Public Viewing – Winchester & Lithopolis-Winchester Roads

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. to view bridges on Winchester and Lithopolis-Winchester Roads. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Jeff Baird and local property owners.

The Commissioners viewed the areas on Winchester and Lithopolis-Winchester Roads.

Commissioners’ Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 beginning at 10:09 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Mary Beth Lane, Jeff Barron, Jeff Porter, Jon Slater, Jeff Camechis, Ed Laramee, Jim Bahnsen, Dennis Keller, Todd McCullough, Tony Vogel, Ray Stemen, Bob Clark, Branden Meyer, and Holly Mattei.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

Commissioner Kiger asked Ms. Elsea if there were any announcements. There were no announcements.

Public Comment

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

Mr. Ray Stemen of 2444 West Point Road in Lancaster stated he was concerned about the United States troops serving in West Africa and the plans of them reintegrating back in the United States. Additionally, he is concerned that doctors are not able to speak up regarding the Ebola patients they are seeing who are leaving before they are diagnosed. He urged everyone to contact their Congressmen and Senators to find out what is going on.
Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, October 21, 2014 and Thursday, October 28, 2014

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for Tuesday, October 14, 2014 and Thursday, October 28, 2014.

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

Approval of the Commissioners’ Office Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners Office resolutions:

2014-10.28.a  A resolution to approve the Holiday Schedule for 2015. [Commissioners]

2014-10.28.b  A resolution approving the attached Participation Agreement between CCAO Service Corporation and the Fairfield County Commissioners for the purposes of the purchase of electricity for Fairfield County buildings. [Commissioners]

2014-10.28.c  A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category – Fairfield County Commissioners/Airport [Commissioners]

2014-10.28.d  A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of an advance to the General Fund – Fund # 2788 CDBG FY2012, sub-fund#8041 [Commissioners]

2014-10.28.e  A resolution acknowledging “customer service” as a core value of Fairfield County government [Commissioners]

2014-10.28.f  A resolution authorizing the approval of a request for payment and status of funds report–FY2012 Home Funds – Drawdown for $13,289 [Commissioners]

2014-10.28.g  A resolution to approve a memo expense for interest allocation reimbursement for Fairfield County Historical Parks – Fund # 7308 [Commissioners]

2014-10.28.h  A resolution authorizing the approval of a request for payment and status of funds report–FY2012 Home Funds – Drawdown for $11,320 [Commissioners]
2014-10.28.i  A resolution to approve a contract between Fairfield County Board of Commissioners and Meals on Wheels – Older Adult Alternatives of Fairfield County, Inc. [Commissioners]

Discussion: Ms. Brown stated that resolution I was a follow-up to a discussion regarding customer service as a core value at the Leadership Conference. The resolution includes holding a Customer Service Seminar in 2015. Resolution I is to approve the contract with Meals on Wheels, which allows the Commissioners to appoint two board members to their board.

Mr. Levacy stated that it was terrific to bring the county to the next level in terms of customer service. He stated he appreciated Ms. Brown for her work on this project.

Commissioner Davis stated he appreciated the cooperation from the Meals on Wheels board in agreeing to this new contract. This should greatly improve communication. Mr. Levacy agreed.

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

Approval of the Court of Common Pleas Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Court of Common Pleas resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure category (Common Pleas Court Fund 2422 – Special Projects for Rewiring of Courtrooms for sound and replacing microphones); see resolution 2014-10.28.j.

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

Approval of the Board of Developmental Disabilities Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Board of Developmental Disabilities resolutions:

2014-10.28.k  A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer [Board of Developmental Disabilities]

2014-10.28.l  A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer [Board of Developmental Disabilities]
Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

Approval of the Dog Shelter Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Dog Shelter resolution authorizing an account to account transfer; see resolution 2014-10.28.m.

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

Approval of the Engineer’s Office Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Engineer’s Office resolution to appropriate from un appropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for comp time payouts; see resolution 2014-10.28.n.

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

Approval of the Human Resources Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Human Resources resolution to establish healthcare insurance eligibility requirements for 2015; see resolution 2014-10.28.o.

Discussion: Mr. Porter stated this resolution addresses the federal regulations for 2015. It establishes health insurance coverage for those who work 30 hours a week. The previous cut off was 35 hours a week. Mr. Davis asked if this was due to the Affordable Care Act and wondered how many would be effected. Mr. Porter replied it was due to the ACA and that they estimated roughly 50 people would be impacted and that the look back period would confirm that.

