

Regular Meeting #49 - 2023
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
October 31, 2023

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order, and the following Commissioners were present: Dave Levacy, Jeff Fix, and Steve Davis. County employees and elected officials present: County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle; Deputy County Administrator, Jeff Porter; Commissioners' Clerk, Rochelle Menningen; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; Engineer, Jeremiah Upp; Recorder, Lisa McKenzie; Treasurer, James Bahnsen; Civil Division Chief, Amy Brown-Thompson; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Steven Darnell; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Austin Lines; Budget Director, Bart Hampson; JFS Director Corey Clark; IT Director, Dan Neeley; EMA and Facilities Director, Jon Kochis; Economic and Workforce Development Director, Rick Szabrak; Facilities Director, Tony Vogel; and Marty Norris Also present: Jason Grubb; Josh Crawford; Ashley Fahner; Heather O'Keefe; Dave Burgei; Sarah Fortner; Carrie Ayers; Brian Bibler; James Snyder; Vicki Tauer; Paul Tauer; Lydia Coakley; April Bolyard; Kirk Grandy; Annette Mash-Smith; Brandi Downhour; Theresa Hoyt; Susan Schaudt; Jesse McGee; Eushelyne Flores; Emma Nunemaker; Allyson Schemlzer; Stephanie Merckle-Hunt; Beth Seifert; Cathy Anderson; Teresa Ruffe; Bev Hoskinson; Alyia Heard; Sarah Quinn; Vicki Tauer; Paul Tauer; Lydia Coakley; April Bolyard; Kirk Grandy; Kristin Glasure; Jo Price; Chris Schmelzer; Ray Stemen; Judy Stemen; Stephanie Taylor; Brandy Marshall; and Andrea Spires.

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Welcome

Commissioner Davis opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and spoke about the Commission schedule following the meeting. Commissioner Davis then introduced Kristin Glasure from FAIRHOPE Hospice & Palliative Care (FAIRHOPE.)

Listen & Learn

Ms. Glasure provided the annual report for FAIRHOPE and shared the many things the agency has been doing. She added that FAIRHOPE has been providing care since 1984; and that they are in four South Central Ohio Counties, including Fairfield County and serve anyone within an hour drive. She also added that FAIRHOPE has had an office in Hocking County for 24 years and has 120 staff, many which are in Lancaster. Ms. Glasure stated that the hospice team provides end of life care and that they can step in when a physician feels a patient has 6 months or less. There is a nurse available 24 hours a day for people that have signed up for hospice and the Pickering House is a short term care for those that cannot be comfortable at home. Ms. Glasure stated that the Pickering House is a fully staffed 24/7 inpatient hospice care facility and added that hospice is not just about providing comfort from pain but also about providing spiritual needs and grief support for the family. She added that grief support is provided for thirteen months although it is not funded by Medicare, and further added that donations are used to cover the service. Ms. Glasure stated that FAIRHOPE now services four school districts and provides free care to students who have suffered a loss, and that the hospice has seen 158 students this school year already. She added that 61% of the students have lost a family member and that 39% are from an accidental death, overdose, or suicide. She closed by stating that FAIRHOPE is growing and that it works closely with Fairfield Medical Center because costs stay down at local hospitals when they provide hospice and added that their motto is "Celebrate Life Every Day."

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Commissioner Davis spoke about the difference for family members that have utilized the service versus those that did not, during end of life issues.

Ms. Glasure told a story about a young woman who had cancer and lived alone. The Pickering House provided a bed where the young woman's dog could lay because the dog was her family and having the dog near gave her peace. She added that she would be happy to give a tour of the Pickering House to anyone who has not seen the facility.

Commissioner Levacy stated that Ms. Glasure has been doing a terrific job as the Director for FAIRHOPE.

Commissioner Fix spoke about taking a tour of the Pickering House and about the exceptional grief care service.

Commissioner Davis asked Ms. Glasure to convey to her team the support that she has from the Board of Commissioners.

Third Quarter Budget Update

Bart Hampson provided a PowerPoint presentation and thanked everyone who was involved in the 2024 Budget Hearings. He also thanked Staci Knisley for all the work she does to support the Commissioners' office and every fiscal person in the county. Mr. Hampson spoke about the financial forecast, the financial trend analysis, and a financial dashboard. He continued by speaking on the 3rd quarter revenues and investment revenue. He added that the 2023 third quarter revenues were up 14% even though some revenue lines were lower than the same quarter in 2022. Mr. Hampson stated that only 5 counties in Ohio have a lower sales tax rate than Fairfield County and then spoke about the seven categories of expenses. He added that personnel services are the greatest expense, and that contract services, costs for capital projects, and investment transfers have increased over the prior year.

The Commissioners did not have questions for Mr. Hampson, but each thanked him for his work.

Public Comments

Ray Stemen of Lancaster spoke about immigrants at the United States' southern border.

Judy Stemen of Lancaster spoke about COVID-19 vaccinations.

Legal Update

No legal update.

County Administration Update

- *The County Administration Update was provided by County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle, unless otherwise indicated.*

Week in Review

American Rescue Plan Update

From the \$30,606,902.00 received as the first and second tranche of fiscal recovery funds. \$28.9M has been appropriated, \$16.3M expended, \$3.8M encumbered or obligated.

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ODOD Energy Grant Application

The county is applying for a \$250,000 grant for LED lighting at the Government Services building and for HVAC controls at the Workforce Center.

Mr. Kochis stated that the grant process has allowed facilities to focus on one building at a time, and that they are focusing on JFS and the energy consumption in that building. Mr. Kochis provided a PowerPoint and spoke about the consumption of electricity and added that the grant was for 250k and that some monies would be applied to the HVAC controls at the Workforce Center.

Ms. Cordle added that the process does require the county to work with a specific vendor.

Mr. Kochis stated that the Ohio Department of Development has 6 vendors that can be used.

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

Resolution Review

There are 22 resolutions on the agenda for the voting meeting.

Resolutions of note:

- A resolution approving 6 proclamations for Hospice and Palliative Care Month, Meals on Wheels 50th Anniversary, Adoption Month, Accounting Appreciation Day, GIS Day, and Operation Green Light.
- A grant agreement between the Board of Commissioners and the Ohio Department of Aging for grant monies established by HB 33.
- The Board of Commissioners pay CORSA directly for liability insurance from the General Fund and agencies then reimburse the General Fund for their share of costs. There are resolutions from ADAMH, DD, and the Engineer's Office to approve these reimbursements. Likewise, there is a resolution from DD for the share of costs for Ethernet services from AT&T.
- Two resolutions to authorize the Sheriff's Office to purchase ten new vehicles

Budget Review

- Budget Director, Bart Hampson, had nothing further to report.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- *Provided by the Clerk to the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen*
 - Invitation, Retirement Party for Bev Anders, October 31, 2023, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., Administrative Courthouse, Room 206, 210 E. Main St., Lancaster
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- Environmental Design Group (ODOT Contractor), US 33 Safety Study, Stakeholder Meeting, November 1, 2023, 1:00 p.m., Commissioners' Hearing Room, 210 E. Main St., Lancaster
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- MCJDC Joint Board of Commissioners Meeting, November 3, 2023, 10:30 a.m., MCJDC, 923 Liberty Dr., Lancaster

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Old Business

Commissioner Davis spoke about visiting with the noon Rotary the day before and thanked the local service organization.

Commissioner Levacy thanked Commissioner Fix and county staff for working with county entities on their land use plans.

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Commissioner Fix spoke about meeting with the OneOhio Region 18 board and its new Director. He also spoke about meeting with county entities on the land use plan and stated his appreciation for the county team members who have been attending those meetings. He added that it has been very helpful to have conversations with residents about the plan.

Ms. Cordle spoke about opioid settlement funds and a meeting with ADAMH on how the funds can have the greatest impact.

New Business

Commissioner Davis stated that he will have the opportunity to speak at the CCAO winter conference.

Commissioner Levacy encouraged everyone to vote on November 7th.

Jason Grubb from the Engineer's Office thanked Bart and Staci for their assistance with the drainage maintenance districts.

Treasurer Bahnsen spoke about the Essex Building and the vision for that facility and added that the Land Bank will work with Urban Restoration on demolition funds.

Dr. Brown spoke about attending a conference on investments and spoke about her office's upcoming seminar titled "Making Numbers Count." She thanked the Commissioners' office for updates made to CRMS and added that her office will be able to pull data for Federal reporting. Dr. Brown also stated that the GIS page has been updated to include building map tours for those who might not know where county buildings are located.

Ms. Cordle spoke about the November 7th Roundtable meeting and the County Parks' Open House that same day at their new office space in Pickerington.

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Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

None.

Approval of Minutes for October 24, 2023

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, October 24, 2023, meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Budget Hearing Minutes for October 24, 2023

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Budget Hearing Minutes for the Tuesday, October 24, 2023, meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Board of Commissioners

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Board of Commissioners:

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| 2023-10.31.a | A resolution authorizing the approval of proclamations. |
| 2023-10.31.b | A resolution to approve a Grant Agreement between Fairfield County Board of Commissioners and Ohio Department of Aging. |
| 2023-10.31.c | A resolution approving an account to account transfers in a major object expense category for the Safety & Security Budget, General Fund# 1001. |
| 2023-10.31.d | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in major expenditure object categories for the General Fund# 1001. |
| 2023-10.31.e | A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category for the Commissioners' Office, General Fund# 1001. |
| 2023-10.31.f | 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. |

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Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County ADAMH Board

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

2023-10.31.g A resolution to approve a reimbursement for share of costs for Liability Insurance paid to CORSA as a memo expenditure for fund #2066.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities:

2023-10.31.h A resolution to approve a reimbursement for share of costs for Liability Insurance paid to CORSA as a memo expenditure for fund# 2060 - Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

2023-10.31.i A resolution to approve a reimbursement for share of costs for Ethernet Services paid to AT&T as a memo expenditure for fund# 2060 - Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Domestic Relations Court

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Domestic Relations Court:

2023-10.31.j A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer for the adjustment of Material Supplies – Fund #2625 Special Projects Fund.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development:

2023-10.31.k A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Engineer

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

- 2023-10.31.l A resolution to approve a reimbursement for share of costs for 2023 Liability Insurance paid to CORSA as a memo expenditure for fund 2024 – Motor Vehicle.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from Fairfield County Family and Children First Council

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from Fairfield County Family and Children First Council:

- 2023-10.31.m A resolution regarding an agreement between the Fairfield County Family and Children First Council and Albany Counseling Services.
- 2023-10.31.n A resolution authorizing the SFY 2024 Help Me Grow Early Intervention Contract for Services between the Fairfield County Commissioners, as administrative agent of the Fairfield County Family and Children First Council and the Lancaster-Fairfield Community Action Agency.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Juvenile & Probate Court

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Juvenile & Probate Court:

- 2023-10.31.o A Resolution Approving an Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure Object Category Fund #2317.
- 2023-10.31.p A Resolution Approving an Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure Object Category, Fund #2036.
- 2023-10.31.q A Resolution Approving an Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure Object Category, Fund #2882.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Sheriff

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Sheriff:

- 2023-10.31.r A resolution to approve the purchase of seven (7) marked vehicles from Chapman Ford

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2023-10.31.s A resolution to approve the purchase of three (3) unmarked vehicles from Chapman Ford

2023-10.31.t A resolution approving an account-to-account transfer into a major expenditure object category.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Utilities

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

2023-10.31.u A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category for Utilities; 5046 & 5841, Salary, Laborers.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Payment of Bills

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution for the Payment of Bills:

2023-10.31.v A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:14 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 7, 2023.



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Tuesday, October 31, 2023
9:00 a.m.

1. Review

Purpose of Review Meeting: *To prepare for formal actions of county business, such as Commission resolutions, and to provide a time for county leadership to connect about matters of county business.*

2. Welcome

3. Listen & Learn, FAIRHOPE Hospice

Kristin Glasure

4. 3rd Quarter Budget Update

5. Public Comment

6. Legal Update

7. County Administration Update

- a. Week in Review
- b. Highlights of Resolutions
- c. Budget Review
- d. Calendar Review/ Invitations Received
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AGENDA

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e. Correspondence

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11. Adjourn

12. Investment Advisory Board Meeting, 11:00 a.m.

13. Commission Connection Video, 11:00 a.m.

14. Budget Hearing Follow-Up, Juvenile/Probate Court, 1:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.

15. Budget Hearing Follow-Up, OSU Extension, 1:20 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.

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16. Budget Hearing Follow-Up, Coroner's Office, 1:40 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

17. Budget Hearing Follow-Up, Board of Elections, 2:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.

18. Budget Hearing Follow-Up, Soil & Water, 3:40 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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Quarters 2,3, & 4, 2021 & Quarter 1,2,3 & 4 2022 & Quarter 1,2,3,4 2023 – American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds, as of 10.26.2023.

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12Project/Category		As of 10/26/23 Appropriations	As of 10/26/23 Expenditure	As of 10/26/23 Obligation
Public Health				
R15a	Public Health, PPE	199.90	199.90	0.00
R16a	Public Health, Medical Expenses	206,838.33	206,838.33	0.00
R16b	Public Health, COVID Medial Costs County Benefits Program	399,949.66	399,949.66	0.00
R17a	Public Health, Vaccination Clinic and Related Expenses	66,362.57	66,362.57	0.00
R17b	Public Health, Capital Investments and Public Facilities of the County	3,478,288.29	3,172,177.90	293,805.08
R17c	Public Health, Capital Investment for Air Quality Improvements	56,674.00	56,674.00	0.00
R17d	Public Health, Capital Investment for Health Equipment, Mobile Morgue	49,498.87	49,498.87	0.00
R17e	Public Health, Capital Investment for Sheriff Cruiser to Respond to Increased Violence	60,565.00	54,250.98	0.00
R18a	Professional Communications on Behalf of the Board of Health	34,577.94	34,577.94	0.00
R18b	Public Health, Creation of a Community Health Assessment (CHA)	48,943.10	48,943.10	0.00
R19a	Public Safety Payroll Support	1,655,582.09	1,335,501.53	0.00
R19b	Public Health Payroll Support	185,406.39	185,406.39	0.00
R19c	Other Public Sector Payroll Support	302,778.33	194,697.42	0.00
R110a	Mental and Behavioral Health	0.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Public Health		6,545,664.47	5,805,078.59	293,805.08
Negative Economic Impacts				
R210a	Emergency Assistance for Non-Profit Organizations, a Subgrant to the City of Lancaster	0.00	0.00	0.00
R210b	Emergency Assistance for Non-Profits, Subgrant The Lighthouse	120,000.00	120,000.00	0.00
R210c	Salvation Army	500,000.00	500,000.00	0.00
R210d	Habitat for Humanity	610,000.00	0.00	0.00

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R210e	ADAMH/LSS Housing Projects	3,000,000.00	0.00	0.00
R211a	Subgrant for Tourism, Support for the Fairfield County Fair	499,996.00	499,996.00	0.00
R211b	Aid to Tourism, Travel, Hospitality	18,278.01	18,278.01	0.00
R29a	Emergency Assistance Business Planning	160,178.00	146,829.87	13,348.13
R213a	Support for Agriculture and the Growing Community	45,000.00	35,000.00	10,000.00
R213b	Technical Assistance for Townships & Others	400,000.00	211,854.84	37,423.16
R213c	Contracts for Services to Support Residents Suffering Effects of the Pandemic	102,000.00	71,240.00	25,460.00
Subtotal Negative Economic Impacts		5,455,452.01	1,603,198.72	86,231.29
R310a	Housing Support, Affordable Housing Strategic Plan	39,554.00	39,554.00	0.00
Subtotal Services Disproportionately Impacted Communities		39,554.00	39,554.00	0.00
Premium Pay				
R41a	Premium Pay, Premium Pay for Emergency Management Agency Workers	27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
Subtotal Premium Pay		27,907.72	27,907.72	0.00
Infrastructure				
R52a	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Airport	598,480.00	33,190.54	456,050.00
R52b	Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Walnut Creek Sewer District	750,000.00	0.00	750,000.00
R56a	Clean Water, Stormwater	539,895.00	539,895.00	0.00
R511a	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Grant Hampton	1,038,515.50	800,318.61	143,786.39

Quarters 2,3, & 4, 2021 & Quarter 1,2,3 & 4 2022 & Quarter 1,2,3,4 2023 – American Rescue Plan Fiscal Recovery Funds, as of 10.26.2023.

From the \$30,606,902.00 received as the first and second tranche of fiscal recovery funds.

\$28,856,696.60 has been appropriated, \$16,304,576.24 expended, \$3,785,055.13 encumbered or obligated.

Project/Category		As of 10/26/23 Appropriations	As of 10/26/23 Expenditure	As of 10/26/23 Obligation
R511b	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Airport	102,000.00	0.00	38,950.00
R511c	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Greenfield	1,900,000.00	0.00	0.00
R511d	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Baltimore	613,000.00	0.00	613,000.00
R511e	Drinking Water: Transmission/Distribution, Pleasantville	834,000.00	0.00	659,000.00
R516a	Broadband, "Last Mile" Projects	500,000.00	0.00	0.00
Subtotal Infrastructure		6,875,890.50	1,373,404.15	2,660,786.39
Revenue Loss				
R61a	SaaS and Technological Equipment	370,646.50	230,825.32	139,821.18
R61b	Recorder Document Scanning	400,000.00	337,984.72	62,015.28
R61c	Clerk of Courts Case Management	375,000.00	308,341.85	66,658.15
R61d	MARCS Tower Project	520,000.00	481,278.50	38,721.50
R61e	Dispatch Consoles	560,000.00	543,820.85	16,179.15
R61f	Fairfield Center Purchase	2,708,752.85	2,708,752.85	0.00
R61g	Fairfield Center Renovation	3,692,375.73	2,154,159.03	339,549.37
R61h	Community School Attendance Program	501,137.00	118,339.25	6,203.34
R61i	Workforce Center Expansion	0.00	0.00	0.00
R61j	Smart Growth	200,000.00	153,878.38	46,121.62
R61k	United Way and Dolly Parton's Imagination Library	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00

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Project/Category		As of 10/26/23 Appropriations	As of 10/26/23 Expenditure	As of 10/26/23 Obligation
R61l	Auditor Historical Records Scanning	0.00	0.00	0.00
R61m	Engineer's Radios	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00
R61n	Auditor Printers	5,000.00	0.00	4,357.66
R61o	Auditor Copiers	12,000.00	0.00	0.00
R517a	Beavers Field Utilities	49,900.00	20,896.18	24,756.00
Revenue Loss		9,499,812.08	7,163,276.93	744,383.25
Administration				
R71a	Administrative Expenses	412,415.82	292,156.13	0.00
Subtotal Administration		412,415.82	292,156.13	0.00
Grand Total		\$28,856,696.60	\$16,304,576.24	\$3,785,055.13

ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY ITEMS
FAIRFIELD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE
OCTOBER 23, 2023 TO October 29, 2023

Fairfield County Commissioners

- AA.10.24-2023.a An Administrative Approval for the payment(s) of the United Health Care (UHC) invoice for the Fairfield County Self-Funded Health Benefits Program – Fairfield County Board of Commissioners [Commissioners]
- AA.10.25-2023.a An Administrative Approval for the payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval and have bills presented that are not more than \$75,000 per invoice. [Commissioners]
- AA.10.27-2023.c An Administrative Approval for Conveying Locust Street Parcels to the Fairfield County Alcohol Drug and Mental Health Board (ADAMH) for the Crisis Stabilization Center aka "The Starlight Center" [Commissioners]

Fairfield County Facilities


- AA.10.27-2023.a An Administrative Approval for a Contract between Bennett & Williams, Inc., and the Fairfield County Commissioners for soil borings [Facilities]

Fairfield County Utilities Department

- AA.10.24-2023.b An administrative approval of a bank transfer for the County Utilities Department September 2023 [Utilities]

South Central Major Crimes Unit

- AA.10.27-2023.b An Administrative Approval to authorize the Fairfield County Administrator to sign the South Central Ohio Crimes Unit DLEF Grant Award Agreement [Sheriff - Major Crimes Unit]



*After nearly 30 years of Public Service,
Bev Anders is retiring!*

*Please join us as we celebrate Bev
and her career with Fairfield County.*

Tuesday, October 31st

1:00p – 3:00p

Admin Courthouse, Room 206



America's counties have a long and proud history of serving our nation's veterans, a legacy that continues to this day as we work with our federal, state and local partners to ensure that the former service members in our communities have access to the resources they need to thrive.

The National Association of Counties (NACo), and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (NACVSO), along with Fairfield County, invite businesses and residents in the Fairfield County to **join Operation Green Light and show support for veterans by lighting your buildings and homes green from November 6 to November 12, 2023.** By shining a green light, the county, and businesses and residents in the county, will let veterans know that they are seen, appreciated and supported.

A large white '50' on a black background. The '0' contains a heart shape. The background is decorated with yellow starburst patterns.

50

FIFTY YEARS

MEALS on WHEELS FAIRFIELD COUNTY

Join us in celebrating fifty years
of service to our community!

Business After Hours

Celebration

Tuesday, November 14

4:30pm-6:30pm

Meals on Wheels Senior Services Center
1515 Cedar Hill Road • Lancaster, OH

Light Refreshments Served

Music Provided by
Standing Stone Strings & Things

Return service requested

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Fairfield County Commissioners
210 E. Main Street
Lancaster, OH 43130



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

Fairfield County Auditor Releases 2023 Year in Review

Lancaster, Ohio – The Fairfield County Auditor’s Office has released its 2023 Year in Review fact sheet. This fact sheet highlights projects and services provided throughout the year. The first page serves as a snapshot or “by the numbers” overview to give context while the second page focuses on the office’s strategic plan. Each of five strategic themes are summarized. Goals, accomplishments, training/development, and some awards received are noted.

For example, in 2023, the County Auditor’s Office processed over 6,750 conveyances of property, with 70% of those conveyances managed electronically. Customer satisfaction surveys remained positive with a representative visitor stating, “Awesome folks working here! The best in Government! Very courteous and helpful with my needs. They went over and beyond helping me. Fantastic service! Best I’ve found anywhere.”

Some additional statistics included in the fact sheet are the number of checks or electronic transfers issued, the amount of assessed new construction, and various demographic statistics. The County Auditor’s Strategic Plan also outlines strategies for the future.

