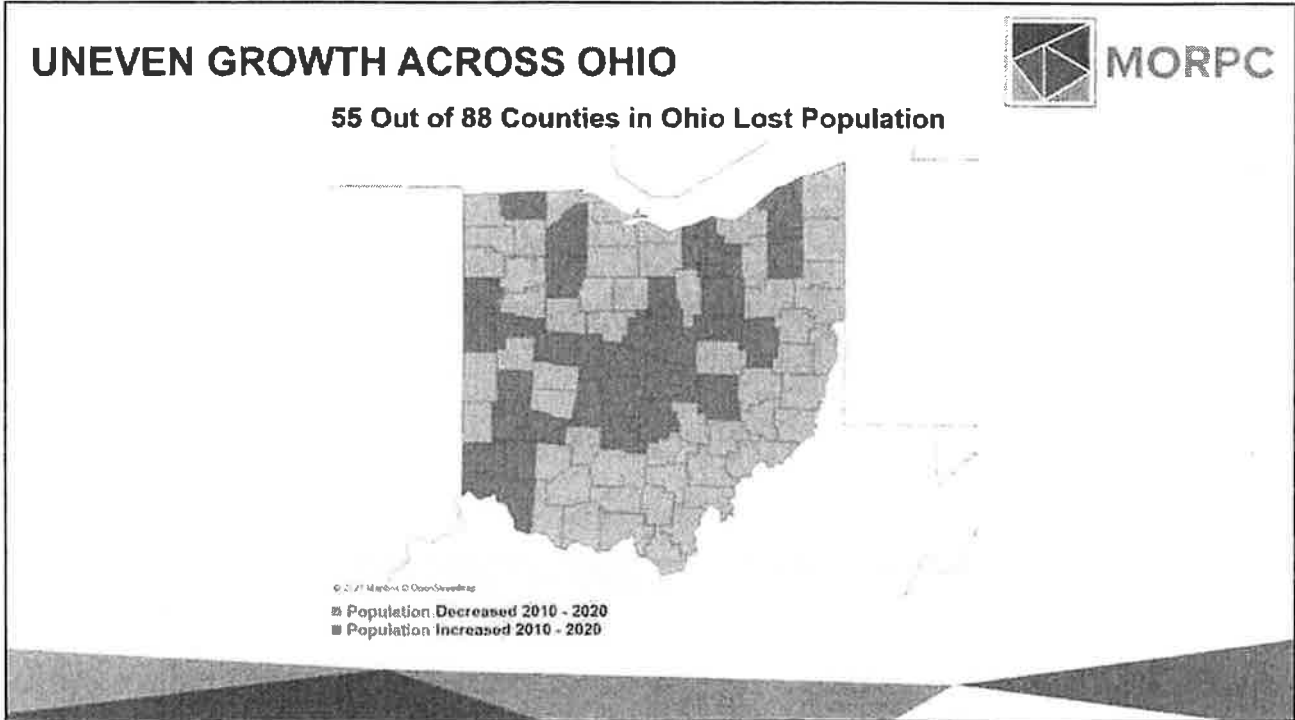
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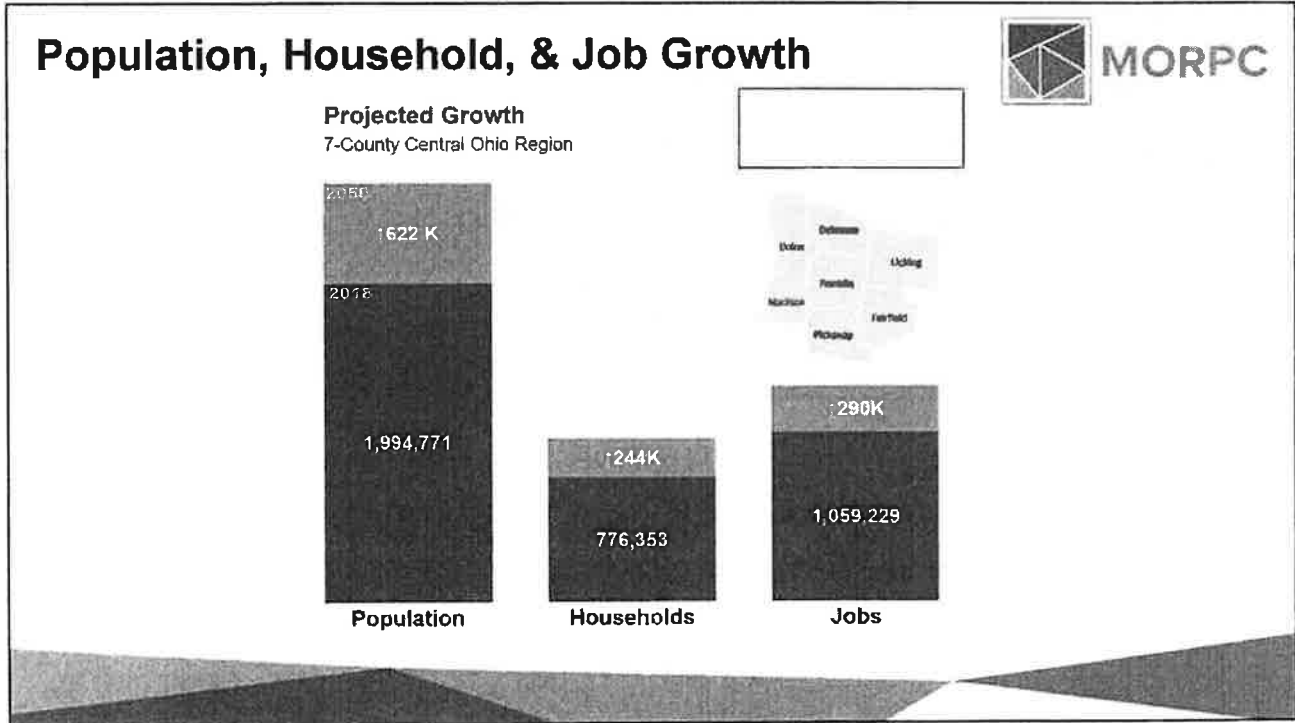