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

Approval of the JFS Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following JFS resolutions:
A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Sub Fund 8056 reimbursing Fund 2018 [JFS]

A resolution to amend the certificate, update receipt line item & request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts for fund 2072 Children Services, Job & Family Services [JFS]

A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job and Family Services. [JFS]

A resolution to approve a memo receipt and expenditure for Fairfield County Job and Family Services [JFS]

A resolution to amend the certificate, update receipt line item & request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts for Sub Fund 8056, Wendy’s Wonderful Kids, Job & Family Services [JFS]

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

Approval of the Prosecutor’s Office Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy 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, 2014 through September 20, 2-15, granted to be administered by the County Prosecutor; see resolution 2014-10.28.u.

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

Approval of the Regional Planning Commission Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Regional Planning Commission resolutions:

A resolution to approve a Development Agreement for Storage One/Springcreek Business Complex [Regional Planning Commission]
A resolution to approve a Development Agreement for the Meadowmoore Section 2, Phase 2 Subdivision [Regional Planning Commission]

A resolution to approve Final Acceptance of the Jefferson Farms Phase 6 subdivision [Regional Planning Commission].

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

**Approval of the Sheriff's Office Resolution**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Sheriff's Office resolution approving and account to account transfer Fund 1001; see resolution 2014-10.28.y.

Discussion: Ms. Brown stated this resolution for was to provide for proper classification of expenses, even though it is a relatively low dollar amount.

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

**Approval of the Payment of Bills Resolution**

On the motion of Dave Levacy 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 2014-10.28.z.

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

Commissioner Kiger stated at 10:17 that the Commission would take a short recess followed by review.

**Meeting with Jeff Porter re: Affordable Care Act**

The Commissioners met at 10:31 a.m. to discuss the Affordable Care Act changes taking effect in 2015. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin, Mary Beth Lane, Ray Stemen, Jeff Porter, Jeff Barron, Jim Bahnsen, Ed Laramee, Jeff Camechis, Dennis Keller, Jon Slater, and Bob Clark.
Mr. Porter stated that the resolution passed by the Commissioners in the Regular Meeting was to meet the requirements of the Affordable Care Act changes taking effect in 2015. They major change is for those who work 30 hours a week as they will be eligible for health insurance coverage. The resolution includes a three month look back to determine those who would be eligible in the new plan year (April 2015). It will be up to those individuals as to whether or not they choose to take the coverage. He expects the number to be de minimis. They also must make sure that the health insurance cost is “affordable” to employees meaning it cannot be more than 9.5% of the employee’s income. This should not be a problem for the county; however HR will need to work with some appointing authorities to make sure they make appropriate changes.

Mr. Davis asked if the 9.5% was for individual or family coverage.

Mr. Porter stated it only applied to individual coverage, not family coverage.

Ms. Brown thanked Mr. Porter for the detailed work as it was very helpful in implementing the federal regulations.

Review

The Commissioners met at 10:35 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin, Mary Beth Lane, Ray Stemen, Jeff Porter, Jeff Barron, Jim Bahnsen, E Laramee, Jeff Camechis, Dennis Keller, Jon Slater, and Bob Clark.

- Legal Update

Mr. Dolin stated that the transfer in and transfer out of the CEM parcels was completed. New parcel numbers have been assigned to the Beavers Field lot.

Ms. Brown thanked Mr. Bahnsen and Land Bank for their help in this.

- Administration and Budget Updates/Carri’s List

  a. Jail Financing and Project Reporting

Ms. Brown reported the next bond rating group meetings are Friday, November 7 and 14 in Commissioner Levacy’s Office. As consistently reported, the plan is to conduct a bond rating meeting with Moody’s on November 20-22. Ms. Brown added that there would be some expenses paid directly to the vendor, such as the hotel expense. If a person would not attend the bond rating meeting, it would generally be a personal expense to reimburse the county.
The main objective is to have bid documents advertised in January. In numerous media articles, the project estimate is reported at $30-$35 million, and this appears to be a good estimate in the eyes of the architect. However, we will know more about the market once we have responses to the request for proposals.

Ms. Brown will be meeting with David Conley on an upcoming weekend to review procedures relating to the issuance of debt.

Also, Ms. Brown reported that the new facility that will replace the existing facility will have a Lincoln Avenue address.

b. Budget Hearings

The review packet contained an updated schedule. The budget hearings began last week on October 23. The plan is to pass the 2015 budget on December 9th.