Dr. Carri Brown, County Auditor, stated, “The Year in Review fact sheet shows how we in the County Auditor’s Office provide leadership with essential financial reporting and data management services. Our 32-person team is working hard to improve accountability, trustworthiness, and credibility.”

The 2023 Year in Review is attached and can also be viewed here: <https://bit.ly/YearInReview2023>.

For more information or questions regarding the fact sheet, the strategic plan, or other matters, please contact the Auditor’s Administrative Office at (740) 652-7020 or Real Estate Office at (740) 652-7030.

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Your Fairfield County Auditor's Office: BY THE NUMBERS



We Serve. We Protect. We Connect.

162,898 POPULATION → **3** CITIES | **13** TOWNSHIPS | **12** VILLAGES

Aa2 BOND RATING | **\$200+ Million** ALL FUNDS BUDGET



279 M+
Capital assets



72,000+
Parcels



\$100M+
New construction
assessed

DID YOU KNOW?

Fairfield County unemployment and poverty rates are below state average.



26,000+
Checks/EFTs issued



416
Vendor licenses issued—
up 67% since 2017



6,750
Properties conveyed
annually

Modernized Minimum Conveyance Standards

DID YOU KNOW?

70%
Conveyances
processed
electronically

21,203+
Dog licenses
issued

\$5.84B+
Total county-
wide assessed
valuation

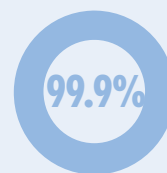
108,297+
Registered
voters

WHY DO WE EXIST? We provide leadership with essential financial reporting and data management services to improve accountability, trustworthiness, and credibility in the private and public sectors.

728
Surveys
collected

250
Address
changes
made online

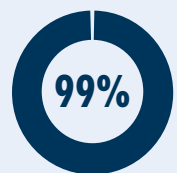
Of the Participants Surveyed...



felt they were able
to discuss their
specific topic



stated they
received courteous
customer service



think the Auditor
should continue
holding informal
hearings

GIS created a virtual tour of county buildings that can be found on the Fairfield County homepage

DID YOU KNOW?



Financial systems
technology updated



6,738
Water bottles saved



Hotel/motel tax
tech improvements

Fairfield County has the lowest sales tax rate in the region

DID YOU KNOW?

3,815
Social media
followers

1 Day
Public records
requests answered,
on average

117
BOR
hearings held

30+
Press releases
issued

Data current as of October, 2023

"Awesome folks working here! The best in Government! Very courteous and helpful with my needs. They went over and beyond helping me. Fantastic service! Best I've found anywhere."

— Respondent of customer survey



Dr. Carri Brown
Fairfield County Auditor

Your Fairfield County Auditor's Office: Strategic Plan



The mission of the Fairfield County Auditor's Office is to perform statutory duties with excellence, integrity, and innovation while embracing outstanding internal and external customer service to continuously improve county government.

THEMES

Provide Supervisory Support & Coaching Opportunities for Team Members

Focus on Strengths & Customer Service

Improve Communication and Outreach

Improve Use of Technology and Records Management Processes

Update Financial and REA Processes to Add Value

GOALS ACHIEVED

Accomplishments:

- ✓ All-staff touch-base meetings
- ✓ Third all-staff survey
- ✓ Position description updates
- ✓ Inservices re: referrals and annual retreats
- ✓ Issued an office Code of Ethical Conduct
- ✓ Request by CAAO to create and host leadership conference

Training/Development:

- ✓ Mid-term and annual performance assessments
- ✓ 1:1 meetings: Time with the County Auditor Initiative
- ✓ In-services and annual retreats
- ✓ Team building and recognition activities
- ✓ Strengths assessments
- ✓ Individualized, goal-setting coaching sessions
- ✓ Performance assessment activities supervisor training
- ✓ Received first-ever tech-credit grant
- ✓ Celebrate Women & Leadership Summit
- ✓ Members of AGA, GFOA, and CPIM - attend multiple seminars

Awards:

- ✓ Developed a traveling trophy award: The Excellence Project
- ✓ 100% of employees obtained National Association of Counties High Performance Leadership Certifications and other certifications

Accomplishments:

- ✓ Championed customer service standards
- ✓ Happiness Project to increase community engagement and build upon individual strengths
- ✓ Honored those with exceptional Weights & Measures practices
- ✓ Inventory assignments for efficiency and to support internal customers
- ✓ Continuity of operations plans
- ✓ Physical locations to support job shadowing and service provision
- ✓ Documented open meeting procedures for the TIRCs, BOR, and Budget Commission
- ✓ Met all deadlines for payroll and financial reporting
- ✓ Conducted outreach with associations and the general public (more than 60 presentations conducted)
- ✓ Provided same-day legal review for lot splits

Training/Development:

- ✓ Record 98% CAUV apps returned prior to April 4 deadline
- ✓ Created lot splits factsheet to help with house development
- ✓ Conducted internal trainings
- ✓ Two-week onboarding training for new employees
- ✓ Conducted customer surveys

Awards:

- ✓ NACO Achievement Award for Board of Revision services and statewide references

Accomplishments:

- ✓ 300 visitors to REA building during Tour of Homes
- ✓ Hosted inaugural Real Estate Summit
- ✓ Partnered with OSU Ext. for landscaping project
- ✓ Public records request response: one-day average
- ✓ Website inquiry response: one-day average
- ✓ Tripled social media presence
- ✓ Updated office directory with purpose statements and contact information
- ✓ Monthly newsletter for internal and external customers
- ✓ 30+ news releases distributed, (Up from 0 in 2021)
- ✓ Proclamations for accounting/appraising skill awareness, GIS, W&M
- ✓ Multiple Auditor fact sheets and videos
- ✓ Updated websites to provide more information for the public
- ✓ Served as subject matter experts to other counties

Training/Development:

- ✓ Attended township, school district, and other entity meetings
- ✓ Conducted diversity, equity, and inclusion training
- ✓ Conducted ethics training
- ✓ Conducted mental health first aid training
- ✓ Partnered with Ohio Prisons for workforce training

Accomplishments:

- ✓ GIS partnership with public safety to improve response times
- ✓ New informal hearing electronic scheduling option
- ✓ Electronic signature process
- ✓ Electronic option for the conveyance of property, now used more than 70% of the time
- ✓ Map of the Month initiative
- ✓ New monitoring tool for financial systems technology
- ✓ One of first county offices to implement new phones and multi-factor authentication
- ✓ Participated in Records Commission
- ✓ Reviewed websites for ADA-compliance
- ✓ Maintained current technology for GIS users, including multiple county entities
- ✓ Managed software as a service function for financial systems to reduce down time

Training/Development:

- ✓ Participated in county-wide IT group
- ✓ Cybersecurity training for team
- ✓ Implemented AI for improved motel lodging tax collections to benefit tourism

Awards:

- ✓ GIS received 1st place in the statewide Analytic Mapping Contest
- ✓ GIS showing leadership in statewide workgroup to improve digital parcels

Accomplishments:

- ✓ Intentional in-reach strategies to help internal customers
- ✓ Fact sheets to support local school districts and libraries
- ✓ New capitalization threshold and depreciation
- ✓ Waived requirements for Budget Commission formal hearings
- ✓ Participated in multiple work groups to improve countywide services
- ✓ Improved technology deliverables
- ✓ Contract monitoring tool
- ✓ Civic education tools for real estate assessment; three videos
- ✓ Updated Internal Control Manual
- ✓ Informal hearings
- ✓ Appraisal and new construction notices
- ✓ Minimum standards for conveyance of property
- ✓ Conduct of TIRC meetings, established website presence
- ✓ Efficiency of Board of Revision processes

Training/Development:

- ✓ New GASB Standards
- ✓ Payroll training activities, inter- and intra-departmentally
- ✓ Payroll onboarding processes

Awards:

- ✓ Excellence Awards for Financial and Popular Reporting

HONORS...

- National Award of Excellence in Financial Reporting
- National Award of Excellence in Popular Reporting
- Inaugural OU Women's Leadership Summit
- Staff featured in state and local news publications
- 1st Place Statewide Analytical Maps (GIS)
- National Compendium of GIS Best Practices
- Best Practice for Civic Outreach - Athens Advocacy
- 100% of team achieved a Certificate of High Performance Leadership for National Association of Counties (NACO)
- Dr. Carri Brown, 2023 FBI Citizenship Academy and Community Emergency Response Team training graduate
- Coronet Awards from the Fairfield County Heritage Association

PRESENTATIONS AVAILABLE

- Proper Public Purpose
- Grants 101
- Leadership Training
- Strategic Planning
- The Role of Local Government and the County Auditor

To: Fairfield County Commissioners & Staff
From: Dr. Carri Brown, County Auditor
Date: October 25, 2023
Subjects: Tax Reduction Programs; Making Numbers Count; GIS Day; JEDD Meetings; Third Annual All-Team Retreat; and Requests for Map of the Month Recommendations

- **Tax reduction programs are often of high interest to homeowners.** In certain circumstances, the County Auditor serves as an agent for the Ohio Department of Taxation. Examples are the Homestead Program, the Current Agricultural Use Value Program, and the Owner Occupancy Credit. The County Auditor administers several programs that result in tax reductions or benefits for homeowners and taxpayers. There are additional processes available through the Board of Revision and other agencies and authorities. Given there are multiple programs, a fact sheet about programs and options is a work in progress. This fact sheet was inspired by a conversation had with members of the public. It will be available by the end of the year.
- **The Making Numbers Count seminar for financial officers and interested parties is November 8th at the Records Center.** The agenda includes helpful hints about year-end processing, internal control, and federal reporting. Thanks to the Finance Team for organizing a content rich seminar.
- **GIS Day is November 15th at the Records Center.** The agenda includes tips and tricks for users of GIS systems and an overview of how GIS is making a difference for multiple departments and residents. Thanks to the GIS team for organizing this educational and awareness activity.
- **Thanks to the Board of County Commissioners for the pending proclamations for accounting appreciation day and GIS day.**
- **The County Auditor is serving on the Board of Directors of the newly created City of Canal Winchester-Violet Township Joint Economic Development District.** This JEDD's first meeting was held October 23. Evaluation is underway to administer the district and its goals of economic development. **There will be a similar meeting for the newly created JEDD with the City of Lancaster and Violet Township.**
- The third annual retreat for County Auditor employees will be held on January 4th. **Thanks to the Board of County Commissioners for the use of Liberty Center for the retreat.**
- **If you have a request for a Map of the Month or a topic to suggest, please reach out to Carri anytime:**
Carri.Brown@FairfieldCountyOhio.gov

We already have requests through Spring of 2024.

Wins of the Week!

The week began with a **high-energy all-staff meeting** with planning for the REA abstract; conducting Finance Training; celebrating GIS Day, and creating new videos for REA, Payroll, and GIS. Thanks for the great ideas! This week, we also began the planning for the January 2024 retreat – our *third annual retreat*! A packet of information has already been distributed.

The **annual budget hearing** with the Board of County Commissioners was conducted this week. The County Auditor provides information on the general fund departmental expense budget, projections for the REA fund, and the anticipated revenue budget for the county general fund. The year in review fact sheet was provided, as it was to stakeholders. Copies of the full presentation are available for anyone who has interest.

- ❖ **REA held a fire drill on Wednesday, and all went well.** Thanks to the ASAP work group for their dedication to making sure these activities are organized and documented. **Special thanks to Josh Harper, Greg Forquer, and Randy Carter, our floor wardens. Thanks for your leadership with emergency preparedness. The fire drill lasted only a few minutes, and it was a good investment of time. Thanks to EMA and Facilities for participating.**

Thanks to GIS and the Map Room for their speedy approvals of legal descriptions. Same-day approvals have become the norm in our county, but that is not commonplace. There is a lot of positive feedback from stakeholders about the sense of urgency shown for these approvals.

- ❖ **Thanks also to Nick Dilley and GIS for the updates to the online county building tour. This is a great tool for those who might not know where county buildings are located and what they look like – this is helpful to residents seeking services. The tour is found here:**
<https://fairfieldcounty.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=61ec986a3c574f24b937a73cf14c07e5>

This week, we marked the 1-year anniversary of the “Tips and Tricks” project. So far ,we have shared 25 tips, all of which are available to view anytime online.

Also, this week, we held a planning meeting with the County Auditors’ Association of Ohio who requested a *statewide leadership conference* be conducted and led by Fairfield County. Thanks to Rachel Elsea for her organization of the materials for the meeting. The meeting went very well based on her helpful organization. There were eight county auditors from all parts of the state to participate in the planning meeting. Dave Burgei also attended the meeting. **We are planning the statewide leadership conference for February of 2024.**

The year-end financial policy and procedure questionnaire for all departments (in place for three decades) is now modernized with technology and improved wording. Thanks to Bev Hoskinson and her team for their attention to detail with this project. Each question is necessary for the publication of annual financial reports. The overall process for federal schedule reporting has been improved.

- ❖ **On Thursday, Bev Hoskinson and Carri Brown attended a standing-room only statewide conference titled *Leadership in Public Finance and Economic Development: The Role of Fiscal Officers in Ohio’s Future*.** Dr. Brown is serving on the *Board of Directors of the newly created City of Canal Winchester-Violet Township Joint Economic Development District*. The JEDD’s first meeting was held this week, and work is underway to administer the district and its goals of economic development. There will be a similar meeting for the JEDD for Lancaster and Violet Township in December.

Thanks to Linda O'Toole and Josh Harper for connecting and updating BOR cases. Linda O'Toole is updating BOR statewide reference tools and drafted an article about the Board of Revision process. The article will be of interest to those who have interest in filing a complaint with the Board of Revision, and it will be included in the next monthly newsletter.

- ❖ **This past week, Josh Harper completed continuing education and submitted for recertification for the Residential Evaluation Specialist (RES) designation. Great job!**

Bravo to:

- Curt Truax for creating a map for County Utilities.
- Randy Carter for creating the Sensory Trail Park map.
- Crystal Walker for her organizational skills in creating new CRA files.
- Makala Finely for her helpful nature as she assisted a resident with research about historical values.
- Noel Soddors for taking the lead on Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal data entry for large new construction projects.
- The Finance Team for pulling together to quickly provide reports for the indirect cost analysis when it was discovered that reports were not provided as expected. Thanks for giving this task a good sense of urgency to make things right.
- Everyone for completing vacation conversion forms quickly.
- REA for the good work in preparing to file the abstract.
- Payroll and Finance for consistently meeting operational deadlines.

We are up to **490 GEMs this week!** Way to go!

- ❖ **Bev Anders will be retiring on October 31.** Congratulations to Bev! She is well-known for her customer service skills and kind, helpful nature. Thank you to Bev for her dedication to public service. Bev always has a smile for others – and she is looking forward to spending more time with family and perhaps travelling! **Again, congratulations to Bev on her well-deserved retirement. The team sent out an invitation for others to join in on the celebration.**

Thanks to Jess Ferguson, Stacy Knight, and Michele Poston for volunteering to serve as culture champions for 2024. Culture champions help to organize team activities and special events.

September 28, 2023

Dear Elected Officials,

First of all I'd like to thank you for all you have done for our communities. We know you put in many hours and we appreciate you.

We do have major concerns however for ourselves and our community....Industrial Solar Farms on our Prime Farm Land!

Please listen to what I have to say. We have lived in our home for 45 years, in Richland Twp., on Pleasantville Rd., with a farm directly across the road from us that "has signed up." This is the area as you all are aware for the proposed Eastern Cottontail Project for their Solar Fields. This is the area where some of the richest farm land in the county or maybe even the state is located. This is the area where there are generational farms located. This is the area, that if this were to happen could put some family farms right out of business. This is the area where Vo-Ag and 4-H projects are raised. Can you imagine the Fairfield County Fair without these projects, these wonderful kids, and their families! This is the area that is loaded with hard working, law abiding, tax paying, passionate and caring people!

If Solar has to happen, why can't they be put on roof tops, strip mines, commercial land where they belong? I know, it's just not cost effective.....well, it's not cost effective for us, WE THE PEOPLE to go to the gas stations, grocery stores or pharmacies, but we do, because we have no other choice, do we? But these big industries can find another way...even if it isn't "cost effective!" They CAN figure it out!

What about our property values taking a big nose dive? Are we going to get a big tax break? I know if I were to pack up right now and sell I'd have to disclose what could possibly be across the road in the future. Yes, that's right. I've been in real estate for the past 30 years and it's the truth!! I've always learned in sales there's always features and benefits to a product. Sorry, I don't see one benefit to the citizens of this area!!

Another big concern is our health and safety. What's the status of our health going to be in the upcoming years...can't be good! What about the extra heat that comes off of these solar panels? And is it because of them we could have more violent weather conditions, storms, and tornados in our area? Is this really good for our environment?

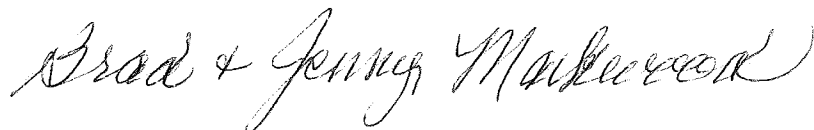
You see, they're not going to make anymore land....this is it! Do we really want to destroy it? Pouring 8 foot of concrete down a hole in this precious dirt instead of grains and livestock to feed our country..... this makes absolutely no sense to me at all. No, I'm not planning on eating my chicken, beef or pork that was created in a lab. This is land that will be lost forever, a loss of good families, community and our future. Our young generation will not have anyplace to come home to.

So yes, we have many, many concerns. Please put yourselves in our shoes and look at the big picture. Nobody wants them except a few that may gain financially!

You ARE our elected officials, so please keep in mind of what WE THE PEOPLE are concerned about.

PLEASE SAVE OUR LAND!

Thank you so much,
Sincerely,
Brad and Jenny Markwood

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brad & Jenny Markwood". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid, with the first names being larger and more prominent than the last name.

Fairfield County Workforce Center offers seniors driver's education classes



Jeff Barron

Lancaster Eagle-Gazette, published Oct. 26, 2023

CARROLL – The Fairfield County commissioners are concerned that transportation issues may keep people from finding employment. Therefore, the county workforce center has teamed with Hocking College to provide driver education classes for the center's seniors and at two local high schools.

An instructor from the college will come to the workforce center to give driving lessons by the end of the month. The lessons contain online study along with actually driving on public roads.



"Having a driver's license is critical for students to get jobs," county workforce development director Rick Szabrak said. "Especially in the skilled trades like we have

at the workforce center. You need to get to a job site. Public transit is not typically going to be available to take you to a construction site somewhere. A lot of the work for our construction companies is outside of Fairfield County."

He said some central Ohio driving schools have waiting lists of five months or so and that as of last year, no county high school offered driver's education.

However, Szabrak said the county is buying cars through American Rescue Plan money for Hocking College to provide driver's education at Lancaster and Fairfield Union school districts, along with the workforce center classes. The classes at the schools are also set to start by month's end.

More: [County commissioner Steve Davis sees local transportation issues firsthand as Uber driver](#)

Szabrak said the number of workforce center students not having a driver's license has become an issue with a number of employers. Szabrak said some students may ride share or carpool at first, but that they eventually need their license and their own transportation.

He said in 2021, only 40% of those 16 to 19 in the United States had a driver's license. Szabrak that number was 64% 26 years ago. He said there are several reasons for the drop in numbers.

"Kids today are using electronic devices for their entertainment and for their social activities," he said. "They're able to interact, communicate, play games and do all those things virtually and don't necessarily have to get behind the wheel of a car."

Szabrak said the increasing costs of owning a vehicle have also contributed to the downturn of teen drivers. But he said once a 17-year-old starts job training at the workforce center, they do need a driver's license.

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October 27, 2023

Corey Clark, Director
Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services
239 W. Main St.
Lancaster, OH 43130

RE: Fairfield County Single Audit
January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022

Dear Director Clark:

This letter constitutes the final determination of the State of Ohio as required by 2 CFR 200.332 (d) (3).

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) has accepted the Fairfield County single audit report, conducted by the Auditor of State of Ohio, that was received by the Office of Fiscal and Monitoring Services Audit Resolution Section on September 27, 2023.

The single audit report included the assistance listings referenced below:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Title</u>
10.561	State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
93.556	MaryLee Allen Promoting Safe and Stable Families Program
93.558*	Temporary Assistance for Needy Families
93.563	Child Support Enforcement
93.575	Child Care and Development Block Grant
93.645	Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program
93.658*	Foster Care Title IV-E
93.659*	Adoption Assistance
93.667	Social Services Block Grant
93.669	Child Abuse and Neglect State Grants
93.674	John H. Chafee Foster Care Program for Successful Transition to Adulthood
93.747	Elder Abuse Prevention Interventions Program
93.767	Children's Health Insurance Program
93.778*	Medical Assistance Program
* tested as a major program	

Based on a review of the audit, there were no questioned costs or costs recommended for disallowance. The audit reported no administrative findings, no uncorrected previous year findings, and no management letter recommendations related to programs passed through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

The audit resolution process is now complete. Your agency is required to retain all records for three (3) years from the date of submission of the audit report to the Federal Audit Clearinghouse according to 2 CFR 200.512 (f) or as otherwise provided in the applicable regulations or grant award contract provisions, whichever is most stringent.

If you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, please contact me in the Office of Fiscal and Monitoring Services, Bureau of Audit, Control & Claim Support at (614) 752-3140 or al.hammond@jfs.ohio.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alfred T. Hammond", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Al Hammond, Bureau Chief
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

cc: Fairfield County Auditor
Fairfield County Commissioners



Federal Emergency Management Agency

Washington, D.C. 20472

October 25, 2023

CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Steve Davis
President, Board of Commissioners,
Fairfield County
210 East Main Street
Room 302
Lancaster, OH 43140

Community Name: Fairfield County,
Ohio
(Unincorporated Areas)
Community No.: 390158
Map Panels Affected: See FIRM Index

Dear President Davis:

This is to notify you of the final flood hazard determination for Fairfield County, Ohio and Incorporated Areas, in compliance with Title 44, Chapter I, Part 67, Section 67.11, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). This section requires that notice of final flood hazards shall be sent to the Chief Executive Officer of the community, all individual appellants, and the State Coordinating Agency, and shall be published in the *Federal Register*.

The statutory 90-day appeal period that was initiated for your community when the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) published a notice of proposed flood hazard determinations for your community in the local newspaper has elapsed. FEMA did not receive any appeals of the proposed flood hazard determinations or submittals regarding the Preliminary Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) during that time.

