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Review

The Commissioners met at 9:02 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Joshua Horacek, Staci Knisley, Jim Bahnsen, Jeff Barron, Amy Presnell, Jeff Porter, Todd McCullough, Dennis Keller, Aunie Cordle, Jon Kochis, and Chief Perrigo.

- Legal Update

Mr. Horacek stated that he did not have a legal update.

- Administration and Budget Updates/Carri's List

- a. Utilities Heart Safe Accreditation Press Release

Ms. Brown reported that a press release was issued regarding the Utilities Departments Heart Safe Accreditation. She thanked Mr. Vogel and his team for their hard work and terrific example of internal and external customer service.

Mr. Levacy stated it was terrific that Mr. Vogel stepped up to the plate. He would like to see this effort extended in the rest of the county buildings.

Mr. Kiger added that the quicker you get to a cardiac patient, the greater the survival odds.

- b. Highlights of Resolutions for the Voting Agenda

Ms. Brown reported that there were multiple financial resolutions relating to memo expenditures, account to account transfers, and appropriations, both for special revenue funds and the general fund on the voting agenda today. There were resolutions for the proper disposal of assets, such as obsolete vehicles with Job and Family Services and obsolete pews with Common Pleas Court. Such assets are being disposed of in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code, and assets have a value of less than \$2500.

Mr. Bill McNeer and Mr. Michael Kaper are proposed as reappointments to the Airport Board, and Mr. Jon Kochis is proposed as an appointment to the Airport Board. Ms. Lisa Long is proposed as a reappointment to the Law Library.

Job and Family Services continues to propose contract renewals for transportation and child protective services placement.

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The contract for services with Dr. Vajen for jail medical services is proposed for amendment to provide for an additional \$1500 monthly for the services through December 31, 2016. All other terms of the contract for medical services remain the same. The increase is something warranted based on the costs of on-site medical services. Further, there has been no increase in the contract for services since the resolution of January 31, 2012.

The county debt management policy is proposed for approval. The policy has been circulated to internal and external financial stakeholders. The policy provides for ratio targets consistent with entities that have a Moody's bond rating of Aa2.

The Engineer proposes a resolution to revise the speed limit for Lithopolis Road (beginning at Plummer Road and ending at Mt. Zion Road) from 50 mph to 45 mph. When the Director of Transportation has determined and declared a reasonable and safe speed limit on the section of road described in the resolution, there will be standard signs erected to give notice of the speed limit.

Additionally, a BWC grant to help reduce noise in the Dog Shelter is on the agenda. Ms. Brown thanked Todd McCullough for his efforts in pursuing this grant.

c. Jail Financing and Project Reporting

Ms. Brown reported that the next bond rating group meeting is Friday, November 14 at 2 pm. As consistently reported, the plan is to conduct a bond rating meeting with Moody's on November 20.

Bennett and Williams has provided a report following the initial air monitoring that they conducted to determine if there is any future action needed related to lead in the fill materials at the proposed site for the new public safety facility. The results indicated that their initial monitoring did NOT exceed OSHA levels that would require action. Air monitoring related to lead will not be needed during excavation or construction activities, and our future vendor partners will not be required to address this issue. This means we can remove that section from the requirements for those bidding on the project. This is welcome news, as it will help contain costs, from the perspective of contractors. The formal report from Bennett and Williams was posted on the website.

Mr. Davis mentioned that the bond rates are currently looking great and added that he hopes they remain that way.

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d. Budget Hearings

The review packet contained an updated schedule. Several departments are scheduled for hearings on Thursday. The plan is to pass the 2015 budget on December 9th.

Mr. Davis stated that another follow-up hearing or multiple follow up hearings might be needed.

e. Grants Webinar

Ms. Brown reported that she conducted a grants acquisition and management webinar on Wednesday of this week.

f. 2015 Special Dates

Please see the review packet for special dates for 2015.

g. Current Budget Update

Ms. Brown reviewed the attached slide show and handouts regarding the current general fund budget. In addition, public records requests and response times were reviewed. On March 6, 2015, there is a training scheduled in connection with the State Auditor's Office.

Mr. Kiger noted that they had estimated on the low end for the casino revenues when considering jail financing. The numbers are looking very well in that regard.

Mr. Davis asked what the carryover estimate for 2014 was.

Ms. Brown replied it was over \$12 million and stated she was very confident with that estimate.

Mr. Davis asked if the encumbrances should be reduced from that number.

Ms. Brown replied that they should and it was a very conservative estimate.

