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Multi-System Youth Update

The Commissioners met at 9:01 a.m. to discuss the Multi-System Youth (MYS) Program. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Tony Vogel, Jason Dolin, Michael Kaper, Mary Beth Lane, AJ Lacefield, Ray Stemen, Jeff Porter, Todd McCullough, Spencer Remoquillo, Kristi Burre, Rhonda Myers, Branden Meyer, Tessie Swain, Aunie Cordle, Mayor Tammy Drobina, Scott Zody, David Kessler, Johanna Pearce, Katrina Metzler, John Pekar, Lisa Notestone, Laura Holton, Mary Jo Fox, and Holly Mattei.

Mr. Davis thanked everyone for attending.

Ms. Burre stated that she was the chair of the FACFC as well as a member of the MSY executive team. The MYS program is a last resort for children whose physical and mental needs cannot be met in the home.

Ms. Metzler distributed a review of the program and a revenue update. They are seeing an upward trend in the program. They are grateful for the partners and collaboration. This year they have served 169 children and had to place 13 of those children out of the home. The kids being placed out of the home are high risk with complex care plans. It is difficult to find the care they need and just as difficult to fund it. The average cost per stay is up several thousand dollars from last year's average. Ms. Metzler has reviewed the numbers with Ms. Swain. She reviewed the steps they have taken to address the increase costs (attached). This year they anticipate needing an extra \$88,361.68 to take care of this year's program budget and to avoid a shortfall. They asked for the Commissioners' guidance.

Mr. Davis asked if the council operates on a carryover from year to year.

Ms. Brown replied that the council will have a carryover to allow for future year appropriations.

Mr. Pekar pointed out that the MSY funds are segregated from the FACFC operating funds.

Ms. Burre added that there were not carryover funds for the out of home placement fund.

Mr. Davis asked what the carryover was for this year.

Ms. Swain replied that the current account balance as of the end of October was \$91,000. This does not account for November and December expenses.

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Ms. Burre stated that it was her understanding MSY has dipped into the FACFC carryover in past years.

Mr. Pekar added that the \$37,000 transfer to the MSY fund this year was from carryover dollars at FACFC.

Mr. Davis said it appeared there were two issues. The first was that the program would have a \$50,000 deficit this year, and the second was that the allocation request for next year was \$140,000.

Ms. Burre stated that a few years ago, they thought the increase in program costs was just an "off year" - but the past three years is showing it has not been a blip, but there is a need to increase budget funds.

Mr. Davis asked what the 2016 request was.

Ms. Burre replied that as of today it was \$140,000.

Mr. Davis stated that was the same as the 2015 allocation that was made from the Commission and asked if there were any suggestions for the 2015 deficit.

Ms. Swain replied that they are continuing to try to connect families with resources and send kids out of the home as little as possible, but that they cannot avoid the calls from Children's Hospital.

Mr. Pekar replied that there was no doubt the MSY program did what was necessary without being penny wise-pound foolish.

Mr. Davis encouraged more thought and a solution as to what they were asking for and how it might solve the deficit problem. He added that the Commission does want to be helpful.

Ms. Burre stated that while the \$100,000 contribution has remained constant since 2004 the solution is to ask for an increase to what they know has been true for the past few years. They will continue to monitor the costs.

Mr. Davis remarked that the Commission allocation had been \$140,000 for two years and suggested the Commission move ahead with a \$50,000 "lifeline" now and provide \$90,000 for 2016, recognizing it is inadequate from an overall standpoint. He stated it would be prudent to revisit the plan in context of a longer term solution in order to not run a deficit under the current request.

Ms. Burre replied that was a priority to the program partners.

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Mr. Davis replied that they would transfer a portion of the \$90,000 early in the year and visit again in the first quarter in order to understand the issues and what they are trying to solve. He encouraged a more aggressive approach so this problem is less likely to happen (without eliminating the program).