Accordingly, the flood hazard determinations for your community are considered final. The final notice for flood hazard determinations will be published in the *Federal Register* as soon as possible. The FIS report and FIRM for your community will become effective on April 25, 2024. Before the effective date, we will send your community final printed copies of the FIS report and FIRM. For insurance purposes, the community number and new suffix code for the panels being revised are indicated on the FIRM and must be used for all new policies and renewals.

Because the FIS report for your community has been completed, certain additional requirements must be met under Section 1361 of the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, within 6 months from the date of this letter.

It must be emphasized that all the standards specified in 44 CFR Part 60.3(d) of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) regulations must be enacted in a legally enforceable document. This includes adoption of the current effective FIS report and FIRM to which the regulations apply and other modifications made by this map revision. Some of the standards should already have been enacted by your community in order to establish initial eligibility in the NFIP. Your community can meet any additional requirements by taking one of the following actions in this Paragraph of the NFIP regulations:

1. Amending existing regulations to incorporate any additional requirements of 44 CFR Part 60.3(d);
2. Adopting all the standards of 44 CFR Part 60.3(d) into one new, comprehensive set of regulations; or
3. Showing evidence that regulations have previously been adopted that meet or exceed the minimum requirements of 44 CFR Part 60.3(d).

Also, prior to the effective date, your community is required, as a condition of continued eligibility in the NFIP, to adopt or show evidence of adoption of the floodplain management regulations that meet the standards of 44 CFR Part 60.3(d) of the NFIP regulations by the effective date of the FIRM. These standards are the minimum requirements and do not supersede any State or local requirements of a more stringent nature.

Many states and communities have adopted building codes based on the International Codes (I-Codes); the model I-Codes (2009 and more recent editions) contain flood provisions that either meet or exceed the minimum requirements of the NFIP for buildings and structures. The model codes also contain provisions, currently found in an appendix to the International Building Code, that apply to other types of development and NFIP requirements. In these cases, communities should request review by the NFIP State Coordinator to ensure that local floodplain management regulations are coordinated (not duplicative or inconsistent) with the State or Local building code. FEMA's resource, *Reducing Flood Losses through the International Code: Coordinating Building Codes and Floodplain Management Regulations, 5th Edition (2019)*, provides some guidance on this subject and is available at <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-managers/risk-management/building-science/building-codes/flood>.

Communities that fail to enact the necessary floodplain management regulations will be suspended from participation in the NFIP and subject to the prohibitions contained in Section 202(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-234) as amended, and 44 CFR Part 59.24.

To assist your community in maintaining the FIRM, we have enclosed a Summary of Map Actions (SOMA) to document previous Letters of Map Change (LOMC) actions (i.e., Letters of Map Amendment, Letters of Map Revision) that will be affected when the revised FIRM panels referenced above become effective. If no LOMCs were issued previously for your community, you are receiving a SOMA for informational purposes only.

Once the FIS report and FIRM are printed and distributed, the digital files containing the flood hazard data for the entire county can be provided for use in a computer mapping system. These files can be used in conjunction with other thematic data for floodplain management purposes, insurance requirements, and many other planning applications. Copies of the digital files of the FIRM panels may be obtained by calling our FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX), toll free, at (877) 336-2627 (877-FEMA MAP) or by visiting the Map Service Center at <https://www.msc.fema.gov>. In addition, your community may be eligible for additional credits under our Community Rating System if you implement your activities using digital mapping files.

For assistance with your floodplain management ordinance or enacting the floodplain management regulations, please contact Alicia Silverio, NFIP State Coordinator for Ohio by telephone at (614) 265-1006. If you should require any additional information, we suggest that you contact the Director, Mitigation Division of FEMA, Region 5 at (312) 408-5500 or MaryBeth.Caruso@fema.dhs.gov for assistance. If you have any questions concerning mapping issues in general or the enclosed SOMA, please call our FMIX at the telephone number shown above. Additional information and resources you may find helpful regarding the NFIP and floodplain management can be found on our website at <https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps>. Copies of these documents may also be obtained by calling our FMIX.

Sincerely,



Luis Rodriguez, P.E., Director
Engineering and Modeling Division
Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration

Enclosure:
Final SOMA

cc: Community Map Repository
Tamara Ennist, Interim Director, Fairfield County Regional Planning

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Community No: 390158

To assist your community in maintaining the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), we have summarized below the effects of the enclosed revised FIRM panels(s) on previously issued Letter of Map Change (LOMC) actions (i.e., Letters of Map Revision (LOMRs), Letter of Map Revision based on Fill (LOMR-Fs), and Letters of Map Amendment (LOMAs)) that will be affected when the revised FIRM becomes effective on April 25, 2024.

1. LOMCs Incorporated

The modifications effected by the LOMCs listed below will be reflected on the revised FIRM. In addition, these LOMCs will remain in effect until the revised FIRM becomes effective.

LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Original Panel	Current Panel
			NO CASES RECORDED		

2. LOMCs Not Incorporated

The modifications effected by the LOMCs listed below will not be reflected on the revised FIRM panels or will not be reflected on the revised FIRM panels because of scale limitations or because the LOMC issued had determined that the lot(s) or structure(s) involved were outside the Special Flood Hazard Area, as shown on the FIRM. These LOMCs will remain in effect until the revised FIRM becomes effective. These LOMCs will be revalidated free of charge 1 day after the revised FIRM becomes effective through a single revalidation letter that reaffirms the validity of the previous LOMCs.

2A. LOMCs on Revised Panels

LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Original Panel	Current Panel
LOMA	09-05-2000A	05/21/2009	7803 FAIRLAWN DRIVE -- PORTION OF SECTION 23, T16, R20, REFUGEE LANDS	3901580010E	39045C0040J
LOMA	12-05-4902A	05/08/2012	SPRING CREEK CONDOMINIUM, BUILDINGS 12-20 & 22 -- KINGFISHER LANE & SANDPIPER LANE	39045C0040G	39045C0040J
LOMR-FW	13-05-2077A	02/21/2013	BUILDING 11, SPRING CREEK CONDOMINIUM -- 8059, 8063, 8067 AND 8071 KINGFISHER LANE	39045C0040G	39045C0040J
LOMA	15-05-0956A	01/13/2015	13940 WAGRAM ROAD	39045C0040G	39045C0040J

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2B. LOMCs on Unrevised Panels

LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Original Panel	Current Panel
LOMA	95-05-1450A	08/03/1995	3065 GREENLAWN AVENUE	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	96-05-1524A	06/06/1996	4802 COLONEL & PERRY DRIVE	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	97-05-1336A	01/22/1997	2915 DUFFY ROAD	3901580120D	39045C0258G
LOMA	97-05-5356A	10/23/1997	2300 STRINGTOWN ROAD - SECTION 19	3901580105D	39045C0165G
LOMA	98-05-1600A	01/28/1998	560 OLD LOGAN ROAD - SECTION 33	3901580185D	39045C0254G
LOMA	98-05-3742A	05/27/1998	7700 BUCKEYE ROAD	3901580185D	39045C0381G
LOMA	99-05-562A	12/02/1998	PARCEL 2 - 4811 CHICKEN COOP HILL ROAD	3901580185D	39045C0270G
LOMA	99-05-3024A	04/23/1999	TAYLORS SANDY BEACH ADDITION - LOTS 23 & 24 - 3704 SOUTH BANK RD	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	99-05-5870A	08/25/1999	BATESON'S BEACH - LOT 16 - 5152 BATESON BEACH DRIVE	3901580055D	39045C0090G
LOMA	99-05-7090A	10/27/1999	5488 CARROLL - NORTHERN ROAD NW	3901580020D	39045C0140G
LOMA	00-05-1964A	03/28/2000	5724 OLD LOGAN ROAD, S.E.	3901580185D	39045C0268G
LOMR-F	00-05-0412A	04/27/2000	2440 OLD LOGAN ROAD	3901580115D	39045C0254G
LOMA	00-05-2278A	06/20/2000	3298 SOUTH BANK ROAD	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	00-05-4004A	10/18/2000	BATESON BEACH COTTAGE LOTS, LOT 18; 5182 BATESON'S BEACH DRIVE	3901580055D	39045C0090G
LOMA	01-05-2485A	07/05/2001	12192 BUCKEYE POINT DRIVE, BUCKEYE POINT, LOT 9	3901580035D	39045C0070G

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LOMA	02-05-3417A	08/14/2002	LAKEVIEW BEACH, LOT 4; 3888 SOUTH BANK ROAD	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	02-05-4134A	09/11/2002	PORTION OF SECTION 27, T17N, R18W; 12089 SUNSET VIEW DRIVE	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	02-05-4594A	10/04/2002	29.963 ACRES, SECTION 16, SW 1/4, T16, R19; 9354 HEIMBERGER ROAD	3901580040D	39045C0135G
LOMA	02-05-4496A	10/18/2002	S 1/2 OF SECTION 27, T17N, R18W; 12129 SUNSET VIEW DRIVE	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	03-05-0157A	11/01/2002	SECTION 32, T15, R20; 6655 WATERLOO ROAD NW	3901580015D	39045C0110G
LOMA	03-05-0297A	12/04/2002	FRY'S LAKEVIEW BEACH SUB'D, LOT 5; 3400 SOUTHBANK ROAD	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	03-05-1188A	01/17/2003	HELENDORA SUBDIVISION, LOT 13; 3598 HELENDORA AVE.	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	03-05-2759A	04/30/2003	LAKEWOOD PARK, LOT 20; 3186 MAPLE AVENUE	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	03-05-2891A	06/06/2003	CLIMER'S GRANDVIEW ADDITION, LOT 11; 3274 SOUTHBANK ROAD	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	03-05-4325A	08/08/2003	5242 BATESON BEACH DRIVE	3901580055D	39045C0090G
LOMA	03-05-5230A	09/24/2003	T15, R20, SECTION 35; 7120 LOCKVILLE ROAD	3901580020D	39045C0130H
LOMA	03-05-5269A	09/24/2003	CLIMER'S GRANDVIEW BEACH, LOTS 9 AND 10; 3278 S. BANK RD.	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMR-F	04-05-0331A	12/12/2003	LLOYD'S SUB'D, LOT 1; 2805 COLUMBUS-LANCASTER ROAD	3901580105D	39045C0232G
LOMA	04-05-0839A	12/10/2003	TAYLOR'S SANDY BEACH, PORTION OF LOTS 11 & 12; 3788 SOUTH BANK ROAD	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	04-05-0875A	01/09/2004	12119 SUNSET VIEW DRIVE	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	04-05-1490A	01/14/2004	LAKEWOOD PARK SUBDIVISION, LOTS 18 & 19; 3136 MAPLE AVENUE	3901580035D	39045C0070G

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LOMA	04-05-1619A	02/06/2004	C. M. WAGNERS ALLOTMENT, LOTS 8 & 9; 3174 SOUTH BANK ROAD	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	04-05-2311A	05/05/2004	SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 17, RANGE 18 ; 3755 WALNUT ROAD	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	05-05-0288A	11/05/2004	6509 MILLERSIDING ROAD	3901580130D	39045C0190G
LOMA	05-05-2401A	06/16/2005	7585 BASIL ROAD	3901580040D	39045C0153G
LOMA	05-05-3166A	06/20/2005	LAKEWOOD PARK SUBDIV, RESERVE 'E' -- 3200 FISHER AVENUE	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	05-05-3763A	08/01/2005	PORTION OF SECTION 13, T19N, R18W	3901580055D	39045C0090G
LOMA	05-05-4749A	10/04/2005	3878 SOUTH BANK ROAD -- PORTION OF SECTION 27, T17N, R18W	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	06-05-BB90A	03/21/2006	TAYLOR'S SANDY BEACH SUBDIV, 1ST ADDITION, LOT 19 -- 3756 SOUTH BANK ROAD (OH)	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	06-05-BN97A	06/13/2006	A.H. BROOKS WESTLAKE VIEW ADDITION, LOT 8 -- 12139 SUNSET VIEW DRIVE (OH)	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMR-FW	06-05-BU57A	10/05/2006	870 LEONARD ROAD -- PORTION OF SECTION 30, T16, R18 (OH)	3901580045D	39045C0154G
LOMR-FW	06-05-BY75A	10/05/2006	3739 OLD COLUMBUS ROAD -- PORTION OF SECTION 21, T15, R19 (OH)	3901580085D	39045C0145G
LOMA	07-05-0342A	11/07/2006	LOTS 1, 2, AND 3S, HELENDORA -- 3528 HELENDORA AVENUE (OH)	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	07-05-0361A	11/07/2006	4941 HARVEY LANE -- PORTION OF SECTION 23, R18, T17 (OH)	3901580035D	39045C0090G
LOMA	07-05-0528A	12/12/2006	PORTION OF SECTION 27, T17N, R18W -- 12109 SUNSET VIEW DRIVE (OH)	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	07-05-3129A	04/03/2007	LAKEWOOD PARK, LEIBS ISLAND, LOTS 101 & 102 -- 3240 MIDDLE COURT NE (OH)	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	07-05-4684A	07/03/2007	HELENDORA SUBDIVISION, LOT 14 -- 3606 HELENDORA AVENUE	3901580035D	39045C0070G

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LOMA	07-05-4920A	08/23/2007	TAYLOR'S SANDY BEACH ADDITION, LOTS 4 & 5 -- 3830 SOUTH BANK ROAD	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	07-05-5727A	09/06/2007	3825 RICHLAND ROAD -- PORTION OF SECTION 3, T15, R18	3901580045D	39045C0170G
LOMA	08-05-0191A	10/30/2007	9385 HILL ROAD NW -- LOT 1, HOMESTEAD HILL SUBDIVISION	3901580015E	39045C0110G
LOMA	08-05-0264A	10/30/2007	12199 SUNSET VIEW DRIVE -- PORTION OF SECTION 27, T17N, R18W	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	08-05-2220A	03/06/2008	A.H. BROOKS WEST LAKE VIEW ALLOTMENT, PORTION OF LOT 5 -- 12099 SUNSET VIEW DRIVE	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMR-FW	08-05-2174A	03/25/2008	6750 WATERLOO ROAD -- PORTION OF SECTION 32, T15N, R20W	3901580015E	39045C0110G
LOMA	08-05-2277A	03/25/2008	6900 WATERLOO ROAD -- PORTION OF SECTION 32, T15N, R20W	3901580015E	39045C0110G
LOMA	08-05-2474A	03/25/2008	LAKEVIEW BEACH, LOTS 3 & 6-8 -- 3380, 3408, 3416 & 3424 SOUTH BANK ROAD	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMR-FW	08-05-2378A	04/15/2008	PORTION OF SECTION 32, T15N, R20W -- 6800 WATERLOO ROAD	3901580015E	39045C0110G
LOMA	08-05-2911A	05/13/2008	TAYLOR'S SANDY BEACH, LOT 3-- 3848 SOUTH BANK ROAD	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	08-05-3733A	06/17/2008	BROOK'S WEST LAKEVIEW SUBDIVISION, BLOCK 625, LOT 10--12159 SUNSET VIEW DRIVE	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	08-05-4047A	07/10/2008	LAKEWOOD PARK ADDITION, LOT 182 -- 3081 GREENLAWN AVENUE	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMR-FW	09-05-0276A	11/18/2008	SECTION 21, T15, R19, CONGRESS LANDS -- 3739 OLD COLUMBUS ROAD	3901580085D	39045C0145G
LOMA	09-05-0922A	01/13/2009	4085 HORNS MILL ROAD -- PORTION OF SECTION 26, T14, R18	3901580185D	39045C0270G
LOMA	09-05-1230A	01/29/2009	LAKEWOOD PARK LEIB'S ISLAND, LOTS 165-166, 168, 203-204 & 206 -- 2977, 2981 & 2989 GREENLAWN AVENUE	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	09-05-1409A	02/12/2009	CLIMERS GRANDVIEW BEACH SUBDIV, LOTS 4 & 5 -- 3322 SOUTH BANK ROAD	3901580035D	39045C0070G

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LOMA	09-05-5358A	08/13/2009	6976 Waterloo Road	3901580015E	39045C0110G
LOMA	09-05-6211A	10/22/2009	TAYLOR'S SANDY BEACH, LOT 14W -- 3776 SOUTH BANK ROAD	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	10-05-0313A	10/20/2009	3895 Chicken Coop Hill Road	3901580120D	39045C0270G
LOMA	09-05-6189A	11/24/2009	LOT 4 & 5 AND PORTION OF LOT 3, HELENDORA SUBDIV -- 3534 HELENDORA AVENUE	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	09-05-5529A	12/18/2009	LOTS 172 & 210, RESERVE A OF LAKEWOOD PARK --3009 GREENWOOD AVENUE	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	10-05-6283A	10/28/2010	LOTS 25 AND 26, TAYLOR'S FIRST ADDITION TO SANDY BEACH -- 3688 SOUTH BANK ROAD	3901580035D	39045C0070G
LOMA	11-05-3265A	02/02/2011	2216 Campbell Lane	3901580120D	39045C0254G
LOMA	11-05-3307A	03/22/2011	4200 HORNS MILL ROAD	3901580185D	39045C0270G
LOMA	11-05-4914A	06/14/2011	2201 JOYE LANE	3901580120D	39045C0254G
LOMA	12-05-1505A	12/13/2011	BUCKEYE LAKE RESERVOIR LANDS, LOT 23-319 -- 13404 ORCHARD ISLAND	3901580035D	39045C0090G
LOMA	12-05-2817A	03/08/2012	LOT 23-246, PLAT OF BUCKEYE LAKE RESERVOIR LANDS -- 12544 WEST BANK DRIVE	39045C0070G	39045C0070G
LOMA	12-05-3349A	03/29/2012	4850 ELDER ROAD NORTHEAST	39045C0190G	39045C0190G
LOMR-F	12-05-4310A	05/15/2012	SEC 31, T14, R18 -- 1161 MCGRERY ROAD SE	39045C0265G	39045C0265H
LOMA	12-05-4839A	05/15/2012	LOT 23-233, BUCKEYE LAKE RESERVOIR LANDS -- 12692 WEST BANK DRIVE	39045C0070G	39045C0070G
LOMA	12-05-6041A	05/31/2012	4546 CARPENTER ROAD	39045C0270G	39045C0270G
LOMR-FW	12-05-5945A	06/07/2012	1959 MARIETTA ROAD NORTHEAST	39045C0256G	39045C0256G

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LOMA	12-05-5956A	06/06/2012	3425 Gun Barrel Road	39045C0190G	39045C0190G
LOMA	12-05-4549A	07/03/2012	LOTS 1-2, A PRT OF LOTS 3-5, PLAT OF COTTAGE LOTS ADJOINING LAKE TOURIST HOTEL -- 4839 DECKER AVENUE	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMA	12-05-6987A	07/06/2012	LOT 8, COMPASS POINT SUBDIVISION AND REPLAT OF KENNEY'S BEACH LOTS 15W & 16 -- 13796 ROSEWOOD DRIVE	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMA	13-05-0240A	10/23/2012	2685 HORNS MILL ROAD	39045C0268G	39045C0268G
LOMA	13-05-0041A	03/12/2013	LOTS 4 AND 5, CLIFFORD B. STARNER'S HORN'S MILL SUBDIVISION -- 2845 HORNS MILL ROAD	39045C0268G	39045C0268G
LOMA	13-05-1601A	03/19/2013	2743 & 2751 HORNS MILL ROAD	39045C0268G	39045C0268G
LOMR-FW	13-05-3695A	03/21/2013	5780 REYNOLDSBURG BALTIMORE ROAD NORTHWEST	39045C0130G	39045C0130H
LOMA	12-05-5372A	04/23/2013	3333 Gun Barrel Road	39045C0195G	39045C0195G
LOMA	13-05-5970A	06/21/2013	Lot 3, Towpath Island Subdivision - 3245 Fisher Avenue	39045C0070G	39045C0070G
LOMR-F	13-05-5888A	06/25/2013	5815 SUGAR GROVE ROAD	39045C0268G	39045C0268G
LOMA	13-05-7629A	08/27/2013	LOT 2, CLIMERS GRANDVIEW BEACH ADDITION TO BUCKEYE LAKE -- 3346 SOUTH BANK ROAD	39045C0070G	39045C0070G
LOMA	13-05-6535A	09/10/2013	2715 HORNS MILL ROAD	39045C0268G	39045C0268G
LOMA	14-05-3310A	02/20/2014	8432 BENADUM ROAD NORTHWEST	39045C0110G 39045C0130G	39045C0110G 39045C0130H
LOMA	14-05-6900A	06/10/2014	3126 South Bank Road Northeast	39045C0070G	39045C0070G
LOMA	14-05-7182A	06/20/2014	3787 Bickel Church Road	39045C0135G	39045C0135G
LOMA	14-05-9297A	10/30/2014	KENNY'S BEACH SUBDIVISION, LOT 2 & 2A -- 5900 KENNY DRIVE	39045C0090G	39045C0090G

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LOMR-F	15-05-4514A	07/13/2015	SECTION 13, T14, R19 -- 375 HAMBURG ROAD	39045C0253G	39045C0253H
LOMR-FW	15-05-5670A	09/02/2015	2240 & 2244 HORNS MILL ROAD SE	39045C0270G	39045C0270G
LOMA	17-05-0347A	11/09/2016	Lot 12, Compass Point and Kenney's Beach Replat Subdivision - 13806 Rosewood Drive, NE	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMR-F	17-05-3447A	06/08/2017	KENNEYS BEACH SUBDIVISION, LOT 3 -- 5890 KENNEY DRIVE NE	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMA	17-05-4779A	06/13/2017	Lot 1 & 1A, Kenney's Beach Subdivision - 5910 Kenney Drive NE	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMA	18-05-1329A	12/13/2017	Lot 10 / 23-279, C.M. Wagner's Allotment / Reservoir Lands Subdivision - 3192 South Bank Road NE	39045C0070G	39045C0070G
LOMA	18-05-2835A	03/09/2018	The Cottages at Compass Point Condominium, Unit H - 13848 Rosewood Drive	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMA	18-05-6212A	10/11/2018	COMPASS POINT SUBDIVISION AND REPLAT OF KENNEY'S BEACH, LOT 7 -- 13794 ROSEWOOD DRIVE NE	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMA	19-05-1156A	01/03/2019	The Cottages at Compass Point, Garage 3 Subdivision - 13854 Rosewood Drive	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMA	19-05-2960A	05/22/2019	SECTION 36, T14, R18 -- 5295 HORNS MILL ROAD	39045C0270G	39045C0270G
LOMR-F	19-05-3941A	08/30/2019	KENNEY'S BEACH, LOTS 4 & 4A -- 5880 KENNEY DRIVE NE	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMR-F	19-05-4191A	08/30/2019	BUCKEYE LAKE RESERVOIR LANDS, LOT 23-24 -- 4375 NORTH BANK ROAD NE	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMA	20-05-1719A	04/03/2020	3743 Richland Road	39045C0170G	39045C0170G
LOMA	20-05-3279A	06/12/2020	Lot 11, Compass Point and Replat of Kenney's Beach Lots Subdivision - 13804 Rosewood Drive NE	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMA	20-05-4647A	10/13/2020	COMPASS POINT SUBDIVISION & REPLAT OF KENNEY'S BEACH LOTS 15W & 16, LOT 6 -- 13792 ROSEWOOD ROAD NE	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMA	21-05-1034A	01/06/2021	Lot 29 - 30, Plat of Roby Subdivision - 13536 McLeish Street NE	39045C0070G	39045C0070G