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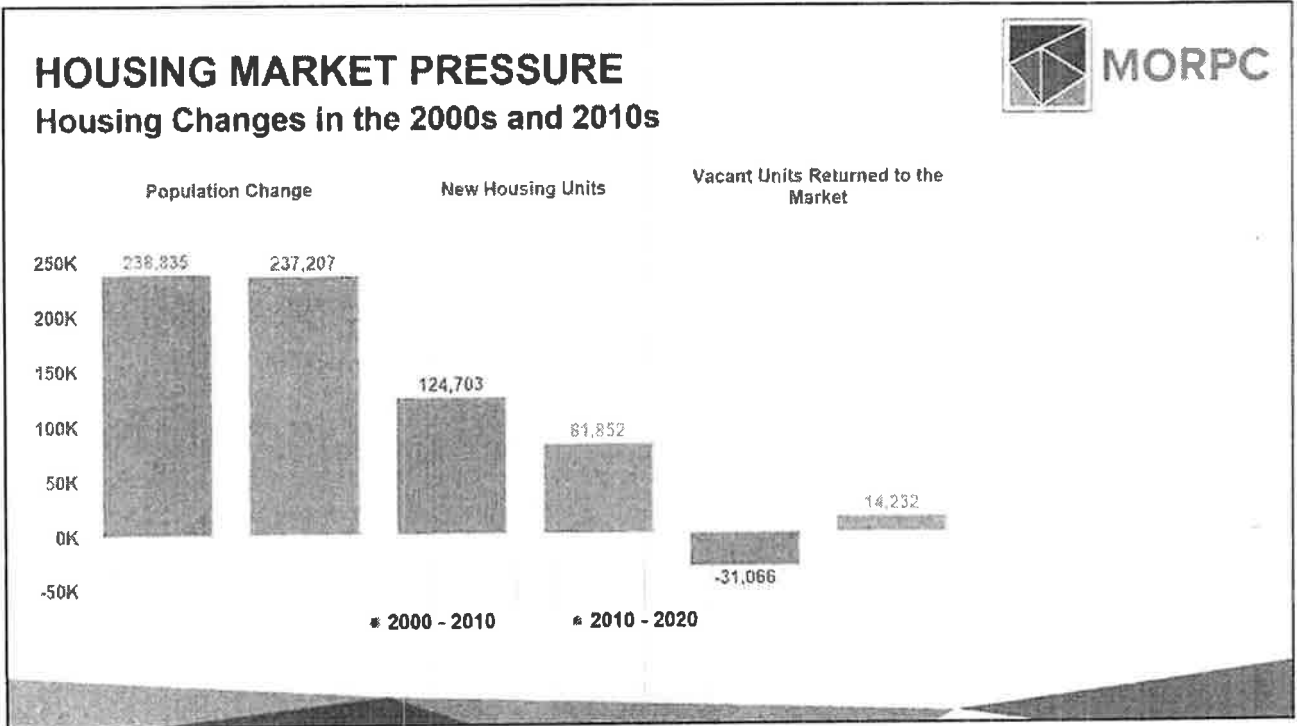
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