Mr. Davis asked when the Health Insurance rates would be known.

Mr. Porter stated it would be later in the day.

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Mr. Davis stated he spoke with Ms. Knisley earlier in the day and that there was still roughly a \$191,000 different in the budget and budget requests. There is a reasonably clear path to solving the problem. The insurance rate amounts may change the problem to solve, but the fact that many departments have followed the parameters is helpful.

- Old Business

- a. Clarence E. Miller Building

Ms. Brown stated that Mr. Keller had received a few calls of interest regarding the CEM building and that the bids would be opened December 2nd.

Mr. Davis stated he had an opportunity to see a bit of the car wash demolition and asked Mr. Keller how it went.

Mr. Keller replied that the demolition was done with the expectations on finishing the paving that day. The paving will just be temporary until the new jail is complete.

Mr. Davis added that the lot looked better already.

- New Business

- General Correspondence Received

- a. Liquor Permit for Lancaster Greenhouse (Sheriff has no concerns)

- b. Follow-up letter from MORPC

Ms. Brown stated that she, Mr. Clark, and Ms. Mattei would be meeting to review the MORPC proposals and would provide the Commissioners with a recommendation.

Mr. Davis stated he appreciated that and was looking for additional guidance especially in relation to the Economic Development standpoint.

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- a. Historical Aircraft Squadron Christmas Gathering – Saturday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Historical Aircraft Museum

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- FYI

- a. Casino Revenue Report

Ms. Brown noted that the year to date receipts exceed the estimates of the Commissioners and Budget Commission. The estimates for the future are fewer dollars than what was received this year.

- Issues Bin

- Open Items

Executive Session to discuss Impending Litigation

On the Motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session regarding impending litigation at 9:26 a.m.

Discussion: Commissioner Davis stated that the following be present: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Levacy, Commissioner Kiger, Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Josh Horacek, Jeff Porter, and Todd McCullough.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 9:40 a.m.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger.

Review Continued

The Commissioners met at 9:40 a.m. to continue review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Josh Horacek, Todd McCullough, and Jeff Porter.

Executive Session to discuss Impending Litigation

On the Motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session regarding impending litigation at 9:41 a.m.

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Discussion: Commissioner Davis stated that the following be present: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Levacy, Commissioner Kiger, Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Josh Horacek, and Jeff Porter.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 9:47 a.m.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger.

Review Continued

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Commissioner Kiger stated at 9:47 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the Public Hearing.

Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, November 13, 2014 beginning at 10:05 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger, and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Jeff Barron, Jim Bahnsen, Josh Horacek, Jon Kochis, Todd McCullough, Amy Presnell, Holly Mattei, Ginger Caito, Dennis Keller, Branden Meyer, Jeremiah Upp, and Jon Slater.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

Commissioner Kiger asked Ms. Elsea if there were any announcements. Ms. Elsea stated that a press release had been issued recognizing the Utilities' Office recent Heart Safe Accreditation.

The Commissioners expressed their congratulations and appreciation for Mr. Vogel's leadership in being the first department to receive this accreditation.

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Mr. Levacy asked Ms. Cordle to review the JFS Christmas gifts project.

Ms. Cordle replied that Protective Services arranges the gift drive each year to collect Christmas gifts for clients. All gifts are welcome and appreciated. Anyone with questions is encouraged to contact Ms. Cordle.

Public Comment

Commissioner Kiger asked if anyone from the public who would like to speak or offer comments. There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, November 4, 2014 and Thursday, November 6, 2014

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for Tuesday, November 4, 2014 and Thursday, November 6, 2014.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

Approval of the Auditor's Office Resolutions

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

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| 2014-11.13.a | A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer for the General Fund 2% administration fee for managing the county insurance program, Fund# 7671 TO GENERAL #1001 – Fairfield County Auditor [Auditor- Payroll] |
| 2014-11.13.b | A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer for the General Fund 2% administration fee for managing the county insurance program, Fund# 7671 TO GENERAL #1001 – Fairfield County Auditor [Auditor- Payroll] |
| 2014-11.13.c | A resolution approving an account to account transfer into a major expense category for Auditor/Information Technology [Auditor- Admin] |
| 2014-11.13.d | A resolution to amend the certificate, update receipt line item & request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts for fund 2423. Auditor- County Lodging Tax [Auditor- Admin] |

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Discussion: Ms. Brown stated that the first two resolutions were for different time periods (October and November).