Ms. Metzler stated that this was a community challenge and the concern is the risk if the program says no to a medical need. She has spoken with Becky Edwards who pointed out if it is not paid here at this level, there will be expenses in another fund.

Mr. Levacy agreed with the approach. He was shocked to see the individual care costs, but he understood they were a necessity.

Mr. Kiger requested a history of the partners' contributions and when their funding started.

Mr. Davis stated they would have a fuller discussion in the first quarter of next year.

Ms. Burre thanked the Commissioners for their time and added this was just the first step in solving the problem.

Review

The Commissioners met at 9:26 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Tony Vogel, Jason Dolin, Michael Kaper, Mary Beth Lane, AJ Lacefield, Ray Stemen, Jeff Porter, Todd McCullough, Spencer Remoquillo, Branden Meyer, Aunie Cordle, Mayor Tammy Drobina, Scott Zody, David Kessler, Johanna Pearce, John Pekar, Lisa Notestone, David Uhl, Mary Jo Fox, Laura Holton, and Holly Mattei.

- Legal Update (none)
- Administration and Budget Update/Carri's List
 - a. Highlights of Resolutions/Proclamations

Ms. Brown provided highlights of the resolutions.

There was a resolution to approve a proclamation to name November as National Adoption Awareness Month. (There is the banquet on November 21 planned, of which Commissioner Levacy will attend to present the proclamation and some certificates. We also have certificates for Ms. Barb Clapham who will be retiring. In addition, there is a foster family and an

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employee who were honored by PCSAO, and they will be attending a meeting with the Commissioners at 9:45 am on the 24th.)

There were resolutions to declare the projects for the Hamburg Road culvert replacement and two Crumley Road culvert replacements necessities.

There was a resolution to extend the existing Hangar Aircraft Squadron contract for four years, as recommended by the Airport Board and the HAS.

There was a resolution to appoint Ms. Sharon Murphy to the DD Board, following up on the interview conducted last week.

There were financial resolutions to approve, such as resolutions for:

- Transfers of appropriations (account to account) to properly classify expenditures,
- A drawdown for CDBG,
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for supplies for the Airport and for signs within special revenue funds,
- The traditional bill list items, and
- Approval of a surplus within the Certificate of Title Fund.

We appreciate the collaboration with Clerk of Courts Branden Meyer for the resolution to transfer funds from the Certificate of Title Fund.

JFS Update re: Fraud Prevention and Recovery Activities

The Commissioners met at 9:28 a.m. for a JFS Update on Fraud Prevention and Recovery Activities. Commissioner Davis called the meeting to order with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Tony Vogel, Jason Dolin, Michael Kaper, Mary Beth Lane, AJ Lacefield, Ray Stemen, Jeff Porter, Todd McCullough, Spencer Remoquillo, Branden Meyer, Aunie Cordle, Mayor Tammy Drobina, Scott Zody, David Kessler, Johanna Pearce, John Pekar, Lisa Notestone, David Uhl, Mary Jo Fox, Laura Holton, and Holly Mattei.

Ms. Cordle distributed and reviewed the Fraud and Benefits Recovery Update sheet as well as the program objectives.

Ms. Holton stated that they took fraud and benefits recovery very seriously. They review all referrals they receive. These referrals come from caseworkers, through the website, a hotline, and the ODJFS website. When Ms. Fox receives a referral, she looks at the case and gets as much information as possible. Around 90% of the cases are because of a person living in the household or because of unreported income.

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Ms. Fox added that she has access to IRS and BMV records and relies a lot on online searches. She will also send administrative subpoenas.

Mr. Davis asked if there was any historical data correlation between fraud and the economy.

Ms. Holton replied that there was not. Most fraud referrals they have prosecuted have quite a bit of household income, and the referral levels have remained consistent over the past five years. The percentage of those on food assistance who commit fraud is less than 1%.

Mr. Kessler added that in his experience, the state of the economy doesn't determine the amount of fraud committed. Many substance abusers want to sell their benefits, and those with mid to high-income levels mainly commit the fraud purely out of greed. These individuals will even admit as much when interviewed. This makes it purely theft.