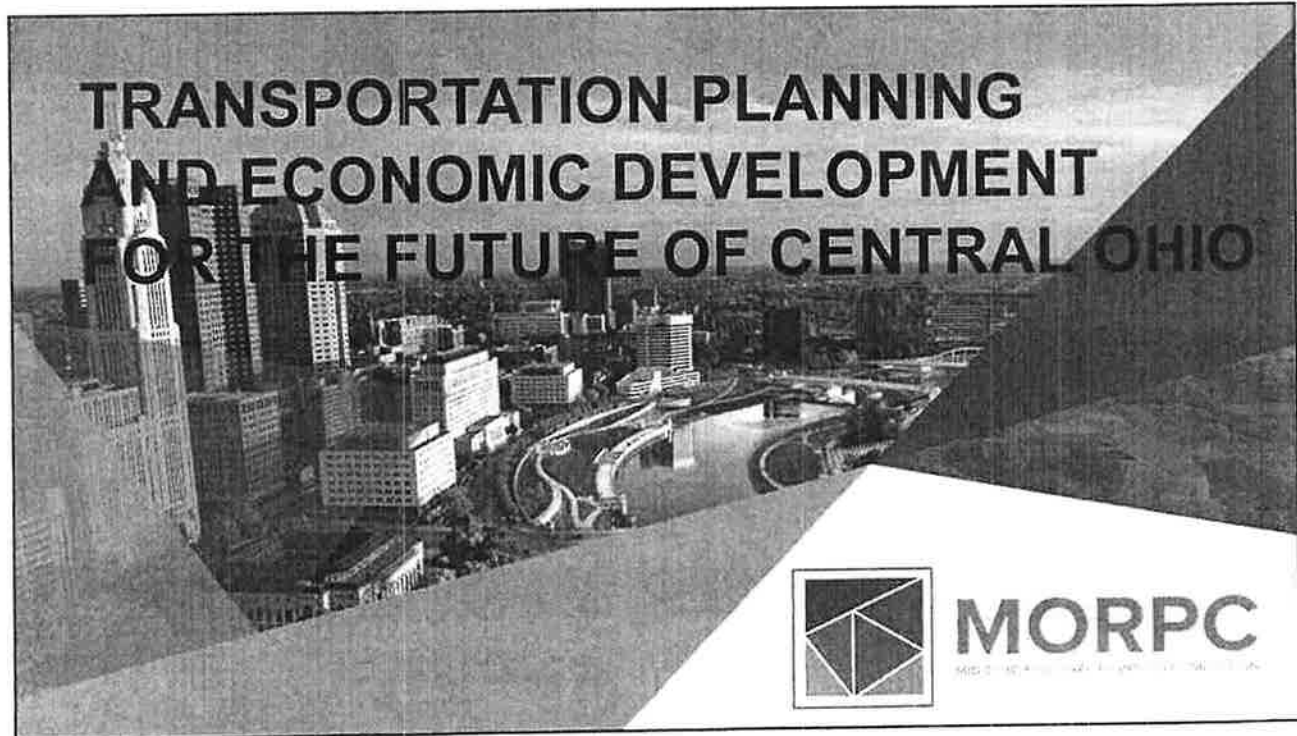
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BUILD BACK BETTER
REGIONAL CHALLENGE APPLICATION
