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

Approval of the Commissioners' Office Resolutions

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

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| 2014-11.13.e | A resolution to approve the appointment of Mr. Jon Kochis to the Fairfield County Airport Authority Board. [Commissioners] |
| 2014-11.13.f | A resolution approving the re-appointments of Michael Kaper and William McNeer to the Fairfield County Airport Authority Board. [Commissioners] |
| 2014-11.13.g | A resolution approving the reappointment of Ms. Lisa Long to the Fairfield County Law Library Resources Board. [Commissioners] |
| 2014-11.13.h | A resolution to authorize the establishment of a new capital projects fund for the AIMS/LGIF Loan Project – Fairfield County Commissioners [Commissioners] |
| 2014-11.13.i | A resolution to renew an agreement between the Fairfield County Commissioners and Thomas Vajen, M.D. for medical services at the Fairfield County Jail Facilities. [Commissioners] |
| 2014-11.13.j | A resolution authorizing the adoption of a Debt Management Policy for Fairfield County, Ohio. [Commissioners] |

Discussion: Mr. Kochis thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to serve on the Airport Board and added that he looked forward to serving. Ms. Brown noted that resolution J had been circulated to internal and external financial stakeholders. The policy provides for ratio targets consistent with entities that have a Moody's bond rating of Aa2.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

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Approval of the Coroner's Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Coroner's resolution approving an account to account transfer into a major expense category; see resolution 2014-11.13.k.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

Approval of the Court of Common Pleas' Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Court of Common Pleas resolution approving the disposal of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit property pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 307.12, transfer to Southeastern Correctional Complex, division of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction; see resolution 2014-11.13.l.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

Approval of the Dog Shelter Resolutions

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

2014-11.13.m A resolution to approve the attached BWC grant application. [Dog Shelter]

2014-11.13.n A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer. [Dog Shelter]

Discussion: Mr. McCullough noted the BWC resolution was just the application for the grant and would reduce the sound in the shelter for the dogs, customers, and employees. Ms. Brown thanked Mr. McCullough for his efforts.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

Approval of the Engineer's Office Resolutions

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

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- 2014-11.13.o A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for supplies, repairs and maintenance [Engineer]
- 2014-11.13.p A resolution to amend the certificate, update receipt line item & request for appropriations for additional unanticipated receipts of Memo receipts and memo expenses for fund 2050 for work completed in Sagamore Subdivision [Engineer]
- 2014-11.13.q A resolution to revise prima facie speed limit for Lithopolis Rd (Co Rd 39) [Engineer]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

Approval of the Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Fairfield-Hocking Major Crimes Unit resolution approving an account to account transfer; see resolution 2014-11.13.r.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

Approval of the Human Resources Resolutions

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

- 2014-11.13.s A resolution to amend the Section 125 Flexible Benefits Plan [Fairfield County Human Resources]
- 2014-11.13.t A resolution to approve a Final Settlement Agreement and Release with Medicare Set Aside Agreement [Fairfield County Human Resources]

Discussion: Mr. Davis asked Mr. Porter for clarification on the flex spending changes. Mr. Porter replied that for the 2014 calendar year you could roll up to \$500 over to 2015, but that this resolution would change it to a 90 day run off into the next calendar year instead of roll over starting in 2015. Exceptions can always been made. This has been communicated to employees.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

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Approval of the JFS Resolutions

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

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| 2014-11.13.u | A resolution regarding approval of a Purchase of Service Contract by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, and City of Lancaster Public Transit System [JFS] |
| 2014-11.13.v | A resolution regarding a Purchase of a Title IV-D Contract between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Support Enforcement Agency and Attorney Jeffrey Feyko [JFS] |
| 2014-11.13.w | A resolution to approve...the disposal of a vehicle - Fairfield County Job and Family Services - Transfer to Skips Hauling. [JFS] |
| 2014-11.13.x | A resolution to approve... the disposal of a vehicle - Fairfield County Job and Family Services - Transfer to Skips Hauling. [JFS] |
| 2014-11.13.y | A resolution regarding a Purchase of Service Agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services (FCJFS) Child Protective Services (CPS) and Tracy E. Rich [JFS] |
| 2014-11.13.z | A resolution regarding approval of a Contract Amendment by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services (FCJFS), and The Village Network [JFS] |

Discussion: Ms. Cordle stated that a majority of the resolutions were contract renewals or amendments. Two resolutions were for vehicle disposals as the repairs would cost four to five times that of the value of the vehicles.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Steve Davis, and Mike Kiger

Approval of the Juvenile/Probate Court Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Juvenile/Probate Court resolutions:

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| 2014-11.13.aa | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category – Probate Court, #2316 Probate Computer Fund [Probate Court] |
| 2014-11.13.bb | A resolution approving an account to account transfer[Probate Court] |

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

Approval of the Prosecutor's Office Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Prosecutor's Office resolution authorizing an account to account transfer into a major expense category for contractual services; see resolution 2014-11.13.cc

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

Approval of the Regional Planning Commission Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Regional Planning Commission resolution to approve Final Acceptance of the Haaf Farms Section 5 Subdivision; see resolution 2014-11.13.dd.