Ms. Cordle reviewed the second and third sheets of the handout. The second page speaks to the type of referrals. In 2015, they have received 487 referrals so far. 181 of those referrals have been for overpayment; 29 of them are an intentional program violation; and 5 have been prosecuted. Of the three areas that are recovered, the county gets to keep 100% of cash benefits, 30% of the SNAP benefits, and 25% of the Medicaid benefits. She added that Ms. Fox and Mr. Kessler have done a great job with the larger collections. This year is quite unique with the higher dollar amount cases and because of the great work of Ms. Fox and Mr. Kessler.

Mr. Kessler added that most of the reason for the spike is due to Ms. Fox's work. He added it was a win-win situation for the county having that position as full time employee.

Ms. Holton added that another reason for the increase in amounts collected is because Ms. Fox still contacts and collects from those who have been overpaid, but aren't purposely committing fraud.

Mr. Davis asked what the deterrent component was for fraud prevention.

Ms. Holton replied it was multifaceted. JFS receives a small amount of funding for education and awareness activities; but "word of mouth" was the most powerful communication tool.

Mr. Davis asked if more outreach would help lower the fraud numbers.

Ms. Holton replied that with the elimination of a fraud director, they aren't able to give the program the resources it used to have.

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Mr. Dolin added that he believed a fraud investigator would pay for himself in the money they are helping to recoup.

Ms. Holton stated that they do not receive an allocation from the state to fund the investigator, but the expectation is there to perform the work.

Mr. Davis asked where the \$92,000 collected will go.

Ms. Brown replied that it is put into the public assistance special revenue fund, paying for the special revenue fund purposes to administer the program, and it would pay for the Ms. Fox's position and costs associated overall with fraud prevention and recovery, including contracted services.

Ms. Cordle added that it would be helpful to have someone else to help with those collections.

Mr. Davis asked if the numbers offered any glimpses as to what the problem is.

Ms. Cordle replied that they possibly did but that it was too early to say what the trend was. They need to see what happens next year.

Ms. Holton added that the statewide fraud rate is never above 1%.

Ms. Fox stated that she makes contacts with those who have allegations made against them to let them know, and this does help curb fraud and may impact the trend.

Mr. Dolin stated that if you looked at the chart, the numbers remained steady when unemployment was high and jumped when unemployment rates decreased.

Mr. Davis agreed that more time was needed to better understand the trend.

Mr. Levacy asked what the recovery rate was of intentional violations.

Ms. Holton replied that plea agreements now include full repayment. Any intentional program violations are shared with the prosecutor. Those over \$5,000 are more likely to be prosecuted. Violators will be disqualified for benefits for 12 months and have to repay their benefits.

Mr. Cordle reminded everyone that the percentage of those committing fraud was very small compared to those who receive the benefits because they actually need them.

Commissioner Davis stated at 9:58 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the Regular Meeting.

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Commissioners' Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 beginning at 10:02 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Mayor Tammy Drobina, Scott Zody, Lisa Notestone, Mary Beth Lane, Branden Meyer, Holly Mattei, Spencer Remoquillo, Tony Vogel, David Uhl, Josh Horacek, Todd McCullough, Michael Kaper, Jason Dolin, Dennis Keller, Aunie Cordle, David Uhl, and Ray Stemen.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

Commissioner Davis asked if there were any announcements.

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

Commissioner Davis asked if there were any announcements.

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, November 10, 2015 and Thursday, November 23, 2015.

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the minutes for the Tuesday, November 10, 2015 and Thursday, November 12, 2015 Regular Meetings.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Clerk of Courts - Title Office Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Clerk of Courts Title Office resolution to approve to declare a surplus for the Clerk of Courts Title Fund #2326, appropriate from unappropriated, and a fund to fund transfer from the Clerk of Courts Title Fund #2326 to the General Fund #1001-Fairfield County Clerk of Courts; see resolution 2015-11.17.a.