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COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGY (CEDS)

- Strategy-driven plan for regional economic development
- Foundational piece of Economic
- Development Administration (EDA) programming
- Supported by EDA grant received by MORPC
- Once CEDS approved, MORPC will apply for Economic Development District (EDD) status, unlocking key tools


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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Competitive Advantage Projects program


- Ewing Street Connector
- Feeder Channel Restoration
- I-70 to US 33 Connector
- Southeast US 33 Corridor

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Economic Development
& Infrastructure Officer




Competitive
Advantage Projects

*Advancing Infrastructure Priorities
for Central Ohio's Economic Growth*



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RTPO Dedicated Funding




Central Ohio
Rural Planning
Organization

- Dedicated funding for CORPO Committee approved and prioritized transportation (all modes) projects, studies and other planning activities.
- CORPO will conduct a two-year cycle that will bring the total to just under a million dollars per cycle.


RTPO	Base Allocation	Pop Allocation	Area Allocation	Total Allocation:
Buckeye Hills	\$ 100,000	\$ 124,286	\$ 182,976	\$ 407,262
CORPO	\$ 100,000	\$ 231,959	\$ 163,618	\$ 495,577
LUC	\$ 100,000	\$ 49,198	\$ 46,802	\$ 196,000
MVPO	\$ 100,000	\$ 95,704	\$ 108,844	\$ 304,548
OMEGA	\$ 100,000	\$ 257,883	\$ 214,438	\$ 572,321
OVRDC	\$ 100,000	\$ 240,970	\$ 283,322	\$ 624,292
TOTAL:	\$600,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$2,600,000

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PROGRAMS

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PASSENGER RAIL



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MORPC COMMUTE ACTION FUND

RESOURCES



WHAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

Central Ohio companies with 250 or more associates in MORPC's 15-county region may request up to \$5,000 in a dollar-for-dollar match against their spending toward new sustainable commute projects that motivate employees to drive less.

Employers with less than 250 associates in MORPC's region will be eligible for up to \$2,500 in dollar-for-dollar match funding.

MORPC.gohio.com/commute-action-fund

Patty Olmsted - MORPC
Senior Business Outreach Coordinator
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ODOT Human Service Transportation Coordination Region 6 Transit Coordinated Plan

- Regional document to confront local-level challenges to help access for older adults, people with disabilities, and people with low income.
- Identify community resources for transportation and mobility
- Determine how to address gaps and needs

MORPC Transit Areas of Interest

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REGIONAL STRATEGIES

MICHIGAN REGIONAL
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REGIONAL SUSTAINABILITY AGENDA





Sign up for Air Quality Forecasts and Alerts
morpc.org/airquality
bwhite@morpc.org



Earn SolSmart Designation
www.solsmart.org
Free technical assistance available
bwhetstone@morpc.org




Create a Local Housing Action Agenda
morpc.org/rhs
Resources available
jnoll@morpc.org



Adopt a Complete Streets Policy
Tools and resources available
www.morpc.org/tool-resource/complete-streets/
lcardon@morpc.org

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SOLSMART TRAINING & TECHNICAL EVENTS

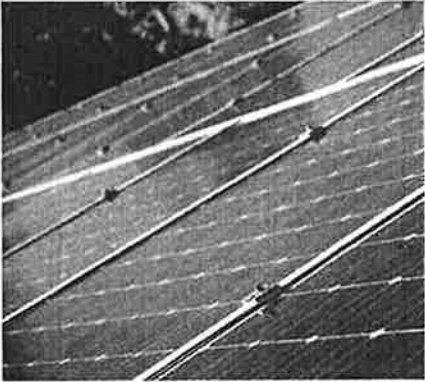


MORPC is Hosting Free Virtual Training for SolSmart:

November 9 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

- What: Solar PV and Storage Safety
- Who: Fire and/or safety staff, and community rep.


Contact Brandi Whetstone, Sustainability Officer,
bwhetstone@morpc.org for more information.



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SUSTAINING SCIOTO

- Special Thank You to funders
 - American Farmland Trust
 - Columbus Public Utilities
 - Delco Water
 - Marysville






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CENTRAL OHIO GREENWAYS TRAIL TOWNS

SCOPE OVERVIEW:


- Trail Town Guide Book
 - Wayfinding and art installations;
 - Infrastructure, such lighting, bike parking, or water fountains;
 - Local business collaborations; and
 - Tourism activities.
- Localized Trail Town Plans
 - Plans for communities along the Ohio to Erie Trail





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STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK & REOPENING



BROADBAND


MEMBER RESOURCES

HOUSING



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RESOURCES



HOW MANY MORE HOUSEHOLDS ARE STILL ELIGIBLE FOR THE EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT?

CENTRAL OHIO EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT ENROLLMENT

HOW MANY HOUSEHOLDS COULD STILL RECEIVE THE EMERGENCY BROADBAND BENEFIT?
by zip code in the Midwest. Click on the map for more information about EBB enrollment and eligibility.

SELECT A DIFFERENT VARIABLE TO CHANGE THE MAP VISUALIZATION:
Household Income, Age, or the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB)

ZIP

State

County

City

Zip Code

County

City

Zip Code

Map of Central Ohio showing zip codes and their corresponding EBB enrollment status.