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LOMA	21-05-1062A	03/04/2021	Lot 5, Kenney's Beach Replat Subdivision - 5870 Kenney Drive NE	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMA	21-05-4212A	09/15/2021	Lot 9, Hamilton Farm Subdivision - 3947 Hamilton Drive NE	39045C0070G	39045C0070G
LOMA	22-05-0590A	12/01/2021	The Cottages at Compass Point Condominium Subdivision - 13828 Rosewood Drive	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMA	22-05-1273A	02/16/2022	Lot K, The Cottages at Compass Point Condominium Subdivision - 13860 Rosewood Drive	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMA	22-05-1446A	03/02/2022	Lot 23-33, Buckeye Lake Reservoir Lands Subdivision - 4321 North Bank Road	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMA	22-05-1609A	03/22/2022	Lot 23-326, Buckeye Lake Reservoir Lands Subdivision - 12740 Keller Island, NE	39045C0070G	39045C0070G
LOMA	23-05-0359A	11/28/2022	Lot 13, Compass Point and Replat of Kenney's Beach Subdivision - 13808 Rosewood Drive NE	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMA	23-05-0360A	12/22/2022	Lot 14, Compass Point and Replat of Kenney's Beach Subdivision - 13810 Rosewood Drive NE	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMR-F	23-05-0274A	01/11/2023	SECTION 14, T17, R18 & SECTION 23, T27, R18 -- 4493 NORTH BANK ROAD NE	39045C0090G	39045C0090G
LOMA	05-05-5009A	10/20/2005	HIGHLAND PARK PLACE, LOT 12 -- 2806 SALEM HILLS COURT	39045C0295G	39045C0295G
LOMA	97-05-464A	11/13/1996	S.E. 1/4 SEC. 17 - 5400 GUN BARREL ROAD	3901580065D	39045C0190G
LOMA	12-05-3821A	05/17/2012	6135 ALLEN ROAD NORTHWEST	39045C0130G	39045C0130H

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3. LOMCs Superseded

The modifications effected by the LOMCs listed below have not been reflected on the Final revised FIRM panels because they are being superseded by new or revised flood hazard information or the information available was not sufficient to make a determination. The reason each is being superseded is noted below. These LOMCs will no longer be in effect when the revised FIRM becomes effective.

LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Reason Determination Will be Superseded
LOMR	22-05-1171P	05/25/2023	WILLOW RUN LOMR	4

1. Insufficient information available to make a determination.
2. Lowest Adjacent Grade and Lowest Finished Floor are below the proposed Base Flood Elevation.
3. Lowest Ground Elevation is below the proposed Base Flood Elevation.
4. Revised hydrologic and hydraulic analyses.
5. Revised topographic information.
6. Superseded by another LOMC.

4. LOMCs To Be Redetermined

The LOMCs in Category 2 above will be revalidated through a single revalidation letter that reaffirms the validity of the determination in the previously issued LOMC. For LOMCs issued for multiple lots or structures where the determination for one or more of the lots or structures is no longer valid, the LOMC cannot be revalidated through this administrative process. Therefore, we will review the data previously submitted for the LOMC requests listed below and if appropriate issue a new determination for the affected properties after the effective date of the revised FIRM.

LOMC	Case No.	Date Issued	Project Identifier	Original Panel	Current Panel
			NO CASES RECORDED		



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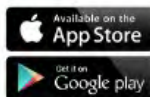
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1 Muskingum County Commissioner Melissa Bell, Defiance County Commissioner David Kern, and Hamilton County Commissioner Denise Driehaus at the Ohio State University John Glenn College of Public Affairs Leadership Academy

2 Franklin County Commissioners John O'Grady and Erica Crawley, Logan County Commissioner Joe Antram and Union County Commissioner Dave Burke with Vice President of Government & Industry Relations at Honda Tadao Kajitani in Tokyo, Japan

3 CCAO Board of Directors with Treasurer of State Robert Sprague at CCAO Summer Symposium Board Meeting

A MESSAGE FROM 2023 CCAO PRESIDENT GLENN MILLER, HENRY COUNTY COMMISSIONER

It's fall, where has the year gone! Soon we will be at the CCAO Winter Conference in December and then we will bring 2023 to a close. When I became president of CCAO some wise past presidents said you will initially be overwhelmed, then the year will go quickly! That is exactly what has happened.

This year much has been accomplished! The biennial budget had its successes and challenges. As an Association, we secured funding for more vital county jail projects, the rollout and operation of the Next Generation 9-1-1 system, indigent defense reimbursement, and a statutory increase in the Local Government Fund allocation. The budget also included funding for economic development projects, an expansion of the H2Ohio program, and many helpful changes in the human services realm. While some may feel we did not get what we were looking for, no matter what your view, we have been given an opportunity!



Miller

The Statehouse Advocacy Task Force authorized by the Board of Directors will be a key component to building a better relationship with the House of Representatives and the Senate. The Task Force will identify strategies to improve relationship building with state lawmakers and executive officials, develop advocacy materials to educate CCAO members on the Association's policy priorities, and cultivate best practices for communicating Association priorities to state-level stakeholders. We are excited for the Task Force to start its work and help strengthen counties' presence in Columbus.

Legislative leadership respects our organization so much that they have asked us to help educate their members on a variety of topics important to counties. This is a fantastic opportunity for our members to become a more integral part of our lobbying efforts at the Statehouse.

In addition to the upcoming Winter Conference, CCAO held two other educational events this year, starting with New Member Training in February and followed by the Summer Symposium in August. These events give members valuable opportunities to learn about a variety of subjects, both from experts in the fields and from colleagues around the state. I'm proud of the success of these events and what will surely be another successful Winter Conference!

Thank you for allowing me to be your President in 2023. I have always appreciated and respected CCAO for what it does and the influence our organization has in the State of Ohio and around the country. Our staff is the best there is, you have made my job easy! Thank you to the Executive Committee and the full Board. We all have chosen to work together for the greater good of our organization, members, and counties. Please accept this heartfelt "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart!

May God continue to bless you, your families, and your county!

LETTER FROM CCAO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CHERYL SUBLER

County commissioners, county executives and county council members are a driving force behind the success and well-being of our counties. They navigate complex issues, allocate limited resources, and make crucial decisions that impact the lives of every resident. They are the architects of change, the stewards of progress, and the embodiment of unwavering dedication to public service.



Subler

CCAO is preparing to launch a new recognition program to illuminate the remarkable years of service, enduring commitment, and outstanding achievements of these extraordinary individuals who shape the future of our counties.

CCAO's new **Decades of Dedication: County Governance Award** will honor our members when they've reached the benchmark of 10 years of service, 20 years of service, 30 years of service and even 40 years! Over these time spans, such commissioners, executives and council members steadfastly have led innovative projects and secured vital funding in the realms of economic development, protecting children and supporting families, vital infrastructure including water and sewer services, and much, much more!

Our recognition program will stand as a testament to the commitment and unwavering service of our county commissioners, county executives and county council members. Together, we will celebrate those individuals who have dedicated their lives to building better, stronger, and more vibrant counties for all.

We'll kick off the **Decades of Dedication: County Governance Awards** program during our CCAO Annual Membership Business Meeting on Thursday, December 7 at the CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference. There we'll share the names of the 70 officials who will receive their 10 years of service award along

with the 10 officials who will receive their 20 years of service award. Moreover, we'll honor a very special county commissioner who has been making impactful decisions for more than 40 years! Later that afternoon CCAO President Glenn Miller, Henry County Commissioner, will present each recipient their distinguished award.

In a world where the spotlight often shines on the sensational, it's time to unveil the excellence that lies in the hearts of our counties. We'll celebrate devoted public service while county elected officials are in office, thereby highlighting and igniting a passion for public service in the hearts of aspiring leaders.

My hope is you'll join us at the upcoming CCAO/CEAO Annual Winter Conference, an event that promises to be the highlight of the year, and come together to honor dedicated county commissioners, county executives and county council members with decades of service who have given much of their life, energy and passion to make their county a wonderful place to call home and have a bright future for generations to come. Stronger Counties. Stronger Ohio.

CCAO POLICY TEAM

NEXT GENERATION 9-1-1, THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC SAFETY

by Kyle Petty, Esq., CCAO Managing Director of Policy

Did you know that Ohioans made nearly six million 9-1-1 calls last year? Most people believe that they are being directly connected with a live person once they call 9-1-1, but that call actually bounces around to various systems before being answered by a 9-1-1 operator through an antiquated landline-based system.



Petty

The outdated system severely limits how much information can be provided to first responders, especially when it comes to the physical location of the caller. In fact, during a legislative hearing this year it was remarked that it is easier for a Domino's delivery driver to locate you than it is a county 9-1-1 operator.

However, Ohio made a major step in House Bill 33, through the implementation of a Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG 9-1-1) system. The NG 9-1-1 system is operated by the state and is a web-based system that will route calls through a centralized state system that counties will plug into locally. The system offers a variety of benefits that will increase public safety. For example, a NG 9-1-1 system will allow the dispatcher to locate a caller within several feet of accuracy. Additionally, the system will also allow for live video and other information to be directly sent from the caller to the first responder via phone or text.

As you can imagine, setting up this new system will come at an additional cost. House Bill 33 allocated \$46 million dollars in one-time funds to assist the state and some locals with the one-time costs associated with setting up this system. Additional funding will be provided on an ongoing basis through a fee expansion and increase contained in House Bill 33. Currently, Ohio residents pay 25 cents per

month on all wireless lines and landlines to help fund 9-1-1 and counties receive 97% of that revenue. Under House Bill 33, that fee is expanded to VoIP lines, and multi-telephone systems (MTS) and the fee amount is increased from 25 cents to 40 cents a month. Counties will receive 72% of that revenue, and the state will receive 25% of the revenue to operate the NG 9-1-1 system at the state level, with the remaining revenue going to the Department of Taxation for collection purposes. Currently, the 25-cent fee generates around \$28 million annually. The fee contained in House Bill 33 is expected to generate approximately \$100 million annually.

In addition to the technological upgrades associated with NG 9-1-1, counties will need to utilize their existing 9-1-1 program review committee to modify the existing countywide 9-1-1 plan. An updated 9-1-1 plan is due to the state 9-1-1 program office by April 3, 2024. The plan must contain the following information: how PSAPs will be connected to a county's preferred NG 9-1-1 system; if enhanced 9-1-1, NG 9-1-1 service, or a combination of the two, will be provided (providing basic 9-1-1 service is no longer permitted); and how originating service providers must connect to the core 9-1-1 system identified by the final plan, and what methods will be used by the providers to communicate with the system, among other items.

CCAO stands ready to assist every county with the implementation of NG 9-1-1. If you have questions about the fee, the changes made to the 9-1-1 program committee or 9-1-1 plan, please do not hesitate to contact our staff.

FEATURE

NATIONAL RETIREMENT SECURITY MONTH: JUST ASK

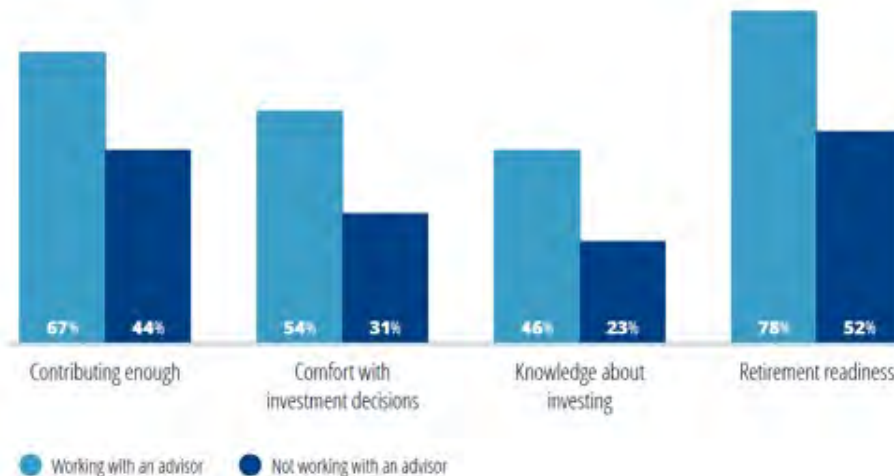
by Empower

CCAO and Empower are celebrating National Retirement Security Month this October. And we recognize everyone has questions about money. Getting answers starts with asking questions. And when you have questions about your financial future, who better to ask than a financial professional.

If you are seeking some help, you're not alone. That number is growing. While it may be due to many factors, inflation and market volatility certainly make it more challenging for people to make financial decisions on their own. Compared to last year, fewer workers with a retirement plan (40% compared to 48%) feel comfortable making investment decisions.¹

In fact, one respondent to the Empowering America's Financial Journey survey even said, "Make sure you have a plan, do your research, and don't be afraid to ask for help from an advisor." This respondent wasn't alone, either. More than half of the survey respondents said they wish they'd gotten advice earlier.¹

Of course, the question then becomes: Does meeting with a financial professional help? The answer is a resounding yes. Across the board, people feel better about important aspects of their financial planning when they work with an advisor. The chart below shows the percentage of individuals rating financial attributes higher when working with an advisor.¹



Working with a financial professional to develop a strategy designed to help you meet your personal short- and long-term goals has clear benefits. Get the answers you need – schedule a one-on-one session with an Empower Retirement Plan Advisor today.²

1 Empower.com, "Empowering America's Financial JourneyTM," November 2022.

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GUEST COLUMN

ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF OHIO'S MULTI-SYSTEM ADULTS

by Liz Poprocki, OhioMHAS, Mental Health Treatment Coordinator

Ohio has launched a new initiative to better meet the needs of adults with severe and persistent mental illness who are also involved with multiple systems like criminal justice, developmental disabilities, and aging, among others. Without coordinated support, these Ohioans can often experience inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations, high rates of incarceration, homelessness, and unemployment.

Many times, these experiences become cyclical. To improve connections to needed supports in their communities and promote stability and recovery outside of institutions, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services developed the Multi-System Adults (MSA) Enhancing Wellness Project. This program seeks to establish and/or strengthen existing community resources and collaborative partnerships to create coordinated responses supportive of the long-term wellness of people who experience frequent inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations and interface with multiple human services and/or criminal justice systems. Thanks to Governor Mike DeWine's introduction of this initiative in his SFY 2022-2023 budget, the program received \$11 million in funding over the biennium and was supported by Ohio's General Assembly. These funds are enhancing critical supports for adults with severe and persistent mental illness and increase access to services to aid in sustaining their recovery.

This strategic approach is a partnership with participating county ADAMHS boards and community providers that offers financial assistance and recovery supports to adults who meet eligibility criteria. ADAMHS boards work with providers, and other systems partners in their communities who identify and serve these multi-system adults. The systems collaboration utilizes existing collaboratives and coalitions or can be a new development between community partners.

Collaboratives include ADAMHS boards and other partners such as peer-run organizations, local and regional psychiatric hospitals, county developmental disability boards, law enforcement, homeless/supportive housing serving agencies, veteran serving agencies, Area Agencies on Aging, criminal justice system partners, re-entry coalitions, guardianship organizations, crisis hotlines, supportive employment

programs, and person-centered care coordinators. Through these partnerships, a tailored network of care is created so that Ohioans have access to resources and supports they need to work, live, and thrive in the communities of their choosing, while navigating the multiple systems in which they are involved.

To be eligible for the MSA project, a person must experience two or more inpatient psychiatric hospitalizations in a year AND be involved with or in need of services from at least one additional system (criminal justice, homelessness, veterans, aging (older than 65), or developmental disabilities).

While participating in the program, people can receive person-centered recovery supports. Examples of recovery supports a person may need include:

- Housing/utilities
- Transportation
- Medication and treatment costs
- Vocational needs
- Psychiatric home health needs
- Personal identification cards
- Emergency basic needs items
- Guardianship fees

For more information about eligibility, community partners can contact their county ADAMHS board and indicate that they have a client who meets the Multi-System Adult Program criteria to begin the referral process. For a list of county ADAMHS boards, please visit the link [here](#). For more information on this project, please contact:

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FEATURE

GRAND OPENING OF THE STORYBOOK TRAIL

by Kathryn Whittington, Ashtabula County Commissioner

Through a collaboration with the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, the Andover Public Library, Andover Village and the Ashtabula County Board of Commissioners, Ashtabula County joined the movement across the country and created the Storybook Trail. This literary boosting project places an illustrated children's book, taken apart and displayed page by page, along a walking trail located behind the Andover Library. As you stroll down the trail, you are directed to the next page in the story. This initiative takes literacy to a new level and allows students, families, educators and visitors the opportunity to encourage literacy, with a little exercise, in a creative and fun environment.

In the spirit of collaboration, the Ashtabula Foundation generously awarded funds to purchase kiosks which house the books located along the trail; Gazette Newspapers/Great Lakes Printing provided printing and lamination of the stories; Ashtabula County Technical & Career Campus provided the archway at the entrance of the trail; and the Ashtabula County JFS supplied the materials to build the archway. To ensure that all residents and visitors have the opportunity to experience this trail, we were able to utilize ARPA funding to create an all-concrete trail that is ADA compliant and allows accessibility to all residents and visitors.

"The Board of Commissioners fully support educational projects within Ashtabula County which benefit our residents in a positive manner," said Board President Casey Kozlowski.

This project was rated as a 5, the highest priority. The opening of the Storybook Trail impacts not only the Andover area, but surrounding communities and will provide a positive literary experience to all who visit.

"The Storybook Trail is an exciting, literary adventure for our residents and visitors, serving to promote core activities that strengthen family bonds while incorporating physical activity," said Board Vice President Kathryn Whittington.

"We appreciate the partnerships that have allowed this project to come to fruition and I can't wait to visit the Storybook Trail," stated Commissioner J. P. Ducro IV.

The County was pleased to work with our community partners and government agencies to bring this trail to Ashtabula County for the benefit of all residents and visitors, alike. A ribbon cutting was held on August 15th at 11:30 a.m. in honor of the Grand Opening.



Ashtabula County Commissioners at the Storybook Trail opening

FEATURE

LOGAN ACRES KICKS OFF \$3.7 MILLION PROJECT

by Logan County Board of Commissioners

Logan County is moving ahead with a more than \$3.7 million project at Logan Acres Retirement Community to construct an additional memory care wing of 15 rooms and a covered main entrance along with a new roof and siding of the existing facility. County commissioners and representatives from Progressive Health Care Systems, PH7 Architects and RCS Construction of Celina broke ground this week on the project which is expected to be completed next year.

For the past 20 years, the county commissioners have partnered with Progressive Health Care to operate Logan Acres as an enterprise fund under the county's annual budget. As an enterprise, the operation generates revenue to cover day-to-day expenses and capital improvements, such as this project, without tapping into local county tax revenues.

According to records from Logan County Auditor Jack Reser's office, Logan Acres' fund is healthy. For the past four years, the operation has entered the new year with a cash reserve of more than \$5 million which is enough to cover more than six months of operations.

Logan Acres provides care options for long-term care, short-term rehabilitation and outpatient therapy. It is a 5-star rated facility as noted by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services.



3D Rendering of Logan Acres



Logan County Commissioners at the Logan Acres Groundbreaking

A 2023 Community Health Assessment identified available services for senior adults as a priority, the commissioners report.

"Findings of the assessment tell us that nearly one-third (30.5 percent) of households in the county have at least one adult age 65 or older," Commissioners Mark Robinson, Joe Antram and Mike Yoder said in a joint statement. "In addition, 18 percent of the county population is 65 or older, compared to the state average. There are indicators that this trend will only continue.

"We know that families do not always take responsibility for their senior family members and guardianship issues continue to escalate in our county.

"Many senior adults and families face increased challenges in finding answers for adult daycare, transportation, food insecurities, affordable and appropriate housing, isolation, depression and mental health. All these issues contribute to the need for expansion of services at the Logan Acres to aid in filling these gaps in services for the residents of Logan County," the commissioners said. Progressive Health Care concurs.



3D Rendering of Logan Acres

During the past few years, it became apparent the needs of our community are growing and more support for residents and families facing this very difficult disease are necessary, the company reports. Many times family members are driving out of the area to visit their loved ones in other communities because the local options are full.

“Logan Acres can currently serve 12 residents with dedicated memory care services, but with this expansion our capacity will grow to 27 and we will have more availability for people who need inpatient memory care services,” Progressive Health’s Logan Acres Administrator Lorraine Fischio said. “This will also give current residents and families additional options when faced with an unexpected change in condition.

It has always been our desire to walk alongside the people of Logan County to support their healthcare needs.

We are proud of our dedicated team of healthcare professionals who deliver outstanding service and look forward to many more years of providing exceptional patient-centered care for our community members in need.”

The memory care expansion is a 9,472-square-foot facility designed by PH7. The firm also designed a Porte-Cochere addition for the main front entrance of Logan Acres which allows community members to drive into a covered area and drop off residents and patients with better protection from the elements. PH7 drew from successful design cues of the original Alzheimer’s and dementia care wing at Logan Acres which includes an abundance of natural light and private dining within the household.