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Discussion: Mr. Davis thanked Mr. Meyer for his office's work, especially with the Title office. He also thanked Mr. Meyer for his willingness to cooperate with the Commission and make the much appreciated transfer.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Commissioners' Office Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Commissioner's Office resolutions:

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| 2015-11.17.b | A resolution authorizing the approval of a proclamation recognizing November as Adoption and Recruitment Month [Commissioners] |
| 2015-11.17.c | A resolution authorizing the approval of a request for payment and status of funds report – FY2014 CDBG Funds – Drawdown for \$5,564 [Commissioners] |
| 2015-11.17.d | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in major expenditure object category for the Fairfield County Airport fund# 2800 – Fairfield Co Commissioners [Commissioners] |
| 2015-11.17.e | A resolution renewing a lease with the Historical Aircraft Squadron and the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners. [Commissioners] |
| 2015-11.17.f | A resolution approving the appointment of Ms. Sharon Murphy to the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities. [Commissioners] |

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Engineer's Office Resolutions

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

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| 2015-11.17.g | A Resolution to Declare the Crumley Road Culvert 6.101 Replacement Project a Necessity. [Engineer] |
| 2015-11.17.h | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for sign purchases [Engineer] |

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- 2015-11.17.i A resolution of amended certificate, update receipt, increase appropriations, appropriate from unappropriated, account to account and fund to fund transfer for HOC-26 bridge replacement [Engineer]
- 2015-11.17.j A Resolution to Declare the Crumley Road Culvert 8.709 Replacement Project a Necessity. [Engineer]
- 2015-11.17.k A Resolution to Declare the Hamburg Road Culvert 2.627 Replacement Project a Necessity. [Engineer]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Family, Adult, and Children First Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Family, Adult, and Children First resolution approving an account to account transfer for Family, Adult & Children First Council; see resolution 2015-11.17.l.

Discussion: Mr. Davis asked Ms. Elsea and Ms. Brown to set up a follow-up meeting with the Multi-System Youth program to discuss the program budget.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the JFS Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following JFS resolution approving an account to account transfer fund 2018 public assistance; see resolution 2015-11.17.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Sheriff's Office Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Sheriff's Office resolutions:

- 2015-11.17.n A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer Fund 1001 County Prisoner Expense [Sheriff]

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2015-11.17.o A resolution authorizing an account to account transfer Fund 2394
CFLP Litter Enforcement [Sheriff]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Approval of the Payment of Bills Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Payment of Bills resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners approval; see resolution 2015-11.17.p.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Ms. Elsea stated the next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.

At 10:09 a.m. Commissioner Davis stated the Commission would take a brief recess followed by the continuation of Review.

Review continued

The Commissioners met at 10:20 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioners present were: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Lisa Notestone, Dennis Keller, Josh Horacek, Todd McCullough, Mary Beth Lane, Spencer Remoquillo, Ray Stemen, Michael Kaper, Scott Zody, Aunie Cordle, and Branden Meyer.

Executive Session to discuss the Potential Sale of Real Property

On the motion of Steve Davis and second of Mike Kiger, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Potential Sale of Real Property at 10:22 a.m.

Discussion: Commissioner Davis stated that the following people be present: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Levacy, Commissioner Kiger, Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Dennis Keller, Jason Dolin, and Josh Horacek.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

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

On the motion of Dave Levacy and second of Mike Kiger, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 10:34 a.m.

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Roll call on the motion as follows:

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

Review continued

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Mr. Davis stated that the Commission received three bids in response to the request for bids to purchase the Clarence E Miller building. The first bid was from NAS for the purchase of the property for roughly \$6,000. The second was a lease option from Fairfield Homes. The third was an offer to purchase from Empire for \$310,000 but such proposal had significant contingencies attached to it, specifically contingency #7. He recommended the proposals be rejected as the first was significantly below the appraised value, the second was non-responsive, and the third had too many contingencies which resulted in too much exposure.