Legend

Eligible

Not Eligible

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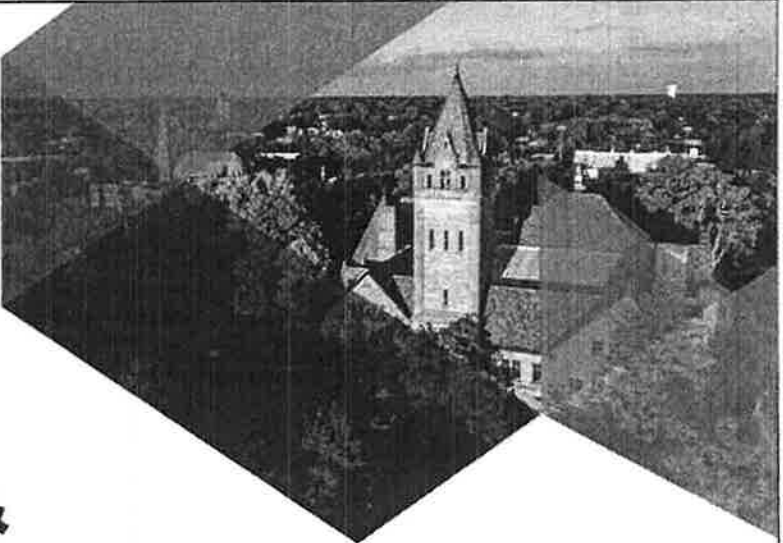
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BENEFITS & RESOURCES




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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE




- ✓ Infrastructure
- ✓ State Capital Budget
- ✓ Central Ohio Defense Group (IGSA)





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2021 ANNUAL
SALARY & FRINGE
BENEFITS SURVEY 



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This October, Commit to
Being Cyber-Aware: Raise
Your Cybersecurity Game



CENTRAL OHIO
**EMPLOYER
TELEWORK
POLICY GUIDE//**

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BENEFITS





cdfa
Council of
Development
Finance
Agencies

eliminating racism
empowering women
ywca

Virtual
Training
Discounts



**LEXIPOL**
Protecting Communities

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BENEFITS

FRANKLIN UNIVERSITY – Franklin WORKS

TUITION DISCOUNT PROGRAM

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday, November 3
1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
REGISTER

- TUITION DISCOUNT PROGRAM
- 20% DISCOUNT ON TUITION
- ALL MASTER DEGREE WORK
- 10% DISCOUNT ON TUTORIAL
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OHIO UNIVERSITY

Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Service

MEMBER EMPLOYEES

\$1,000 Tuition Scholarship

- ✓ Master of Sustainability, Security and Resilience degree & certificate programs
- ✓ Masters in Public Administration at Ohio University

Joe Wakeman, Manager of Enrollment and Student Success
740.503.2132 wakeman@ohio.edu

www.franklin.edu/MORPC

www.morpc.org/about-morpc/member-benefits/

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EVENTS

THE FUTURE OF CENTRAL OHIO AIRPORTS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021
11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM VIRTUAL

• Strategic vision for the future of Central Ohio airports
• How to use the airport as a catalyst for economic development
• Airport as a catalyst for economic development
• Airport as a catalyst for economic development

TRAINS, PLANES & FLYING CARS!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021
11:00 AM TO 12:00 PM VIRTUAL

CENTRAL OHIO TRANSPORTATION SAFETY FORUM

IT TAKES A VILLAGE
September 21, 2021
1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Virtual Event

AGENDA:
• Opening Remarks
• Presentation: The Future of Central Ohio Airports
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REGIONAL AGGREGATION WORKSHOP

Energy Aggregation and the Benefits of a Regional Approach

• Overview of Energy Aggregation
• Overview of Energy Aggregation
• Overview of Energy Aggregation
• Overview of Energy Aggregation

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RURAL FORUM SERIES

EVENTS




Harvesting A Modern Rural Government: The Public Sector of the Future

August 10, 2021







HOW TO ADD ZONING RULES THAT BENEFIT YOUR COMMUNITY


Tuesday, August 3, 11 a.m. – Noon (Virtual)



CULTIVATING YOUR NEXT LEADERS

Tuesday, July 13, 11 a.m. – Noon (Virtual)








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BENEFITS

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM


THANK YOU TO FAIRFIELD COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT!