The project’s de-institutionalized environment allows for less agitation and closer interaction between caregiver and resident. It also expands a secured courtyard, enabling residents the opportunity to enjoy outdoor activities, including outdoor dining. RCS won the general contractor bid with a \$3,723,200 submission to build the memory care expansion and installation of a new roof and siding on the 53,692-square-foot Logan Acres.

Assistance for the project was provided by Logan County Auditor Jack Reser with bond counsel from Chris Franzmann of Squire, Patton, Boggs LLP, and Andy Bossart municipal advisor with B Payne Advisors. Connor Kinsey with Thompson, Dunlap & Heydinger Ltd. was the construction contract counsel on the project.

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FEATURE

WRAPPING UP FAIR SEASON IN FAIRFIELD COUNTY

by Jessica Newbacher, CCAO Communications Coordinator

As county fair season comes to a close, there is much to reflect on. CCAO staff members got a taste of Ohio's last county fair of the season: the Fairfield County Fair in Lancaster, Ohio. The Fairfield County Agricultural Society was founded over 170 years ago in 1850 with John Reber serving as the first president. The first fair was held in 1851 in a field near the present-day fairgrounds. In 1852, the Fairfield County Agricultural Society purchased around 14 acres near Mt. Pleasant, and this land has served as the fairgrounds ever since. The fairgrounds expanded to 22 acres by 1876 and then 36 acres by 1880.



Round Cattle Barn built in 1906

The Fairfield County Fair holds a great deal of historical significance. There was a Civil War camp on the fairgrounds called Camp Anderson, named after Major Anderson, who was commandant of Fort Sumter, South Carolina, which was attacked in the war on April 12, 1861. Two other notable historical features include the iconic Round Cattle Barn, built in 1906, and the Art Hall, built in 1909.



Fairfield County Commissioner David Levacy poses next to the Camp Anderson Historical Marker

In 1947, the film "Green Grass of Wyoming" was filmed on the fairgrounds, including a bird's eye-view from atop Mount Pleasant. The film premiered in 1948, featuring many residents as extras. To celebrate the film's anniversary in 2018, people gathered at the Skyview Drive-In to watch the film. It is evident that the residents of Fairfield County take great pride in the history of their fairgrounds.

Fairfield County

Commissioner David Levacy explained that the county commissioners play a supportive role and stressed the importance of engaging with the community. "We also have a lot of nonprofits here, which I think is very important, because this gives them an opportunity for fundraising and raising awareness," said Levacy.

In recent years, new technology has been utilized by the fair, like communication to residents through social media. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a very limited version of the fair. It is back and stronger than ever in 2023.



Photo display featuring new technology allowing viewers to see a slideshow of photo entries along with physical entries



A performer on stilts entertains crowds

"There was a lot of revenue lost in that time. We, the commissioners, wanted to be supportive in any way we could, so we contributed about half a million dollars to help support and complete some of the projects that needed to be done," said Levacy. "It was the right thing to do because it's part of Fairfield County, and we are here to serve the residents."

The fair has a huge economic impact on the county, especially with it being the last of the season. The fair is held during harvest time, making it optimal for participants growing crops. Many people who may not have been able to attend the other fairs have the chance to see what Fairfield County has to offer, and it serves as a meeting place for family and friends from around the state.



Fairfield County Fair Poultry Champions

The youth of Fairfield County always impress the attendees with their dedication to their projects. "One of the most dynamic parts of the fair has to be the kids and their 4H projects," Levacy explained. "We have over 1,100 young people involved, and they are just amazing in what they are able to

accomplish." The Fairfield County Commissioners always enjoy attending the auctions and supporting the youth. The Fairfield County Fair has one of Ohio's largest junior fair programs with 1,166 youth members in community clubs and 913 in school projects in 2022. There were 2,563 livestock/fair entries and 227 adult volunteers leading the charge last year.

Each year, around 100,000 people visit the Fairfield County Fair as attendees. Parking is frequently sold out, which speaks to the success of the annual event. Residents from Lancaster and beyond look forward to the end of fair season each year, and we are eager to see how the fair will evolve and grow in years to come.



Fairfield County historic Pioneer Log House, recently renovated



Historic sign displaying Fairfield County Commissioners and Engineer from 1914 along with donated fair banners from years past

FEATURE

CCAO HOLDS SUMMER SYMPOSIUM “ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES: OHIO COUNTIES REACHING FORWARD”

by Rachel Reedy, CCAO Outreach & Member Engagement Manager

In August, CCAO hosted its 2023 CCAO Summer Symposium “Economic Development Strategies: Ohio Counties Reaching Forward” at the Cherry Valley hotel in Newark, Ohio. Many county officials were in attendance, ranging from commissioners, county executives, and county council members, to county administrators and clerks, and other key staff from a variety of county agencies.

This year’s symposium focused on economic development strategies. Attendees learned about Robert’s Rules of Order, the broadband landscape in Ohio, the role that county landbanks play in economic development, as well as workforce and economic development initiatives in counties around the state.

CCAO would like to extend a special thank you to the panelists for all the sessions and to statewide officials for spending time in roundtable discussions with county officials and staff. Director of Legislative Affairs for Governor DeWine Giles Allen, Director of Agriculture Brian Baldridge, Director of Development Lydia Mihalik, and Director of the Ohio EPA Anne Vogel all sat down with representatives of counties to hear their issues and discuss initiatives their departments and offices are taking to help counties tackle issues in their communities.

We also hosted a panel with legislators to inform members on the role counties can play in advocating for Association priorities and their individual county issues, inform members of pending legislation that will benefit counties, and more. Special thanks to Representative Thaddeus Claggett, House Assistant

Minority Whip Dontavius Jarrells, Representative Adam Mathews, House Minority Leader Allison Russo, Senator Tim Schaffer, and Representative Brian Stewart for coming to Licking County to discuss these important issues with CCAO members.

We are grateful to Treasurer of State Robert Sprague who attended the CCAO Board of Directors August meeting, collocated with the Symposium, to discuss initiatives from his office that counties can utilize to help streamline services and strengthen their communities.



Senator Tim Schaffer, Representative Thaddeus Claggett, House Assistant Minority Whip Dontavius Jarrells, House Minority Leader Allison Russo, Representative Adam Mathews, and Representative Brian Stewart

Harry Brady, Huron County Commissioner; Tim Bubb, Licking County Commissioner; Cindy Cameron, Muskingum County Commissioner; Sabrina Christian-Bennett, Portage County Commissioner; Erica Crawley, Franklin County Commissioner; Rita Darrow, Summit County Councilmember; and Dave Wilson, Guernsey County Commissioner.

Thank you to CCAO President Glenn Miller and Cheryl Subler, CCAO Executive Director, for their vision and desire to create an event where CCAO members can connect and collaborate on new, innovate ideas. Additionally, a huge thank you goes to Robin Garrett, CCAO Boards’ Liaison and Events Manager, for organizing the event and ensuring everything ran smoothly.

This symposium would not have been possible without leadership from the Planning Committee including: David Painter, CCAO 2nd Vice President and Clermont County Commissioner; Tony Anderson, Fayette County Commissioner;

GUEST COLUMN

LEGAL AID: A PARTNER TO OHIO'S COUNTIES

by Angie Lloyd, Executive Director, Ohio Access to Justice Foundation

When Jill Stewart*, a proud member of the National Guard and a foster mom, struggled to find steady employment during the pandemic, she fell behind on her rent and faced an eviction. Like thousands of low-income Ohioans, Ms. Stewart contacted her local legal aid for help.

Legal aid helped Ms. Stewart access Ohio's rental assistance program so that she could pay her entire back rent and make her landlord whole. With legal aid's help, the eviction was dismissed, and Ms. Stewart and her growing family have stable housing and are thriving.

Ms. Stewart's story is a powerful example of how Ohio's legal aid organizations are working in all 88 counties to help struggling Ohioans maintain housing stability. From providing legal advice or representation, to connecting tenants with Community Action Agencies to access rental relief, legal aid helped 11,539 Ohioans facing eviction in 2021 alone.

Legal aid saves counties money

To recover from the health and economic emergency, low-income Ohioans benefit from access to civil legal help. When residents remain stably housed, local governments save money in shelter care. By helping Ohioans access rental assistance, tenants and landlords are financially stabilized, increasing the dollars that stay in local communities.

This multiplier effect means that legal aid stabilizes not just individuals, but entire communities. The impact is significant: the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation's economic impact study Strength in Justice found that for every dollar spent on civil legal aid, \$2.90 is returned to local communities, a 290% ROI.

Legal aid strengthens the workforce

Many Ohioans, particularly low-income Ohioans, faced health and economic challenges during the pandemic. Ohioans need stability at home to recover

and fully participate in the workforce. Legal aid helps level the playing field for tenants facing eviction and removes barriers to employment.

As Ohio's economy continues to rebound, businesses are battling to attract and retain talent. Ohio's legal aids address civil legal issues to improve stability for Ohio employees so that they can join the workforce and remain successfully employed.

Let's work together

Ohio's county commissioners have a partner in Ohio's legal aid organizations. County governments can use unspent federal dollars allocated to coronavirus relief to stabilize residents through civil legal services. Some of Ohio's largest cities and counties have already used these funds to support civil legal work, such as eviction prevention.

If your county is interested in allocating some of its federal dollars to support such work, contact the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation to discuss possible collaboration. Together, counties and Ohio's legal aids can partner to stabilize Ohioans and move forward from the pandemic.

**Names have been changed to protect client privacy.*

Angie Lloyd is executive director at the Ohio Access to Justice Foundation, a funding organization for Ohio's legal aids. Reach her alloyd@ohiojusticefoundation.org or (614) 715-8565.

FEATURE

FOUNDATION HOSTS GOLF OUTING; RAISES FUNDS FOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

by Steve Caraway, CCAO Service Corporation Manager

During the CCAO Summer Symposium, leaders from across the state assembled at the Clover Valley Golf Course to enjoy a great game of golf and fellowship while supporting a great cause.

Some of the highlights of the day:



Closest to the Pin Winner Fairfield County Commissioner Jeff Fix, CCAO Operations Manager Tim Hoverman, CCAO President and Henry County Commissioner Glenn Miller.



CCAO Operations Manager Tim Hoverman, Longest Putt Winner former Adams County Commissioner Ty Pell, CCAO President and Henry County Commissioner Glenn Miller, CCAO Service Corporation Manager Steve Caraway.



County Classic Champions: First State Bank Assistant Corey Richmond, Former Adams County Commissioner Ty Pell, First State Bank Executive Vice President Chad Wilson, Director of Ohio Dept of Agriculture Brian Baldrige.

The CCAO Research and Educational Foundation wishes to thank all of our golfers and sponsors for their support. If you would like to support the foundation, you can give [here](#).



GUEST COLUMN

PARTNERSHIP & COLLABORATION: WE'RE ALL TEAM OHIO FOR ECONOMIC PROSPERITY & OPPORTUNITY

by Darnita Bradley, Senior Manager, Local Government Affairs & External Engagement, JobsOhio & JobsOhio Network Partners



Economic development is complicated and challenging. But it's also enriching,

valuable, and crucial to advancing prosperity for all Ohioans.

As elected officials and community leaders, you know all too well the patience and perseverance required to earn results for your constituents.

That's why JobsOhio highly values our partnerships and collaboration with you and other local, state, and federal leaders in this critical endeavor.

Together, we are Team Ohio. [Learn more about Team Ohio.](#)

As Ohio's economic development corporation, JobsOhio's mission is to empower world-class corporations, small businesses, entrepreneurs, and talented workers to build their businesses and careers in Ohio. We do that through advocacy and close partnerships across a variety of stakeholders.

We consider ourselves fortunate to have the opportunity to work alongside county leaders like you every day to bring new opportunities to our state and its citizens. We drive programs and initiatives that fuel the local economic engine alongside you and other public and private-sector organizations.

And it's working, too. With your help, Ohio has established itself as one of the most diverse state economies in the U.S. A skilled and hardworking workforce in your communities and an ecosystem that encourages economic growth come together with good old-fashioned Midwest grit to make Ohio the ideal place to live the American dream.

And we are also diversifying faster than the rest of the Midwest, which better positions us to weather economic headwinds. Ohio's Industrial Diversity



Bradley

score has increased yearly from 2012 to 2022. There are only three states in the U.S. for which this is true – Ohio, North Carolina, and Nevada. Over the past decade (2012-2022), Ohio's Industrial Diversity score increased by 1.73%, the second fastest pace (% change) among Midwest

competing states (IL, IN, KY, MI, PA) and outpacing U.S. business hubs on the East and West Coasts such as New York, California, Oregon, and Arizona.

This helped us achieve some incredible results in 2022. Some of the notable accomplishments that JobsOhio achieved with your help include the following:

- Committed corporate capital project investments reached \$30.87 billion, tripling the previous record of \$9.56 billion set in 2017.
- Projects will create 26,323 new jobs, a total second only to the record 29,000 jobs secured in 2021.
- New jobs committed in 2022 are higher paying. They will generate a record \$1.84 billion in new payrolls, delivering a record \$954 million in new annual payroll tax receipts to the Ohio treasury.
- Ohio jumped from #11 to #2 nationally in megaproject impact, securing four megaprojects, including Intel, Ford, Honda/LG Energy Solution, and Medpace.
- Ohio is now the top-ranked state in the Midwest for Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) after winning record-setting capital commitments in 2022.

And Ohio continues to outperform other states in

2023. Some of this year's highlights across a variety of key industries include:

- Joby Aviation will soon bring up to 2,000 jobs and nearly \$500 million in capital investment to the Dayton area through a massive manufacturing facility for its electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) air taxis.
- This year, Ohio claimed the #1 spot in Site Selection's Global Groundwork Index – a first-of-its-kind methodology blending corporate project data with public infrastructure investments from 2019-2023.
- Ohio has climbed to the #5 spot in Area Development's Top States for Doing Business rankings.
- The Ohio-led Midwest Microelectronics Consortium was selected for the highly sought-after Microelectronics Commons Program – part of the CHIPS ACT. ME Commons is a major Department of Defense initiative to accelerate domestic microelectronics manufacturing, with \$2 billion in funding, and Ohio was one of the Regional Hubs selected.
- Amazon Web Services plans to invest an estimated \$7.8 billion in new data centers to expand its Ohio presence, creating hundreds of new jobs.
- Wells Fargo will bring a large tech hub to central Ohio and hundreds of high-paying jobs.

Ohio is a great place to live and work, made possible by our partnership, collaboration, and shared commitment to prosperity.

As we continue to work together as Team Ohio, we invite you to view JobsOhio as a guide and resource to almost any challenge you might have in attracting new business to your counties and creating good jobs for your constituents.

Programs, Services, & Strategic Initiatives

We invest in and offer several strategic initiatives that incubate innovations, enable sustainable economic growth, and enhance the quality of life for Ohioans through the power and dignity of work. They include:

- Sites: Prepare job-ready sites for companies seeking to establish or expand operations in the state.
- Innovation: Establish Ohio on the leading edge of technology and attract the best companies, talent, and capital.
- Talent: Attract in-demand talent to the state and retain, upskill, and reskill Ohio's workforce.
- Inclusion: Drive investment and job creation for underrepresented populations and distressed geographies

Within these broad categories, we want you to know about several resources you could leverage to propel economic growth in your area.

Incentives

Here's a look at just some of the incentives that are available to companies who are looking to expand or relocate in Ohio:

- JobsOhio Economic Development Grant: Promotes economic development, business expansion, and job creation by funding eligible projects in Ohio.
- JobsOhio Growth Fund Loan: Provides capital for expansion projects to companies with limited access to funding from conventional and private sources of financing.
- JobsOhio R&D Center Grant: Facilitates the creation of corporate R&D centers in Ohio to support the development and commercialization of emerging technologies and products.
- JobsOhio Workforce Grant: Promotes economic development, business expansion, and job creation by funding companies for employee development and training programs.
- JobsOhio Growth Capital Fund: Invests in early-stage companies that are Ohio-based or planning to locate a significant presence in Ohio.
- JobsOhio Inclusion Grant: Provides financial support for eligible projects in distressed communities and businesses owned by underrepresented populations like minorities,

women, veterans, and people with disabilities across Ohio.

Community Resources

As a county leader, these resources offer an extremely powerful tool to help attract capital, create jobs, and grow talent in your communities.

- **Vibrant Communities:** Assists distressed small and mid-size cities with projects that fulfill a market need and represent a reinvestment in eligible cities.
- **Inclusive Project Planning:** Offers targeted technical assistance to address gaps in capacity and expertise to generate more actionable projects across the state.
- **Broadband Access:** Expanded broadband access throughout the state to ensure all Ohioans can connect digitally to fully participate in the information economy's growth.

These resources and the accomplishments we've achieved together as Team Ohio are a direct result of the close partnership we share with you and all our stakeholders. When it comes to driving opportunity, I truly believe that no other state collaborates in a

broader, more profound, and more effective way than what we enjoy here in Ohio.

We sincerely thank you and your teams for all your hard work on behalf of the people and companies you represent.

I also invite you to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns or want to chat about how we can work better together.

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GUEST COLUMN

HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES AT OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

by Courtney Warman, Căzilia Loibl, Amanda Osborne, Beth Stefura, Emily Marrison, Heather Reister, Kenneth Stewart, Margaret Jenkins, Melissa Rupp, Patrice Power-Barker, Lois McCampbell, Gloria Anderson and Pat Bebo

Ohio State University (OSU) Extension is a certified housing counseling agency by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). We offer one-on-one housing counseling to homebuyers and homebuyer-education workshops across the state through our team of 12 HUD-certified Housing Counselors. Our Housing Counselors are OSU Extension Educators and staff members in the Family and Consumer Sciences and Community Development program areas. As HUD-certified Housing Counselors, OSU Extension employees not only have to work for a HUD-approved housing

counseling agency, but they also passed a federal examination. Our housing counseling faculty and staff are strategically located across the state in Butler, Clermont, Coshocton, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Fulton, Lucas, Mahoning, and Monroe counties, and at the Ohio State University Columbus campus.

In the past year alone, our team served well over 1,000 low-to-moderate income homebuyers in phone, video, and in person meetings. We also offer a self-study online homebuyer education program to provide additional flexibility to homebuyers with

limited time before closing. Detailed information on our housing counseling services is available [here](#).

Traditional homebuyer education workshops

Our OSU Extension Housing Counseling Services offers homebuyer education through three pathways. Our largest pathway is the traditional homebuyer education workshop offered through live video call series, once per month over two Saturday mornings. This workshop is offered by the two HUD-certified Housing Counselors at OSU Extension Franklin County. In 2022, the team counseled over 500 homebuyers, mostly in Central Ohio. The 8-hour workshop (both Saturday classes are 4 hours each) is followed by a one-on-one counseling video call with a HUD-certified Housing Counselor. This program is free of charge, funded by OSU Extension and donations from the financial services industry.

During the workshop participants receive hands-on information on the homebuying process; steps to prepare for the closing process; how to maintain a home; financial budgeting; the importance of good credit; principles of fair housing and civil rights; how to identify and report predatory lending practices; and renter's rights. To register for OSU Extension's live webinar workshop visit: go.osu.edu/buyahome.

In follow-up one-on-one homeownership counseling meetings, homebuyers ask questions about their personal homebuying process and obtain independent customized information related to their housing goals and process. Topics covered in the one-on-one meetings address the decision to purchase a home, the selection and purchase of a home, issues during ownership of a home (including financing, refinancing, default, foreclosure, and other financial decisions) and the sale or other disposition of a home.

Collaboration with the Ohio Housing Finance Agency

The second main pathway of the OSU Extension Housing Counseling Services is our longstanding collaboration with the Ohio Housing Finance Agency. In 2023, our OSU Extension Housing Counseling Services was awarded the "Number 1 Counseling Agency in the State." We have been among the top-

three housing counseling agencies collaborating with the Ohio Housing Finance Agency since 2019. Homebuyers who obtain grants and mortgages from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency must complete a one-hour, phone-based financial counseling session prior to closing on their homes. Nine of our twelve OSU Extension Housing Counselors provide these counseling sessions year-round, offering 600 to 700 sessions per year.

Self-study homebuyer education

The third pathway of our homebuyer education program is an online self-study workshop for homebuyers. It is targeting homebuyers with immediate need for a homebuyer education workshop, with little time left prior to closing. The self-study workshop is offered in collaboration with Framework Homeownership, a nationally operated for-profit social enterprise. Each homebuyer that completes the course is followed-up with in a one-on-one counseling session with one of our HUD-certified Housing Counselors. To register for OSU Extension's self-study workshop visit: go.osu.edu/newhome. We charge \$75 for this service.

Homebuyer education is effective

Our research shows that homebuyers who complete financial education miss mortgage payments less often and are much less likely to face foreclosure. Our everyday experience and the research study document that homebuyer education is a relatively low-cost approach that, when embedded into loan servicing, can help homeowners make timely mortgage payments. It reduces the probability of delinquency while permitting homeowners with lower credit scores to obtain a mortgage. A link to the study is [here](#).

GUEST COLUMN

FORMER CCAO MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

by State Representative Marilyn John

Public service has been a major part of my life for over a decade. I began serving in 2010 as the Mayor of the City of Shelby and then moved on to the Richland County Commissioner's office in 2015 until I was elected as State Representative in 2020. During my time as Commissioner, I also served on the board of CEBCO and am proud of the benefits we provided our county employees as well as those of many other counties.

As commissioners you perform a variety of functions throughout the county from human resources to the building department to emergency management and everything in between. During my time of service as a county commissioner, my involvement with CCAO helped prepare me for my various duties then and now. The relationships I formed with other local elected officials and CCAO staff is crucial to my work as a member of the Ohio General Assembly and I am proud of the work we have accomplished together.

From my very first bill, House Bill 87 exempting utility supply contracts from a 10-year maximum to advocating for increased limits in force accounts and competitive bidding thresholds, I have used my past experience to strengthen counties for the future. Just like county commissioners, state representatives are asked to vote on diverse, complex issues, run public meetings and build consensus to solve issues for those we serve. I am grateful for my time spent in local government as it has prepared me to serve the constituents of the 76th House District.

This General Assembly, I am honored to chair the State and Local Government Committee of the Ohio House. In this capacity, I am able to educate my colleagues on the role of local government and help craft policy that affects you. A recent example is land banks. We have two bills pertaining to land banks for consideration in State and Local, so I invited the Land Bank Association to present the basics of how they operate to our committee. While most committee members have a background in local government, not all counties have a land bank. This gave members an opportunity to ask questions



John

and gain a greater understanding before considering the pending legislation.