At 10:40 a.m. Commissioner Davis stated the Commission would take a five minute recess while a resolution to reject the bids was prepared.

Review continued

The Commissioners met at 10:44 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioners present were: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Josh Horacek, Dennis Keller, Mary Beth Lane, Dennis Keller, Branden Meyer, Ray Stemen, and Spencer Remoquillo.

Mr. Davis asked Ms. Elsea to read the proposed resolution.

Approval of the Commissioners Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioner's Office resolution authorizing the rejection of proposals for the purchase of the Clarence E. Miller; see resolution 2015-11.17.q.

Discussion: Mr. Davis reviewed the reasons for rejecting the three proposals. The bid from NAS for a bit less than \$6,000 was much lower than the appraised value. The Fairfield Homes bid did not respond to the RFP as it was a bid to lease, not a bid to purchase, as requested. The bid from Empire, while at \$310,000 had too many

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contingencies which resulted in too much taxpayer exposure as any problem prohibiting development would be on the county (contingency #7).

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Executive Session to discuss the Potential Purchase of Real Property

On the motion of Steve Davis and second of Mike Kiger, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss the Potential Purchase of Real Property at 10:47 a.m.

Discussion: Commissioner Davis stated that the following people be present: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Levacy, Commissioner Kiger, Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Dennis Keller, Branden Meyer, Jon Kochis, Jason Dolin, and Josh Horacek.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

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

On the motion of Dave Levacy and second of Mike Kiger, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 10:58 a.m.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

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

Review continued

The Commissioners met at 10:58 a.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioners present were: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Ray Stemen, Spencer Remoquillo, Mary Beth Lane, and Scott Zody.

- **Administration & Budget Update/Carri's List (continued)**

- b. **Administrative Approvals & Budget Update**

- The review packet contained a list of administrative approvals for the week. There were no questions posed about the approvals.

- There are budget hearings continuing this week.

- We will also follow up with the DR Court suggestion for a CPS related liaison later today.

- In addition, the JFS transfer approved previously by the Board was much appreciated to accommodate the final payment to the state from a previous

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e. Roundtable Agenda – November 19

The review packet contains the draft agenda for the roundtable meeting. The agenda was emailed to all elected officials and department heads last week. There is a regular meeting planned following the roundtable meeting.

f. Holiday Celebrations

The review packet contained a flyer for the November 18th training. We are opening this up to other political subdivisions so that public employees can attend if they so desire. The training is to be held at Liberty Center.

g. Bravos

Thank you to **Randy Carter, IT Director, and his team** for testing the speakers and communication equipment at Liberty Center in order to prepare for the customer service seminar. Thank you to **Jon Kochis, EMA Director, and his team** for sharing the microphone for the event. (We will purchase a microphone in 2016 to use for various events and to use a backup for EMA.)

Bravo to **Christina Foster** for her preparation for budget hearings last week.

Thank you to **Gail Beck** for covering the receptionist desk on November 18th.

We sent a nice note of thanks to the **Humane Society** because a constituent called to report on their services in a very positive way.

- Old Business

- a. Buckeye Lake State Park Dam

ODNR Director Jim Zehringer held a meeting on Monday, Nov. 16 at 2:00 PM at Buckeye Lake State Park. Commissioners Kiger and Levacy attended. No new information was presented.

- New Business

- a. Columbia Pipeline Group request for Survey Permissions

Motion to have Mr. Keller review and execute survey permissions Columbia Pipeline.

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On the motion of Steve Davis and second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to have Mr. Keller review and execute survey permissions from Columbia Pipeline.