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SIGNATURE EVENTS


STATE OF THE REGION

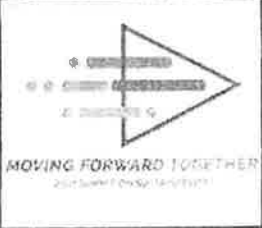


OUR FUTURE ENVISIONED

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2021 SUMMIT ON SUSTAINABILITY



KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DANA BOURLAND


MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER
2021 Summit on Sustainability

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EVENTS

OHIO SUNSHINE LAWS & OPEN MEETING RULES TRAINING




Wednesday, November 17
10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
Virtual Event

SPEAKER:
Bridget Coontz | *Section Chief – Constitutional Offices Section*
Office of Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost
Office number: 614-728-2035

Learn about Ohio's Public Records and Open meeting laws which public officials must follow to ensure open government processes.


Register by emailing eleuby@morpc.org.



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REGIONAL COLLABORATION SOUTHEAST AREA

Tuesday November 30, 2021
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Wagnalls Library-Community Rm
122 S. Columbus St., Lithopolis
Email eleuby@morpc.org







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EVENTS

PARK LAND DONATION CONSIDERATIONS


December 1, 2021
10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Virtual Event


Email eleuby@morpc.org



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RETURN ON INVESTMENT





1. Letter from Executive Director

2. List of specific benefits

3. Summary of 2021 MORPC accomplishments

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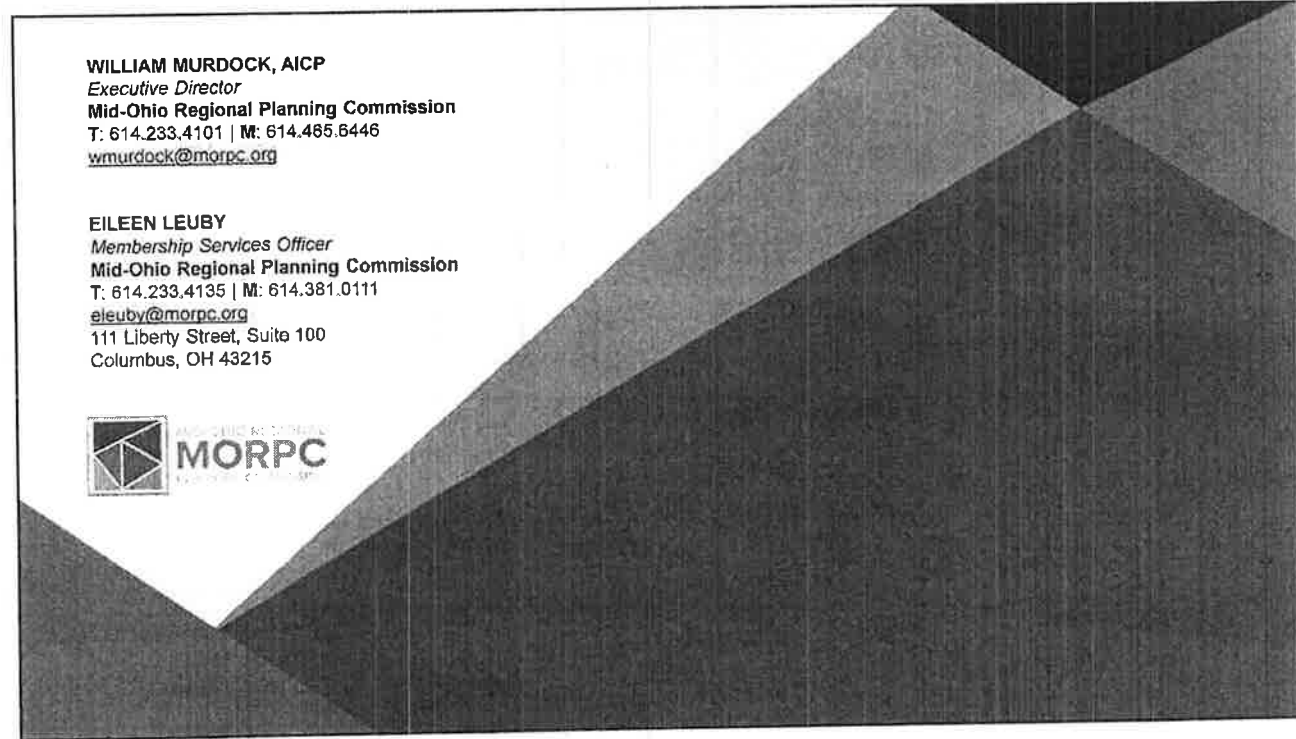
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