As I mentioned, my relationship with local elected officials is crucial to my work at the Statehouse. When I'm in district, I attend local

events to stay abreast of issues and work to keep open lines of communication when I'm in Columbus. I encourage commissioners to build and maintain a good relationship with your state representatives and senators. We may not know an issue exists until you bring it to our attention.

Lastly, thank you for your service to your communities and counties! Commissioners wear many hats in county government and often put in long hours with little recognition. I am proud to be a former commissioner and I look forward to working with each and every one of you to create a more prosperous Ohio!



Representative John with Ashland County and Richland County officials and CCAO Executive Director Cheryl Subler at the 2022 CCAO/CEAO Winter Conference.

FEATURE

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONER LEADS NATIONAL CONVERSATION AROUND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

by Kevin Boyce, Franklin County Commissioner



Boyce

Central Ohio is among the fastest-growing metropolitan areas in the Country. The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission expects by 2050, there will be 3.15 million Central Ohioans. Franklin County is said to absorb half of this regional growth — welcoming twice

as many newcomers as any nearby County. Among other systems, affordable housing will feel the stress of this rapid growth.

According to the Affordable Housing Alliance of Central Ohio, in Central Ohio alone, there are 54,000 low- and moderate-income households that spend more than half their income on housing. This statistic exemplifies the lingering effects of decades of unjust housing policies. Redlining, access to financial institutions, and affordable financing still cloud the pathways to homeownership for many black and brown residents.

Affordable housing is the greatest challenge facing our community right now. According to the Vogt Strategic Insights Analysis of Housing Need for the Columbus Region, Columbus is projected to have a shortage of as much as 110,000 housing units by 2032.

Housing fulfills the basic human need for shelter and is the foundation for better health, more consistent education, a stronger workforce, improved financial wellness, and lowered demand for the public sector safety net. With this in mind, Franklin County spent more than \$50 million on homelessness

last year, according to the Franklin County Board of Commissioners 2023 State of the County Report.

In November 2022, National Association of Counties President Denise Winfrey launched a national task force of county officials to study housing affordability. Co-chaired by myself and Commissioner Sherry Maupin of Valley County, Idaho, we were charged with two goals: identify county-led policy, practice and partnership solutions to addressing America's housing affordability crisis, and explore intergovernmental partnership opportunities that support housing solutions between federal, state and local officials, along with private, nonprofit and other community organizations.



Kevin Boyce, Franklin County Commissioner, Sherry Maupin, Commissioner, Valley County, ID, Kevin Shrawder, Senior Analyst, Economic and Government Studies, NACo

Housing policy is a multi-layered topic requiring bipartisan partnerships, dialogue and coordination across all levels of government, private and nonprofit organizations, and the community. Housing policy impacts residents of all political, demographic, geographic and socioeconomic stripes. Thankfully, people throughout the region are beginning to feel the urgency to work on our affordable housing crisis.

Regardless of the county approach, the process of creating solutions for housing affordability at the local level is often slow, contentious, and grueling. This recommendation framework seeks to provide a broad set

of tools county leaders may use to develop a local housing action plan that reflects each community's unique needs, values and priorities in addition to considering the varied relationships and resources available.

1. Land Use, Zoning, Infrastructure And Community Planning

a. Evaluate Current Zoning Plans and Practices	b. Identify Potential Infrastructure Barriers to New Development	c. Understand the Inventory of Additional Land	d. Develop a Long-Term Housing and Land Use Plan	e. Assess Existing Housing Stock for Potential Opportunities
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2. Local Regulation, Permitting And Fees

a. Evaluate County Permitting and Inspections to Improve Processes and Workflow	b. Provide Pre-Approved Templates for Common Housing Designs	c. Conduct a Cost-Benefit Analysis for County Impact, Development, and General Fee Pricing	d. Analyze Local Regulations Impact on Affordability	e. Make County Systems Consistent, Convenient, and Easier to Navigate
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3. Federal-County Intergovernmental Nexus

a. Invest Additional Federal Resources to Support Housing	b. Engage in NACo Policy Resolution Process to Advocate for Counties	c. Educate Federal and State Partners on Local Housing Needs and Simplify Programs and Compliance	d. Seek Additional Funding Opportunities as Resources Allow	e. Combine Resources for Maximum Impact
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4. Community Engagement, Partnerships And Education

a. Collaborate with Intergovernmental Partners	b. Establish an Office or Department to Streamline Housing Projects	c. Foster a Healthy Dialogue with Community Organizations	d. Conduct a Robust Outreach and Education Initiative	e. Measure Success and Clearly Communicate Milestones
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5. Finance, Lending And County Tax Policy

a. Identify Opportunities for Tax Incentives or Policy Updates	b. Analyze the County Assessment Process	c. Administer Supportive Programs That Prioritize Underserved Communities	d. Partner with Local Organizations to Provide Innovative Financing Mechanisms for New Development	e. Source New Revenue Streams for County Housing Priorities
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Our report illustrates the five key areas in which counties may possess the authority to foster housing affordability:

- Community Engagement, Partnerships, and Education addresses how counties can engage with the local community and other nonprofit and for-profit partners to advance the construction of affordable housing.
- Federal to County Nexus addresses how counties can use federal funding and support in the most efficient and impactful way.
- Financing, Lending, and County Tax Policy discusses county financing assistance that support county housing priorities.
- Land Use, Zoning, Infrastructure, and Community Planning address macro level aspects of housing policy.
- Local Regulation, Permitting, and Fees which address micro level aspects of housing policy.

I am very hopeful we can use what we learned at the national level and apply it not only here in Franklin County, but throughout the State of Ohio. Should you want to learn more about this project, please reach out to my office at 614-525-5226 or emily.cooner@franklincountyohio.gov. You can read the full report at <https://www.naco.org/resources/signature-projects/naco-housing-task-force>.

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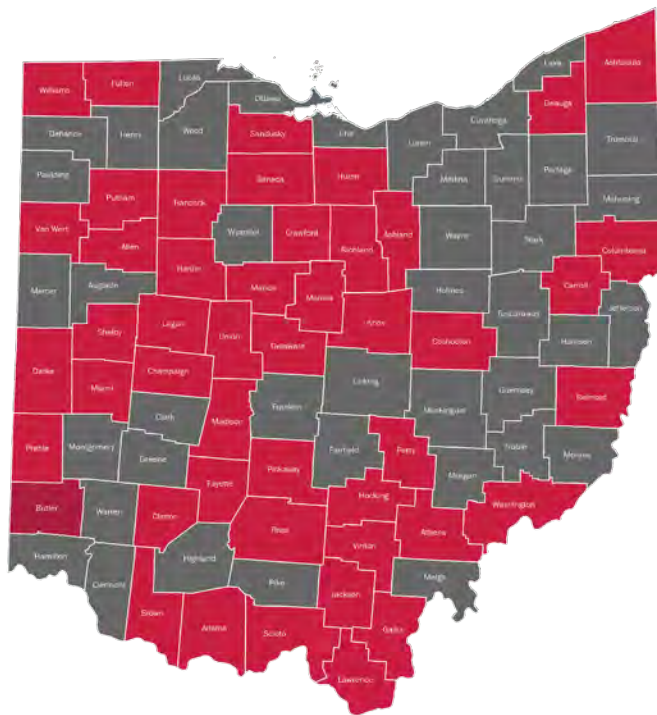
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CEBCO NEWS

CEBCO EXPANDS IN MEMBERSHIP AND IN STAFF

by Mike Kindell, Managing Director of Health and Wellness



Welcome back to Butler County, which will be re-joining CEBCO starting January 1, 2024. It will be the 47th member of CEBCO, bringing total membership to well over half of all Ohio counties. With the addition of Butler County in 2024, CEBCO will provide medical and prescription coverage to over 15,300 employees and over 34,000 members.

CEBCO hosted the 2024 Renewal Meeting, in a virtual format, in early September. The final average renewal increase was 7.7% after the use of member equity and all of the member counties have renewed their coverage for the coming year.

The Annual Wellness Coordinator's Meeting was held at the CEBCO offices in Columbus the last Friday in August. CEBCO Wellness Coordinator, Hannah McKee, hosted over 50 county wellness contacts, staff, and vendor partners, in person and virtually, for the first time. The new Wellness Program, CEBCO Rewards 200, was introduced at the meeting.

Partnering with a new wellness vendor, this exciting new program, which goes into effect in January 2024, will provide incentives directly to employees and covered spouses. It is much more stream-lined

and user friendly and being claims-based, eliminates the need for members to self-report when care or testing is received, in order to achieve a reward. This new program is separate and in addition to the annual Wellness Grant funds that counties can receive to support wellness activities specific to their counties.



Hinkle

In early October, Kevin Hinkle joined the CEBCO Team as its new Assistant Director. Hinkle will be responsible for assisting in the management and growth of CEBCO as well as developing strategies for expansion in the future. He will also act as a liaison with CEBCO's vendor partners.

Prior to joining CEBCO, Hinkle spent the last 17 years as Regional Vice President of Sales at Anthem and had held various other positions within Anthem for over a decade prior. Hinkle is a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and has also taken Executive Education at Kelley School of Business and Eckerd College. He has previously served on the boards of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Central Ohio Diabetes Association, Access Health Columbus, and Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and November is National Diabetes Month. Please use the following links to learn simple steps to help prevent and treat these diseases and improve overall health.

<https://www.anthem.com/blog/protect-your-health-with-regular-mammograms/>

<https://www.anthem.com/blog/living-healthy/diabetes-management/>

CORSA NEWS

LAWSUITS LEAD TO DEFENSE

by Beth Miller, CORSA Claim and Litigation Manager

When can CORSA assign defense counsel to represent a member?

This is one of the most frequent requests we receive: a member county is named in a lawsuit and it is submitted to us for review, with the member requesting that defense counsel be assigned to represent the county.



Miller

CORSA is governed by our Coverage Agreement which provides for the defense of a member for a covered lawsuit which seeks monetary damages. In addition, there are three types of actions that do not seek monetary damages for which CORSA can provide a defense for members: covered actions that seek only declaratory or injunctive relief, attorney disciplinary proceedings, and actions filed with the Ohio Civil Rights Commission or the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

When we review a lawsuit for coverage, we look for an allegation of a covered wrongful act which occurred during the coverage period. We make sure that no exclusions apply, for example breach of contract or removal from office, both of which are excluded from coverage.

Generally, most lawsuits that are submitted to us are covered: suits alleging a wrongful employment practice, a law enforcement civil rights violation, or bodily injury and property damage in a vehicle accident. In these cases, we assign a defense attorney to represent the member from our panel of defense attorneys who have the expertise necessary to vigorously defend the interests of the CORSA member, with oversight and litigation management provided by the CORSA claims staff.

When CORSA assigns defense counsel, that notification to the member may also include a “reservation of rights.” Even though the lawsuit is covered and a defense is being provided, CORSA

will let the member know if there are any allegations being made or damages sought for which there is not coverage. The most common are intentional acts, acts outside the course and scope, criminal acts, and punitive damages. In this situation, CORSA provides a defense for the entire lawsuit while a covered allegation is pending, however if damages are awarded for the excluded elements, these will not be covered by CORSA.

The CORSA claims staff works out of our office in Columbus and is available to all members to discuss these and any other topics regarding our claims handling process. We are committed to providing the highest level of claims service to all CORSA members. We use every available resource to thoroughly investigate losses and provide timely and appropriate payments. Please contact us if any questions arise.

Note: This article provides a general description of CORSA coverage. If there are any discrepancies between this article and the CORSA Coverage Agreement, the Coverage Agreement language will control.

CCAO SERVICE CORP NEWS

SERVICE CORPORATION LAUNCHES COUNTY BENEFITS+

by Steve Caraway, CCAO Service Corporation Manager

First in the nation program is a partnership with NACo



In September, the CCAO Service Corporation launched County Benefits+, a pioneering initiative aimed at enhancing the lives of the county workforce in Ohio.

County Benefits+ is a new partnership between CCAO and Aflac. Through this partnership, assisted by NACo's Public Promise Insurance, county leaders and their employees now have access to Ohio's premiere supplemental benefits program.

To date, nearly a dozen Ohio Counties have taken advantage the benefits offered to counties and their employees by joining County Benefits+. In addition, many counties who join County Benefits+ have gotten a sharp reduction in life insurance rates by taking advantage of the new program.

In an era where attracting and retaining talent has never been more challenging, County Benefits+ goes beyond a traditional supplemental benefits program by offering an all-encompassing solution that caters to the specific needs of both the county workforce and the leadership that support them. With the increasing costs of healthcare in America, supplemental benefits are built to help employees cover unforeseen expenses that a core medical benefit offering may not. These unforeseen medical events often add financial hardship to the lives of county employees and their families.

Highlights of the "County Benefits+" program include:

- **Wide Range of Voluntary Supplemental Benefits:** Benefits that employees can elect to offset additional costs associated with Critical Illness, Accidents, Cancer Diagnosis, Hospital Stays, Pet Insurance, ID Theft, and Life Insurance. These provide cash payments that cover expenses such as copays, deductibles, and other unforeseen expenses.

- **State-wide Underwriting:** Aflac has agreed to strong state-wide plans and rates for the state of Ohio specific to county governments. This reduces the hassle of obtaining quotes and pulling large amounts of data for voluntary benefits.



Caraway

- **No County Costs:** The benefits program is voluntary with each employee purchasing only the products they want.
- **One-on-One Enrollment Support:** Every county employee will have an opportunity for a face-to-face or virtual discussion with a certified enrollment counselor.
- **HR Team Support:** The program includes an administration, billing and payroll support feature. In addition, the certified enrollment counselors are able to assist HR teams with driving home key messages during their one-on-one consultations.
- **Enhanced Communication:** Communication materials and education campaigns are very easy to provide to your staff.
- **County Focus:** This program is built 100% for the county workforce. It is built to strengthen the benefits package your county is already offering and support your teams in the battle to attract and retain talent.

Please take this opportunity to assess the value that a new or revised supplemental benefits program can bring to your county team. If you would like more information on the program, please reach out to CCAO's Steve Caraway at scaraway@ccao.org or by calling (614) 220-7998.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

PERSONAL AND OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA USE

by Kyle Petty, Esq., CCAO Managing Director of Policy

Social media allows for unprecedented levels of interconnectivity between people from all over the world and is now the primary source of information for a growing segment of society. It is no surprise that social media use from politicians and government officials is also on the rise, in order to meet the modern needs of their constituents. However, as we all know, sometimes people disagree with certain decisions and now use social media to voice their displeasure. As the lines between personal social media pages and official or government social media pages begin to blur, there is a split among courts as to what actions can be taken to block or limit posts.

In 2019, the Second Circuit ruled that then-President Trump violated the First Amendment by blocking people from his official Twitter account (*Knight First Amendment Institute v. Trump*, 928 F.3d 226 (2019)). However, the court left the door open for future challenges by saying that: “not every social media account operated by a public official is a government account.” 928 F.3d at 236.

That door was further opened in the Sixth Circuit via *Lindke v. Freed*, 37 F.4th 1199 (6th Cir. 2022). Freed was the City Manager for Port Huron, Michigan and used his personally operated Facebook account for a mixture of personal posts and posts containing policies that he implemented as city manager. He deleted a critical post from Lindke and subsequently blocked him. Lindke sued alleging that Freed violated his first amendment rights. The court ultimately found that Freed’s account did not amount to “state action,” and departed from the logic found in the *Knight FAI* decision, based on “no” answers to following questions:

- Whether the text of state law requires an officeholder to maintain a social media account;
- Whether state resources are used to run the social media account;
- Whether the social media account “arise[s] from the use of state authority”, i.e. whether the

account belongs to the government office, rather than the individual office holder; and

- Whether state staff are used to set up and run the account.

However, the Ninth Circuit took a different approach in *Garnier v. O'Connor-Ratcliff*, 41 F.4th 1158 (9th Cir. 2022). In this case, the social media accounts of two school board trustees began as campaign accounts and then were used to report on school district business, promote the achievements of teachers and students, invite members of the public to participate in forums, etc. The Garniers were vocal critics of the trustees and frequently posted lengthy critical comments about the superintendent of the district and his alleged wrongdoing. The Garniers’ posts were deleted and they were eventually blocked, so they sued the trustees for a violation of their first amendment rights.

The court looked at many of the factors outlined in the *Lindke* case, but adopted a slightly different test to determine if the pages constituted “state action”. The court focused on the use of the page, rather than the creation and authority of the page as in *Lindke*. Specifically, they examined “whether the public official’s conduct, even if ‘seemingly private,’ is sufficiently related to the performance of his or her official duties to create ‘a close nexus between the State and the challenged action,’ or whether the public official is instead ‘pursuing private goals via private actions.’

The court found that the pages constituted state action, and then examined whether blocking posts from citizens was a violation of their first amendment rights. The court felt that social media pages truncate lengthy posts and Twitter does not show replies unless you click on them directly. Furthermore, if the trustees were worried about “spamming” of posts, they could hide or delete unduly repetitive comments, ultimately leading the court to find that: “there is no evidence that the repetitive comments actually disturbed or impeded

the Trustees' posts or prevented other viewers of the Trustees' accounts from engaging in discussion." Therefore, deleting the posts and blocking the Garniers on the page was a violation of their First Amendment rights.

The split among various district courts across the country has led the U.S. Supreme Court to hear appeals from both cases. Oral arguments are expected to begin this fall or early spring, with a decision expected to be handed down by the end of the 2023-2024 term. Hopefully this decision will draw a clear line for when and how government officials can manage their own social media pages.



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County Leader, CCAO's quarterly e-magazine, provides an in-depth look at the news, programs and policies affecting Ohio's 88 counties. The e-magazine also showcases our members, offers best county practices as well as ways to enhance the state-county partnership practices and shares the offerings of the association. If you have questions or story submissions, contact Editor Jessica Newbacher at jnewbacher@ccao.org or 614-220-7986.

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HOME OF THE PICKERING HOUSE

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Our Core Values

TEAM PLAYER:

- A team is "WE". Our philosophy is "**WE OVER ME.**" We celebrate everyone's success.
- Be respectful of everyone's ideas and opinions.
- Have a "How can I help?" attitude versus an "It's not my job" attitude.
- Be forward thinking and goal oriented.
- Talk the talk, walk the walk.

ACCOUNTABILITY/FOLLOW THROUGH:

- Don't be afraid to make mistakes but be willing to learn from them.
- Take ownership to be responsive and produce timely, quality work.
- Be reliable. Do what you say you're going to do. Stick to your word.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE:

- Recognize the importance of your role by being committed, passionate, and present.
- Take initiative. Go above and beyond and be a self-starter.
- Have a passion for the work we do and the people we serve

Making a Difference

10/31/2023

Our Commitment

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote compassionate end-of-life care through a professional team approach. We strive to relieve suffering by providing comfort, support, and resources to meet the palliative and grief needs of the community.

VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is to be the progressive leader in high quality, community-focused hospice, palliative and grief care in South Central Ohio.



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LETTER FROM *Kristin Glasure* PRESIDENT AND CEO



Dear Friends,
As I've started my third year as the President & CEO of FAIRHOPE, I can attest to the fact that the phrase "the only constant in life is change" is accurate. Over these past few years, we've experienced many changes as an organization and team. We've seen our children grow and seasons change. We've experienced the passing of loved ones and celebrated births. We've added new team members, volunteers and board members. We've moved to our new Logan office. We've attended events and met amazing people in the community. We've been there to hold a hand and support someone dealing with an unimaginable situation.

In 2022, we served 977 hospice patients and 824 palliative patients in 10 counties for a total of 56,356 days.

Each of those numbers represents a life or family that changed. Change is inevitable, but FAIRHOPE's dedication to compassionate, end-of-life care is constant.

For nearly 40 years, we've met the emotional, spiritual and physical needs of those we serve by honoring life during its most difficult times. Our entire team has changed lives by listening, giving of themselves and working hard to help make our patient's final journey everything they need it to be. We've walked with families on their grief journey and worked to help them cherish those precious memories.

We look forward to the changes the next year will bring, and we're grateful to be in this community and supported by so many of you.

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154.4
AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS

977
HOSPICE PATIENTS SERVED

56,356
DAYS OF HOSPICE CARE

824
PALLIATIVE PATIENTS SERVED

2,788
PALLIATIVE NURSE PRACTITIONER
VISITS

Hospice CARE

Hospice Care is specialized care for those facing a life-limiting illness.

It focuses on relieving pain and symptoms associated with advanced illness, while providing patients with care, comfort and dignity.

FAIRHOPE addresses an individual patient's physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs.

Palliative CARE

Palliative care is medical care that focuses on providing relief of the symptoms and stress of serious or chronic illness while enhancing the quality of life for patients and families.

The focus of Palliative care is to manage symptoms and make you more comfortable as your treatment continues.