Roll call on the motion as follows:

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

- General Correspondence Received
 - a. JEDD contract proposal for Etna-Reynoldsburg (no action needed)
 - b. CFLP third quarter reports for Education & Outreach and Recycling Drop-Off
- Calendar Review/Invitations Received
 - a. Lancaster/Fairfield Chamber Legislative Update – Tuesday, November 24th at 11:30 a.m. at the Liberty Center
 - 1. Commissioners Levacy and Kiger will attend.
 - b. Fairfield Land Preservation Association Breakfast – Tuesday, December 1st at 7:00 a.m. at the Ag Center.
 - 1. Commissioner Kiger will attend.
- FYI
 - a. 4-H Thank you for Courthouse
 - b. Stuff-A-Bus Campaign

The campaign starts today. Drop off boxes are located in the courthouse.
 - c. OEPA Project Meeting Report

The OEPA project meeting report for Allen Road was received. Carri will email the report to the Commissioners. They expect the project to expand due to the availability of funds.
- Issues Bin (none)
- Open Issues

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a. Ray Stemen – 2444 West Point Road, Lancaster

Mr. Stemen spoke about the President bringing in Syrian refugees. He stated 70% of the refugees are young men between 18 and 40 years old. No one knows where they will be put in the United States. States and Counties are closing their borders to refugees. The US does not have the funds to support them, and the FBI cannot adequately vet them. Something needs to be done at the state or local level.

Commissioner Davis stated at 11:12 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the 1:00 p.m. meeting with Judge Smith.

Meeting with DR Court

The Commissioners met at 1:02 p.m. to discuss the potential DR Court position. Commissioners present were: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Jason Dolin, Judge Laura Smith, Kristi Burre, and Aunie Cordle.

Mr. Davis thanked Judge Smith for attending.

Ms. Brown stated there were possibilities in accomplishing the addition of the DR Court and CPA liaison position, outside of a contract for services. An allocation could be made to CPS, allowing for quicker access to state and federal funds. The allocation would be a separate line item from a general fund expense perspective, dedicated to the DR court liaison position. This can be done as an allocation in this case, and DR Court is not a "IV-E" court, such as Juvenile Court is, where such court has taken a different approach.

Judge Smith replied she was fine with that method. The only reason they proposed it as contracted services was because it was a position that the DR court needed and thus they wanted their budget "to take the hit". The plan had always been for it to be a JFS employee.

Ms. Brown replied that was great and that they would work out the details on a staff to staff level if that was acceptable.

Mr. Davis asked about the second position.

Ms. Brown replied there was a question about the appropriations and whether the two part time jobs would turn in to two full time jobs at some point in time.

Mr. Davis also asked about visitation.

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Ms. Brown replied they were going with the third option Judge Smith had presented, which included the use of the Amstutz building.

Mr. Levacy and Mr. Kiger were supportive of the allocation and overall approach.

Judge Smith stated that DR Court had a very positive collaboration with CPS and would come up with guidelines with them for the new position. They had five emergency hearing requests on Monday which resulted in Judge Smith being on the phone with CPS for 40 minutes afterwards. This new liaison would eliminate that specific need.

Ms. Cordle added that Ms. Brown had asked them to evaluate state and federal rates. They are still working on this.

Ms. Burre replied they would move forward with the next steps of working together to create a position description.

Mr. Davis asked if the Commission could be of any more help.

Judge Smith thanked the Commission for addressing her three concerns and appreciated the receptiveness.

Review continued

The Commissioners met at 1:11 p.m. to review legal issues and pending or future action items and correspondence. Commissioners present were: Steve Davis, Dave Levacy, and Mike Kiger. Also present were Carri Brown and Rachel Elsea.

Mr. Kiger reported that he received an update on the Violet Festival from Mr. Chris Stein. Ms. Elsea has the material if anyone would like to look at it. Mr. Stein was pleased with the festival outcomes this year.

Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Mike Kiger and a second of Dave Levacy the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 1:15 p.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by:

Seconded by:

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that the November 17, 2015, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on November 24, 2015

Absent

Steven A. Davis
Commissioner

[Signature] *Mike Kiger*
Dave Levacy
Commissioner

Mike Kiger
Commissioner

[Signature]
Rachel A. Elsea, Clerk