Mr. Davis mentioned that he would be meeting with Sheriff Phalen and Chief Perrigo upon their request later in the morning as a follow up to their original budget hearing.

- Old Business
  a. Public Viewings of Winchester and Lithopolis-Winchester Roads

  Mr. Davis apologized for missing the original viewings.

- New Business

- General Correspondence Received

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received

  a. Special Violet Township Meeting re: Swearing-In of new Fire Department Officials – Monday, November 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Hickory Lakes

  b. Bremen Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet – Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bremen Historical Society

  c. Meeting with Senator Portman – Wednesday, October 29, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. at the Pickerington Library.
Commissioner Levacy will attend. Senator Portman is expected to discuss the blue green algae issue.

• FYI

a. Thank you from FACFC for move to Ag Center

Becky Edwards sent a very kind email of thanks for the move to the Ag Center for the Fairfield County Children, Adult, and Family First Council.

Mr. Levacy mentioned that they may want to look at renaming the Ag Center as there are more than just agricultural offices in the building.

Ms. Brown suggested they could revisit it in 2015 as there is more information about the tenants expected for the building, and everyone agreed.

b. Update on Walnut Creek Sewer Sanitary Sewer Service Area for Dollar General

c. Pickerington Senior Center Newsletter – November 2014

• Issues Bin

• Open Items

a. Ray Stemen

Mr. Stemen added a comment to his comments in the Regular Meeting and stated, “it looks like the clients are running the insane asylum in Washington, D.C.”

b. Affordable Care Act

Mr. Camechis asked if seasonal employees would be included in the new insurance coverage. Mr. Levacy stated there was a paragraph that addressed seasonal employees in the resolution. Ms. Brown added that Jeff Porter would be in touch, too.

c. 2015 Special Dates

Ms. Brown stated that the special meetings are being set for 2015 and asked for elected officials and department heads to mention any conflicts
they notice. There has been good feedback about having an annual schedule of dates.

d. Ratings Meetings

Mr. Davis stated it would be helpful is the November 7th date is close as close to the presentation as possible to allow for two more run-throughs.

Commissioner Kiger stated at 11:53 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the Public Hearing.

Public Hearing – Winchester and Lithopolis Winchester Roads

The Commissioners met at 11:03 a.m. for a public hearing regarding Winchester and Lithopolis Winchester Roads. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Ray Stemen, Jeff Camechis, Dennis Keller, Jason Dolin, and Bill Lewandowski.

Mr. Camechis stated that the project on Winchester Road was a basic bridge replacement.

Mr. Davis added that the Engineer would communicate with the four property owners and that the concern is with the load limit as the current limit is at 50% and the Engineer would like it to be at 150%.

Mr. Camechis stated the project on Lithopolis-Winchester Road was to move the channel back and reconstruct failing gabion walls.

Mr. Davis stated he understood some additional right of way was need for this project.

Mr. Camechis stated that was correct and that the additional right of way would eliminate the need for guardrails.

Mr. Bill Lewandowski of 4950 Lithopolis Road had a few questions. He stated he was in support of the project as the gabion walls were giving way. He asked if the Engineer would go under the road at the culvert.

Mr. Camechis stated that they would.

Mr. Lewandowski also asked about the gradation into the property and if the Army Corps of Engineers was involved.

Mr. Camechis stated that he would have Mr. Baird call him regarding the plans.
Mr. Lewandowski assumed that they would take care of the bike trail as it was used quite frequently. He also noted that there are many accidents in the area.

Mr. Camechis stated that they will build a shoulder which was also dependent on the slopes.

Mr. Lewandowski asked about the water and gas lines along the road.

Mr. Camechis stated if they were in the right of way then the lines must be moved at the owners’ costs. He believed there was 30 feet of right of way on each side, but will follow up with Mr. Lewandowski.

Mr. Camechis added that they will have preliminary meetings with all property owners and said he’d connect with Mr. Lewandowski after the hearing.

Mr. Davis expressed his apologies for missing the first scheduled hearing.

Mr. Kiger asked if the project was expected to be 6-8 weeks.

Mr. Camechis stated that was correct and that it was expected to be completed in 2015 or 2016.

With no additional comments or questions, the hearing was closed at 11:19 a.m.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, on the motion of Steve Davis and a second of Dave Levacy the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn 11:20 a.m.

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

The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by: Seconded by:

that the October 28, 2014, minutes were approved by the following vote:

**YEAS:** NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on November 4, 2014*