Bringardner Family
Perry County residents

*"FAIRHOPE treated Dad like he
was so special."*

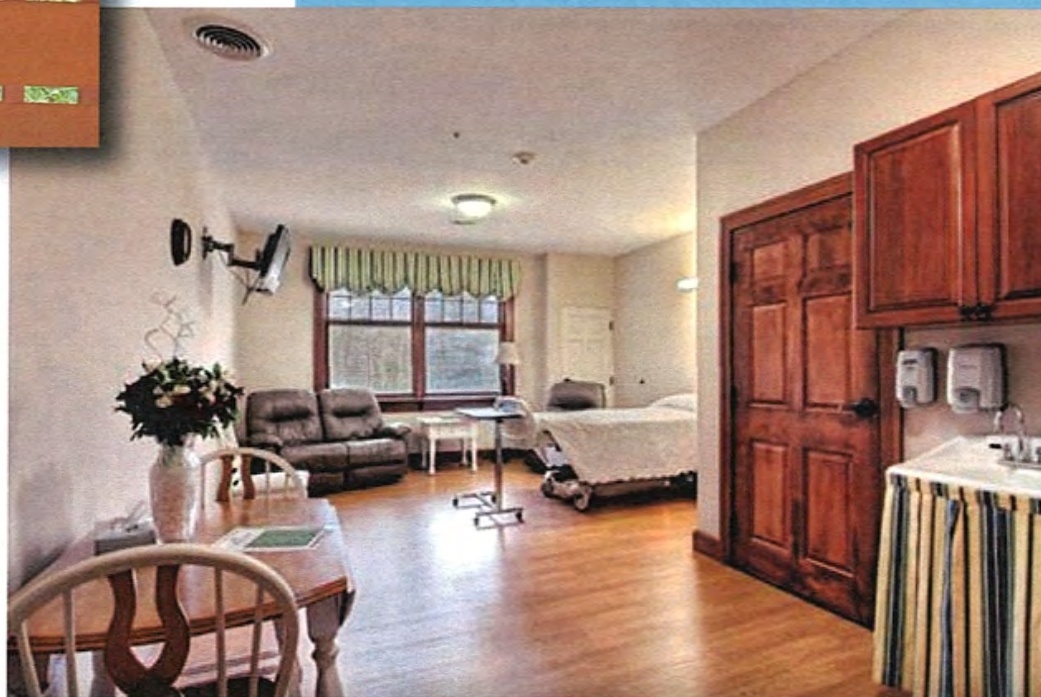


THE PICKERING HOUSE

7.2 AVERAGE DAILY CENSUS

358 PATIENTS SERVED

2,415 PATIENTS DAYS



VOLUNTEERS

FAIRHOPE Hospice & Palliative Care volunteers play a vital role in enhancing the experiences of our patients and their families at the end-of-life. They are drawn to hospice volunteering for a variety of reasons, but the characteristics that define and unite them are compassion and the desire to help others. Representing all ages and life experiences, their many skills are matched to important tasks within Fairhope's mission.

Volunteer opportunities are as varied as our volunteers' time, skills and interests.

Listen. Hold a hand. Talk. Hug. Share. Make gifts for patients. Sing. Read to someone. Bake. File. Record or enter data. Take photographs. Give a tour. Garden. Create. Make phone calls. Parade. Laugh. Make new friends. Plan an event. Fundraise. Support. Learn. Welcome visitors. Be part of the We Honor Veterans program. Just be there.

There is sure to be one that will allow you to use your talents to make a difference in the lives of others – and your own too. Donate your time and become a hospice volunteer. We encourage you to call to register for our upcoming volunteer training sessions. We are certain that you will agree with our current volunteers: they receive much more than they give.



10/31/2023

90
VOLUNTEERS

10,471
VOLUNTEER HOURS

32,740
VOLUNTEER MILES DRIVEN

\$305,453.65
VOLUNTEER VALUE

087

GRIEF SUPPORT

FAIRHOPE Hospice and Palliative Care, Inc. in Lancaster, Ohio provides free grief support to anyone in the community who has experienced the death of a loved one. Your loved one did not need to be a patient of FAIRHOPE's hospice services to receive grief support.

Our grief support services are available to children, teens, adults and families at individual, family or support group levels. These services are provided on FAIRHOPE's campus at the Anita M. Turner Center or at our new Logan office.



This year we offered support in a variety of ways:

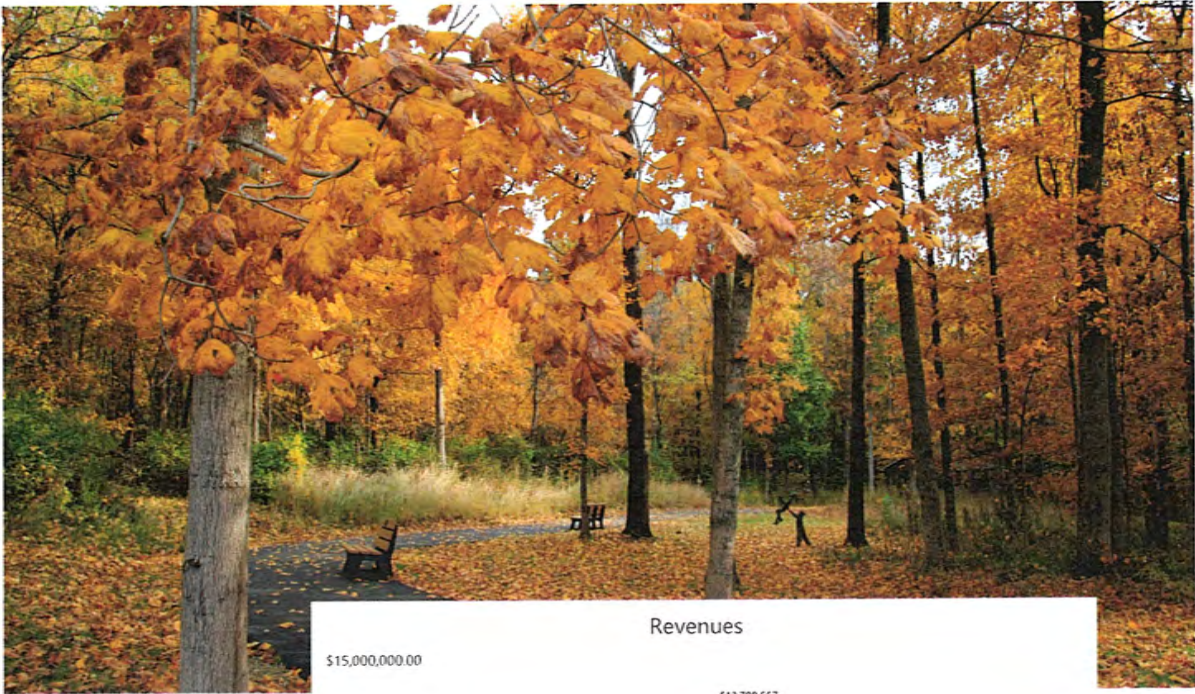
- 1,593 Hospice family members received 6 different grief support mailings during the year
- Four school districts received free school-based grief support services

520
Adult Survivor
Grief Visits

\$176,865
GRIEF
SUPPORT

375
Child Survivor
Grief Visits

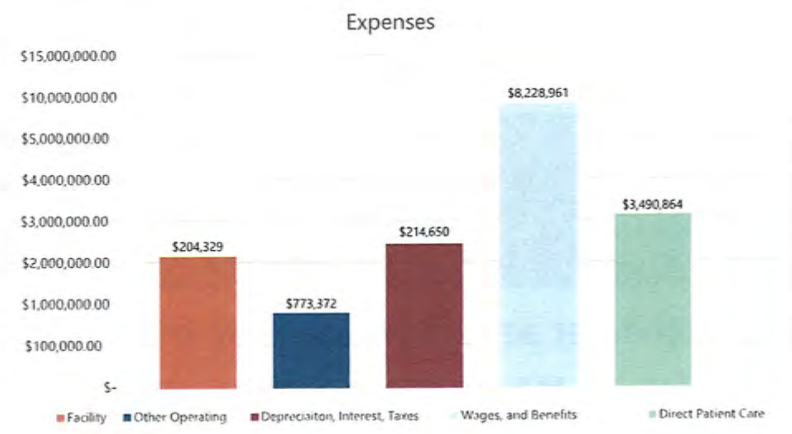
Grief is the last act of love we have to give to those we loved.
Where there is deep grief, there was great love



Total
Revenues
\$13,102,113



Expenses
\$9,771,176



45
Veteran patients
recognized through
our We Honor
Veterans program

121
Total employees

333,095
Miles driven
by staff

358
Patients were cared
for in The Pickering House

2
Office locations serving
10 counties in
central Ohio and south
east Ohio

10,472
Hours served by
FAIRHOPE
volunteers





APRIL 28, 2022
Virtual Event

*Benefiting the
Grief Program*



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DONOR SPOTLIGHT



This year's Donor Spotlight is **Janet Schmeltzer**. She is an active volunteer for FAIRHOPE Hospice and has volunteered for over 23 years. She assists at The Pickering House wherever needed. She has been a consistent donor to our Memorial Fund for over 23 years. Not only does she volunteer at our various events, but she is also the 2020 FAIRHOPE Celebrates Life Heart of Hospice award recipient with her outstanding leadership in support of FAIRHOPE's goals and promotes a spirit of altruism through her continuous work.

Thank you, Janet, for your continuing support!



THANK YOU

**For the support and dedication of our staff and
volunteers and to the communities we serve!**





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2023 Quarter 3 Results

October 31, 2023



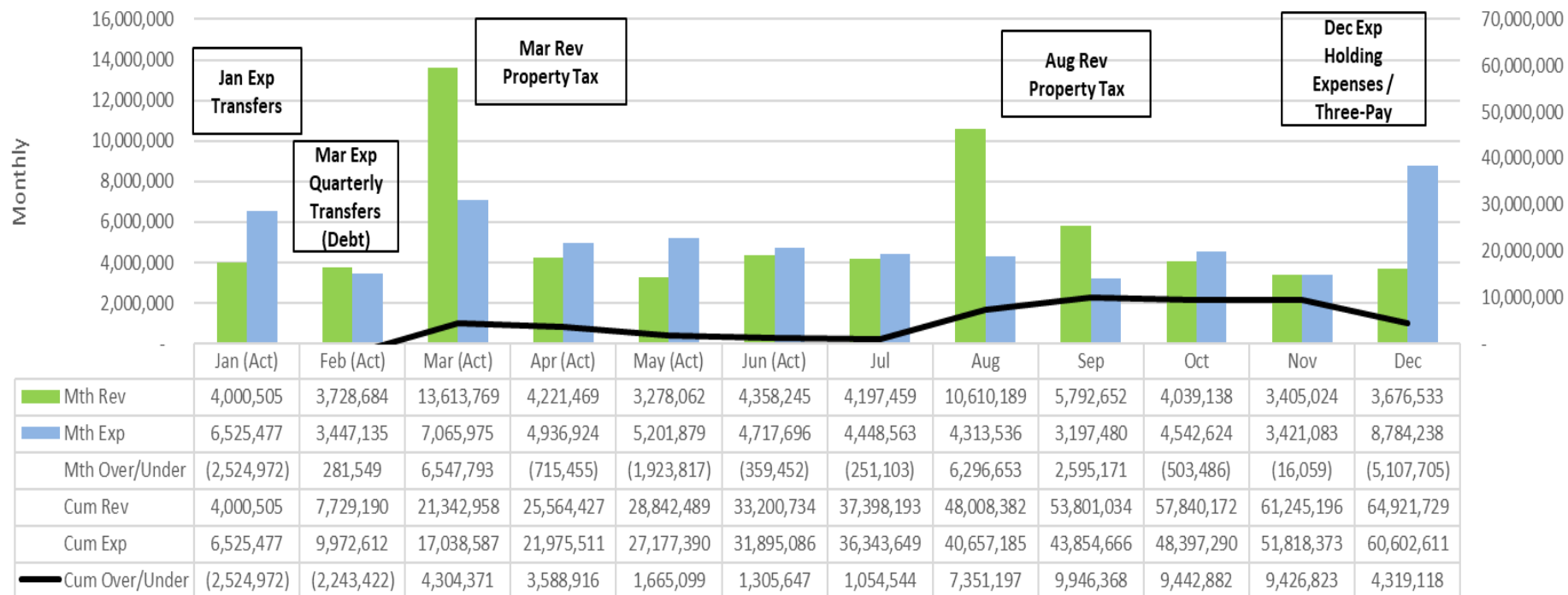
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- General Fund Revenue and Expenses
- Sales Tax
- 2024 Budget
- Questions

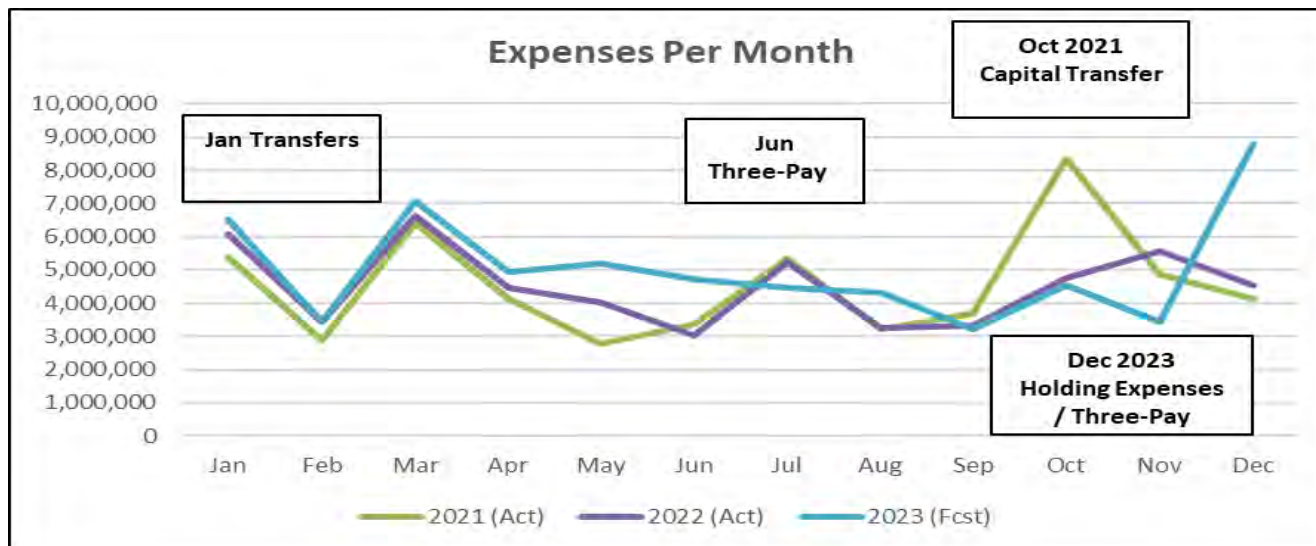


Financial Forecast

2023 Forecast



Financial Trend Analysis

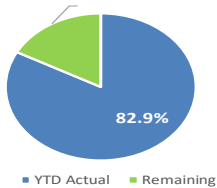


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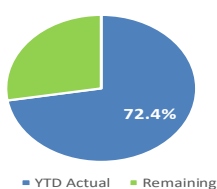
September Year-to-Date General Fund Dashboard

Revised (Current) Budget	Current Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining	Forecast Total	Over/Under	Notes:
Revenue	61,537,247	53,801,034	11,120,695	64,921,729	3,384,482	Estimated positive impact of \$4.3M.
Expense	64,260,189	43,854,666	16,747,945	60,602,611	(3,657,578)	
Over/Under (Revenue -Expense)	(2,722,943)	9,946,368	(5,627,250)	4,319,118		
2022 Actual			2023 Est Cash		Notes:	
Estimated Unassigned Cash Balance	34,459,228	38,375,774		Cash Balance includes: Estimated assets for Accounts Receivable, Advances out, Advances in, and Encumbrances not pictured in this chart.		

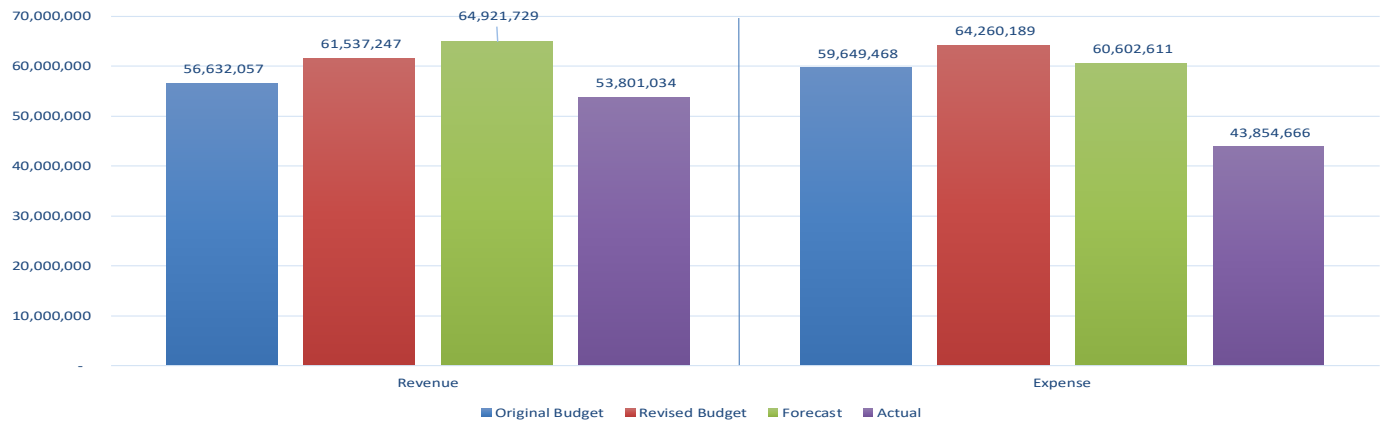
% of Forecasted Revenue



% of Forecasted Expense



Budget Overview



Revenue by Category	Forecast	YTD Actual	Act % YTD	Expense by Category	Forecast	YTD Actual	Act % YTD
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Conveyance Fees	4,039,273	3,112,688	77.1%	Contractual Services	14,177,144	9,995,879	70.5%
Fees & Charges for Services	5,691,287	4,745,301	83.4%	Fringe Benefits	8,617,418	6,139,230	71.2%
Homestead Rollback	1,644,077	1,642,963	99.9%	Materials & Supplies	1,739,704	1,176,854	67.6%
Investment Earnings	6,100,001	4,893,409	80.2%	Other	191,242	169,617	88.7%
Jail Rental Income	538,472	450,096	83.6%	Personal Services	21,250,848	15,170,875	71.4%
Local Government	1,678,888	1,307,001	77.8%	Transfers	11,023,022	8,989,955	81.6%
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2023 Quarter 3 Results



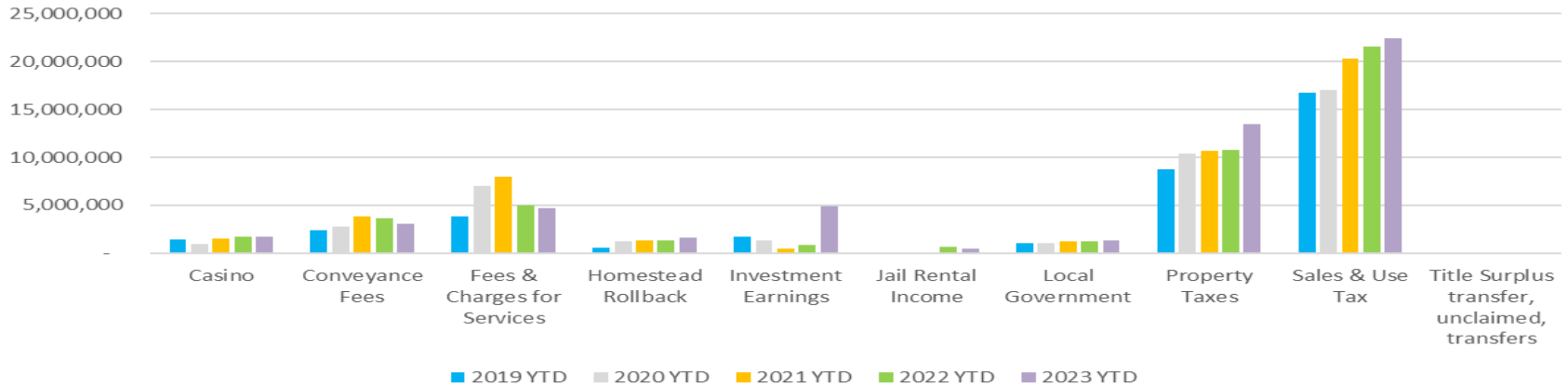
Explanation of Revenue Categories

- Casino
 - Casino tax revenue
- Conveyance Fees
 - Property sales and transfers
- Fees & Charges for Services
 - General government, service charges, jail rental, and attorney fees, court fees
- Homestead Rollback
 - Reimbursement for lost tax revenue through Real Estate Property Tax Rollback and Homestead Exemptions are forms of property tax relief
- Investment Earnings
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- Local Government
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- Property Taxes
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General Fund YTD Quarter 3 Revenues

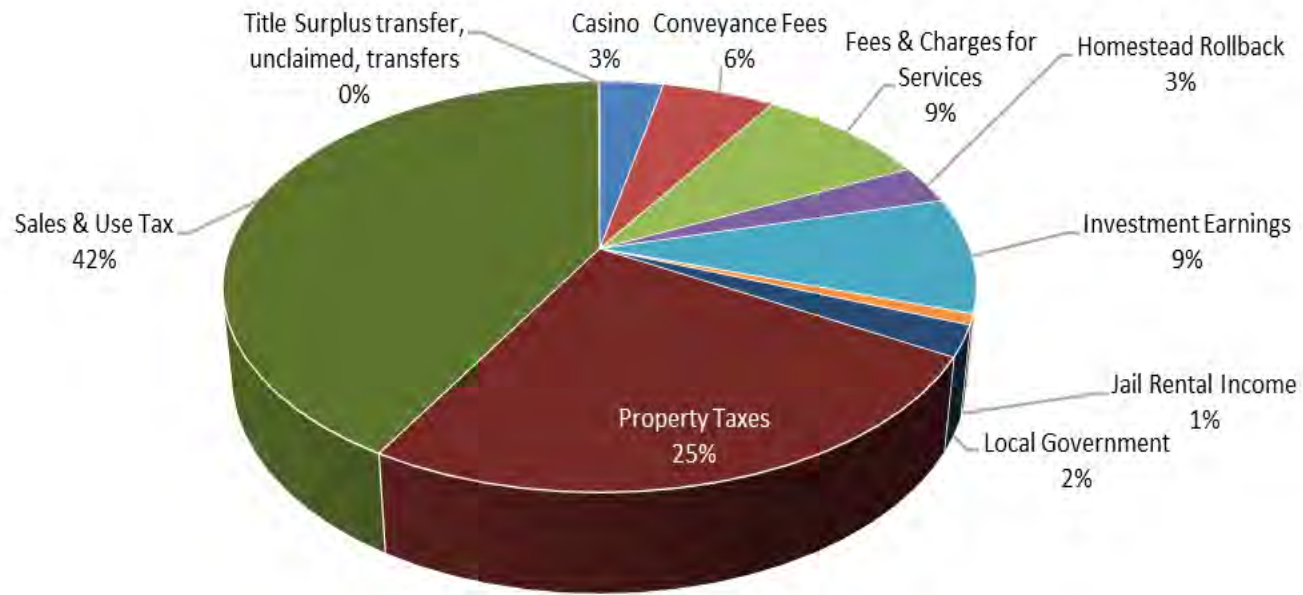
YTD 2019 - 2023



	2019 YTD	2020 YTD	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	2023 YTD
Casino	1,427,553	958,129	1,550,328	1,721,736	1,760,404
Conveyance Fees	2,416,041	2,744,215	3,798,715	3,642,819	3,112,688
Fees & Charges for Services	3,863,917	6,977,395	7,962,002	5,031,674	4,745,301
Homestead Rollback	546,602	1,274,642	1,290,632	1,313,123	1,642,963
Investment Earnings	1,725,262	1,375,048	467,096	885,224	4,893,409
Jail Rental Income	19,370	8,450	3,120	611,312	450,096
Local Government	1,049,549	1,040,847	1,190,813	1,282,748	1,307,001
Property Taxes	8,732,407	10,367,110	10,658,061	10,796,015	13,466,719
Sales & Use Tax	16,725,293	17,065,529	20,337,347	21,587,375	22,388,261
Title Surplus transfer, unclaimed, transfers	33,266	34,469	15,775	42,576	34,191
Grand Total	36,539,260	41,845,835	47,273,887	46,914,602	53,801,034