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

Approval of the Payment of Bills Resolutions

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

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| 2014-11.13.ee | A resolution to approve the payment of vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders for all Departments that are approved by the Commissioners [Auditor- Finance] |
| 2014-11.13.ff | A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval [Commissioners] |

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

Mr. Davis told Mr. Slater that he remained interested in the number of resolutions captured in the legal level of control and asked for an update in January as to whether or not this level was working.

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Mr. Slater stated that would not be an issue and that they were meeting the goals of the policy.

Commissioner Kiger stated at 10:23 that the Commission would take a short recess followed by review.

Budget Hearing – Board of Elections

The Commissioners met at 10:47 a.m. to discuss the Board of Election's 2015 Budget Request. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, and Susan Bloom.

Ms. Bloom presented the Board of Election's 2015 budget request (see attached presentation). She stated she was able to but the budget a bit more, not to where she would have liked it, but better than it was. The parameters were followed to the best of their ability. Ms. Bloom noted that the budget would be increased in 2016 as that was a presidential election year. She thanked the Commissioners for better qualified and more intelligent employees. She is concerned with the proposal in the State House to increase the board salaries as well as the minimum wage changes; however, they may be able to handle this with current the numbers.

Mr. Davis asked who would be affected by the minimum wage increase.

Ms. Bloom stated it would be poll workers, rovers, and seasonal part time employees. This is expected to be around \$10,000.

Mr. Davis asked if the current request was at \$1,364,607, which was right at 2%.

Ms. Bloom replied that that was correct. She added that several voting machine batteries must be replaced this year and that it was expected to cost around \$8,000. The Board is expected to support the Commission's 2% salary increase.

Mr. Davis asked who the current board members were.

Ms. Bloom replied they were Mike Oatney, Paul Johnson, Kyle Famer, and Allan Reid. She added that the board gets along very well.

Mr. Davis asked what the board members make each year.

Ms. Bloom stated they made roughly \$10,000.

Mr. Levacy asked what new state mandated machines would cost.

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Ms. Bloom stated that paper ballots would cost around \$250,000. The cost of new TSX machines was unknown as no one was currently marketing them. Electronic Pollbooks would be very costly at \$2,000 per unit (needing 2 for each of the 99 precinct and several for the office as well).

No additional hearing was needed.

The hearing concluded at 11:12 a.m.

Budget Hearing – OSU Extension

The Commissioners met at 11:12 a.m. to discuss the OSU Extension 2015 Budget Request. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Shannon Carter, Julie Fox, and Jerry Isles.

Ms. Carter introduced everyone. Mr. Isles will become the co-director in December. The request for this year is at \$335,000. The carryover is expected to be \$239,451 at the end of 2015. They are using a little over \$100,000 of the carryover this year and expect to request \$5,000 more next year in order to keep the recommended carryover balance.

Mr. Davis expressed his appreciation for the Extension's understanding and willingness regarding the carryover.

Ms. Carter reviewed programs offered (attached) including the Local Food Guide, 4-H (which has over 1,000 members making it one of the largest programs in the state), Family Consumer Sciences, and additional 2014 highlights.

Mr. Isle added that there is a new law that would require farmers to get licenses for both pesticide and fertilizer use. The Extension Office will offer these classes in Fairfield County.

Mr. Levacy noted this new requirement was due to the blue green algae issue.

Ms. Brown commented on the impressive partnership with the Opportunity Center.

Ms. Carter stated they would continue to provide information to the Commissioners.

Mr. Davis appreciated the efficiency of the hearing.

The hearing was concluded at 11:28 a.m.

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Budget Hearing – Engineer

The Commissioners met at 11:31 a.m. to discuss the Engineer's 2015 Budget Request. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, and Jeremiah Upp.

Mr. Upp stated he had a few concerns that would be coming down the pipe and that last year's fuel, salt, and overtime costs hit them rather hard. They are trying to keep all projects where they are without having to move backwards.