General Fund 2023 YTD Quarter 3 Revenues



General Fund Revenue – YTD

Quarter 3

- Revenues for the third quarter actualized at \$53.8M and were \$6.8M or 14% higher than the third quarter of the prior year
- Investment Earnings up \$4M
- Property taxes are up \$2.7M
- Sales tax is up \$800k
- Homestead Rollback \$330k
- Casino and Local Government up \$63k
- Conveyance Fees, Fees & Charges for Service, Jail Rental Income & Title Surplus transfers down \$986k

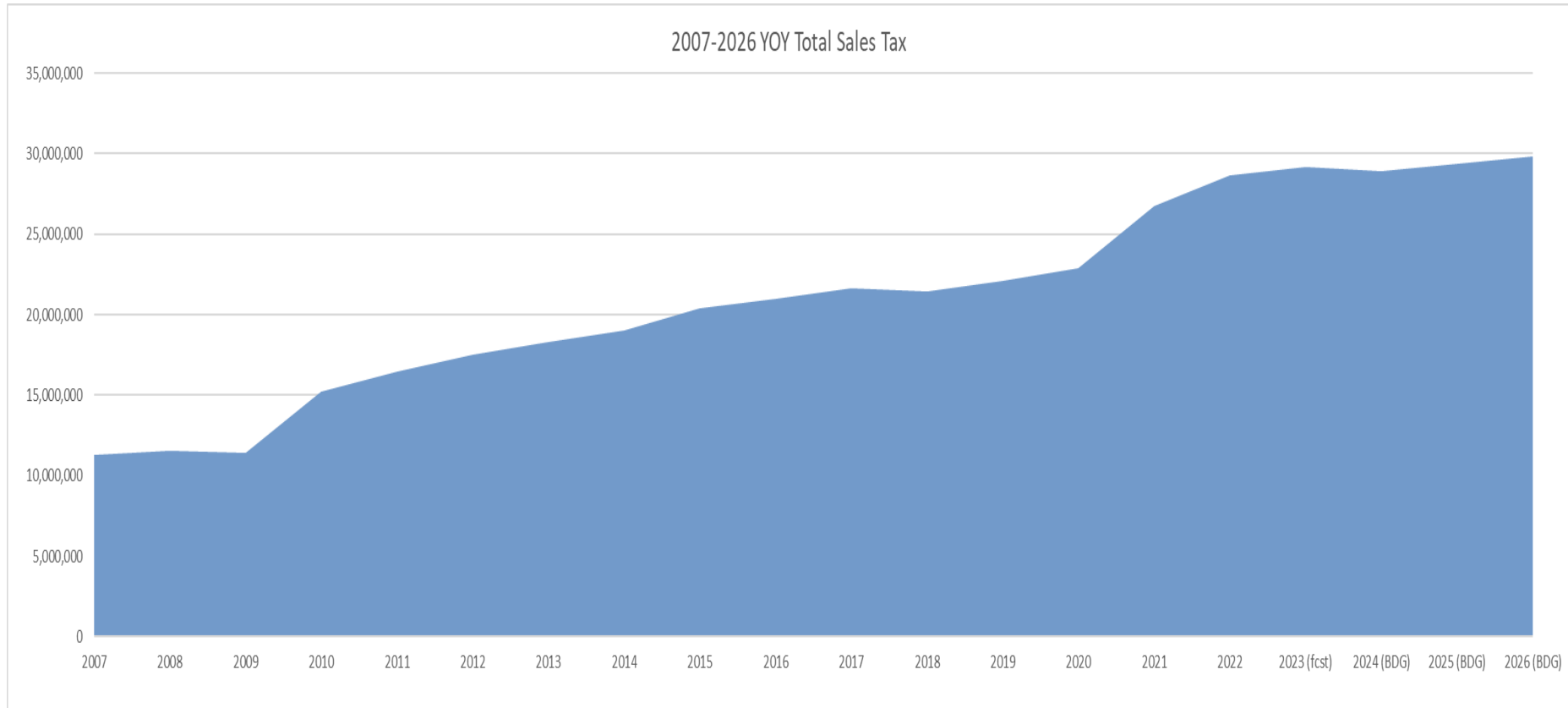


Sales Tax Rate

- Fairfield County's sales tax rate has not increased since 2010
- Fairfield – 6.75%
- Hocking – 7.25%
- Licking, Perry, Ross, & Pickaway – 7.25%
- Franklin – 7.50%



Annual Sales Tax

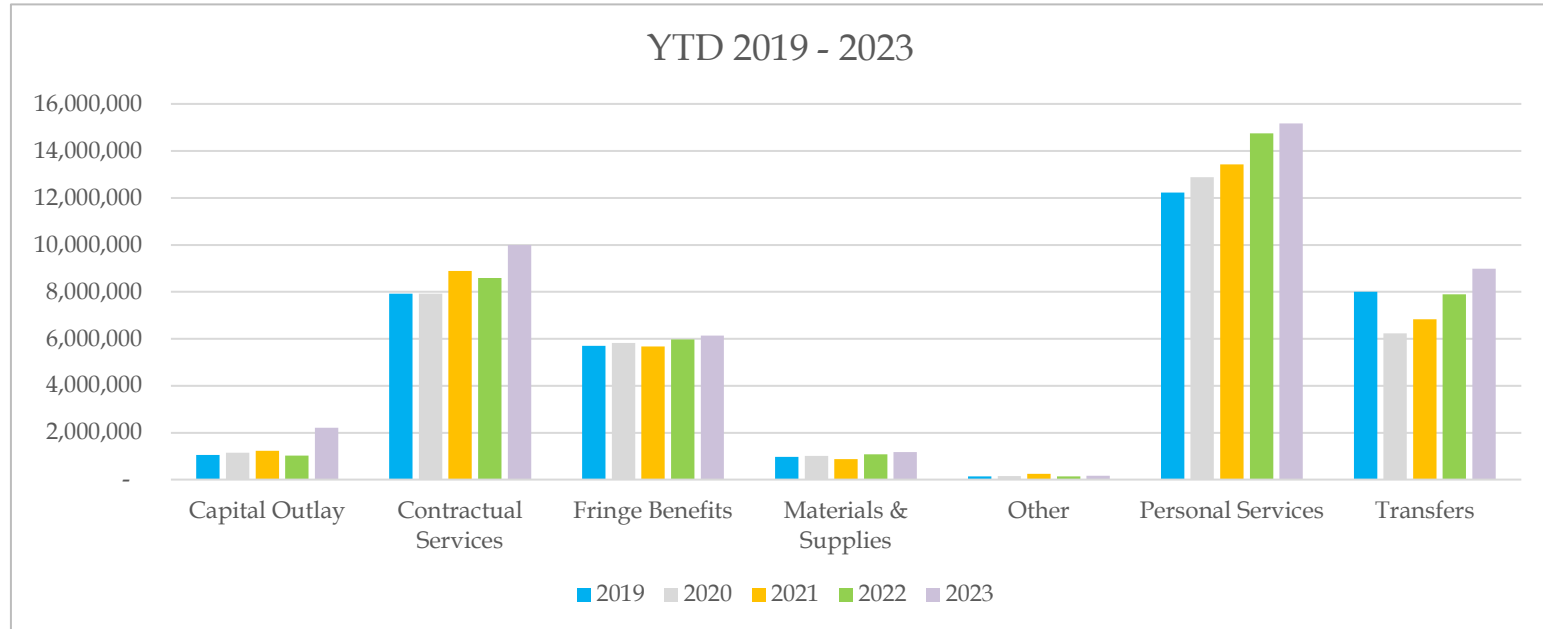


Explanation of Expense Categories

- Capital Outlay
 - Expenditures for the acquisition cost of capital assets, such as equipment, or expenditures to make improvements to capital assets
- Contractual Services
 - Contract services, travel reimbursement, training, membership and dues, and advertising
- Fringe Benefits
 - Health insurance, life insurance, EAP, PERS, Medicare, workers comp, and unemployment
- Material and Supplies
 - Supplies, fuel, postage, and clothing
- Other
 - Refunds, reimbursements, community support, settlements, and allowances
- Personal Services
 - Salaries, overtime, sick & vacation payout, and comp-time
- Transfers
 - Allocations, grant match, debt obligations, and funding capital projects



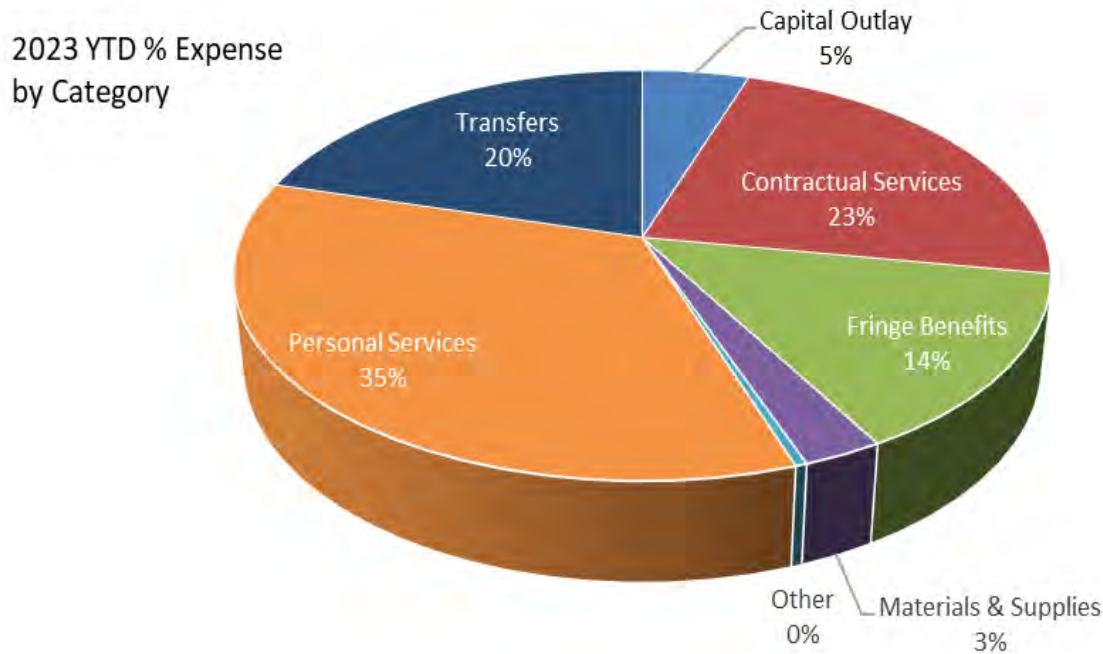
Expenditures – YTD Quarter 3



Row Labels	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Capital Outlay	1,059,608	1,150,049	1,236,434	1,023,415	2,212,256
Contractual Services	7,928,038	7,919,169	8,888,587	8,589,226	9,995,879
Fringe Benefits	5,704,337	5,823,087	5,672,472	5,973,166	6,139,230
Materials & Supplies	974,822	1,010,324	877,366	1,076,373	1,176,854
Other	137,966	147,114	245,260	136,054	169,617
Personal Services	12,235,254	12,882,640	13,424,448	14,754,861	15,170,875
Transfers	8,004,571	6,236,279	6,837,324	7,890,095	8,989,955
Grand Total	36,044,596	35,168,661	37,181,890	39,443,189	43,854,666



Expenditures YTD 2023 Quarter 3



General Fund Expenditures – Quarter 3

- Increase over prior year is due to:
 - Contract Services
 - Increased costs related to capital project investments in 2023
 - Transfers for investments such as the County Airport



2024 Budgets

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Questions

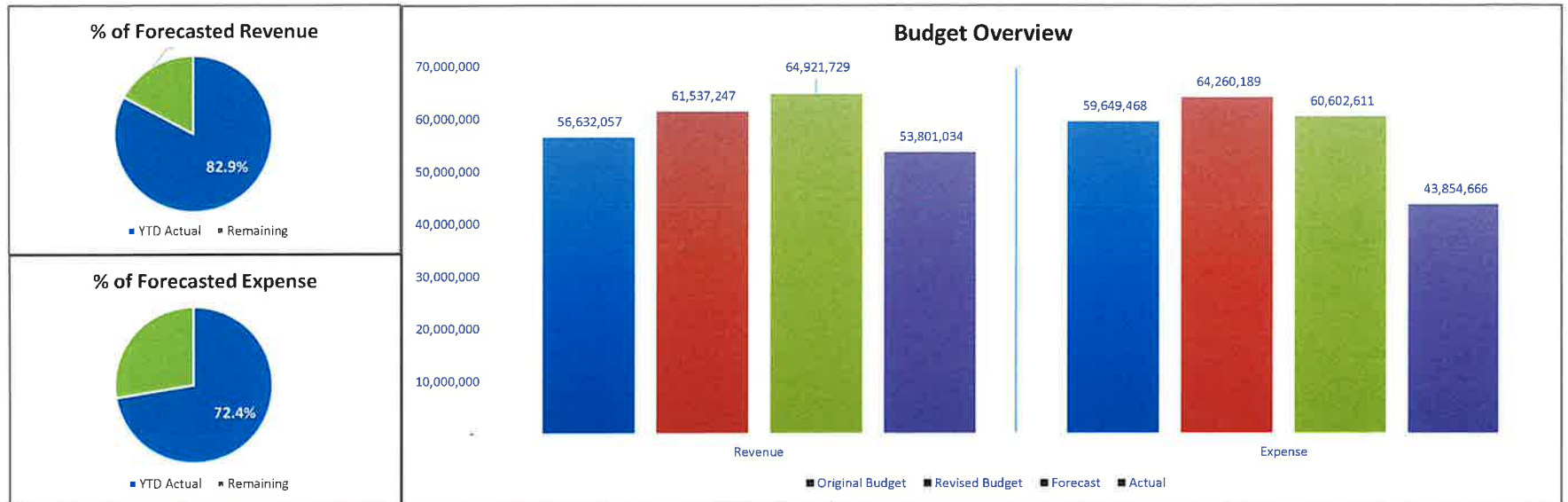


Fairfield County Forecast Overview

September Year-to-Date General Fund Dashboard

Revised (Current) Budget	Current Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining	Forecast Total	Over/Under	Notes:
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Expense	64,260,189	43,854,666	16,747,945	60,602,611	(3,657,578)	
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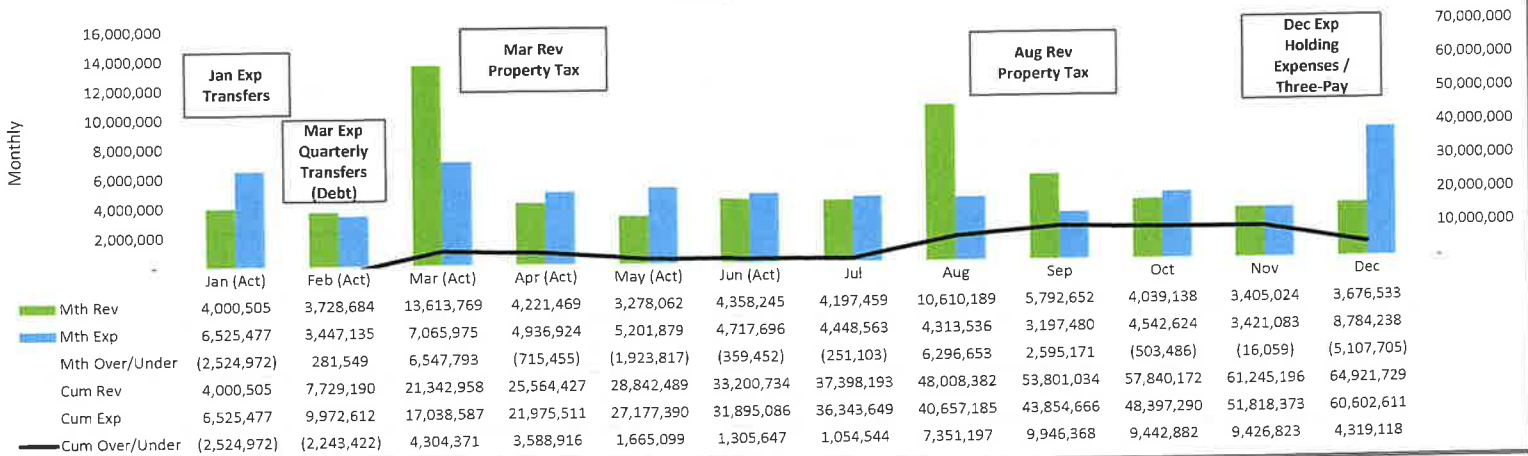
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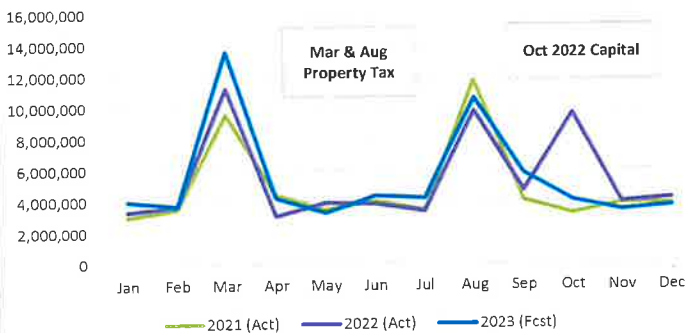
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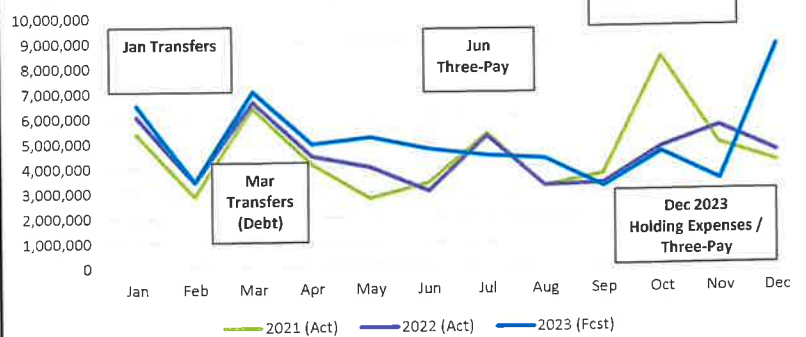
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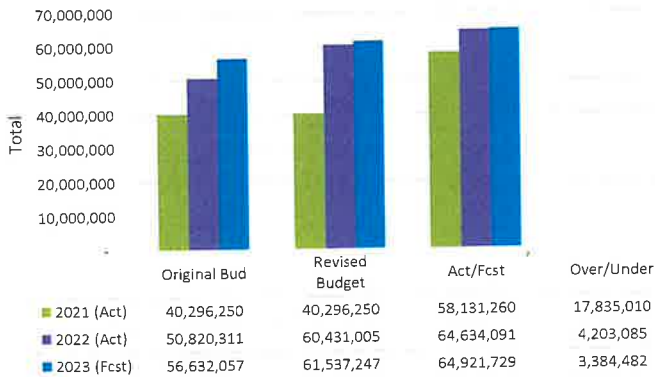
Revenue Per Month



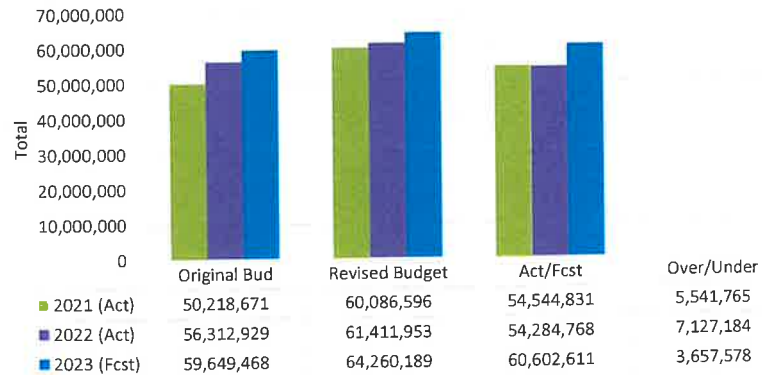
Expenses Per Month



Total Revenue



Total Expense



September 2023 Monthly Financials

Revenue	2021	2022	2023	Expense	2021	2022	2023
Casino	2,150,495	2,306,573	2,330,171	Capital Outlay	1,589,551	1,542,966	3,603,234
Conveyance Fees	5,203,038	4,938,045	4,039,273	Contractual Services	11,162,694	11,464,837	14,177,144
Fees & Charges for Services	9,094,374	6,395,310	5,691,287	Fringe Benefits	7,606,882	8,145,338	8,617,418
Homestead Rollback	1,291,541	1,314,486	1,644,077	Materials & Supplies	1,208,402	1,469,037	1,739,704
Investment Earnings	614,823	1,687,781	6,100,001	Other	251,708	142,350	191,242
Jail Rental Income	41,905	936,892	538,472	Personal Services	18,702,148	20,462,136	21,250,848
Local Government	1,583,483	1,702,913	1,678,888	Transfers	14,023,445	11,058,104	11,023,022
Property Taxes	10,658,061	10,796,015	13,466,719	Grand Total	54,544,831	54,284,768	60,602,611
Sales & Use Tax	27,027,765	28,957,419	29,398,649				
Title Surplus transfer, unclaimed,	465,775	5,598,657	34,191				
Grand Total	58,131,260	64,634,091	64,921,729				

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