Mr. Davis stated he remained appreciative of the relationship between the two offices.

Mr. Upp stated he appreciated the help from the Commissioners especially concerning the motor vehicle license increase.

The hearing closed at 11:38 a.m.

Budget Hearing – Job and Family Services

The Commissioners met at 12:54 p.m. to discuss the Job and Family Services 2015 Budget Request. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Aunie Cordle, Corey Clark, Ursula Laveck, Laura Holton, Dan Neeley, Mike Miller, and Johanna Pearce.

Ms. Cordle introduced the staff and presented the 2015 budget request (detailed presentation is attached). They will not be asking for an increase in the contribution and stayed within the parameters. The request for 2015 is the same as 2014 at \$1,903,678. Ms. Cordle reviewed the benefits of the local Child Advocacy Center. JFS is working on their 3rd strategic plan and will share the executive summary with the Commissioners when it is completed.

Ms. Holton reviewed the reentry coalition and hope grant.

Mr. Davis asked about reasons for the decrease in the jail populations.

Ms. Holton stated that while she believed it was due to several factors, she believed a large factor was due to the reentry coalition and addiction services.

Ms. Pearce and Mr. Clark reviewed their respective programs (all detailed in the attachments).

Mr. Davis stated that he did not feel any mistrust in the hearing and that it was a pleasure to be able to openly inquire about the programs.

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The hearing was closed at 2:02 p.m.

Budget Hearing – Veterans Service Commission

The Commissioners met at 2:05 p.m. to discuss the Veterans Service Commission's 2015 Budget Request. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Chuck Keller, Park Russell, and Mike Gavin.

Mr. Russell reported that the largest increase in their requested budget was for outreach. This will help them reach more veterans and help them find more benefits. The increase in equipment costs is due to the desire to add another employee.

Mr. Davis asked how soon they hoped to move.

Mr. Gavin replied that they want to move as soon as possible and know that Mr. Keller is currently negotiating with the land lord.

Mr. Russell added that very little needs to be done to the new building.

Mr. Davis asked if there were any concerns with the potential demolition of the current building.

Mr. Russell replied that there was not and added that it was a building that's time had come.

Ms. Brown asked if the outreach expenditure included work on the veterans cards.

Mr. Russell replied that it did. He added that many surrounding counties produce the cards and the hope is that by offering the cards, more veterans will come through their doors and can be evaluated for benefits.

Ms. Brown asked if the building lease would come out of the Veterans or Maintenance budget.

Mr. Russell replied they could move around money to put that in their budget if needed.

Ms. Knisley mentioned that all other leases are in the maintenance budget but that it could be managed within the department. Ms. Brown added that in this case that made sense.

Mr. Davis stated they would make sure it was accounted for.

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The hearing concluded at 2:21 p.m.

Budget Hearing – Coroner's Office

The Commissioners met at 2:24 p.m. to discuss the Board of Election's 2015 Budget Request. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Luann Davidson, and Dr. Tom Vajen.

Dr. Vajen thanked the Commissioners for their work. He mentioned that the 24 hour on call has caught up with the office this year and forced them to add their first new employee since the early 1990's which is why the personnel costs are up. Autopsy numbers are up a bit as well. The office appreciates the move from a couple years ago. Dr. Vajen apologized for not returning any money this year. He added that Fairfield County had one of the lowest autopsy rates in the state at 17%.

Mr. Davis asked who could request an autopsy.

Dr. Vajen replied that anyone could, but that the office only paid for those which it ordered. Those requested by family members were not paid for by the county.

The hearing was closed at 2:46 p.m.

Review Continued

The Commissioners met at 2:46 p.m. to continue review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Kiger called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, and Jeff Porter.

The Commissioners continued discussions regarding the health insurance rates and general budget information.

Mr. Porter provided an update on his meeting with the co-op. Fairfield County was moved a tier down and the rate was increased 7.2%. Franklin County remained in the same tier and would see a 3.5%. Pickaway County was up a tier and saw just a .1% increase despite having no reserve. The rates themselves are still lower for Fairfield County. The program is set up to Franklin County's advantage because they will never change tiers. Mr. Porter invited Mr. Nuet to Fairfield County to try to explain the rationale in the large increase to the Commissioners. He added that the Commissioners can't let Franklin County publicly state they don't have a reserve when they are told there is one that is over \$9,000,000.

Mr. Davis stated he would be interested in knowing when the contract is up.

