

**Regular Meeting #48 - 2014**  
**Fairfield County Commissioners' Office**  
**November 18, 2014**

**Review**

The Commissioners met at 9:00 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, Amy Presnell, Todd McCullough, Tony Vogel, Jeff Porter, Lisa Notestone, Jeff Barron, Dennis Keller, Mary Beth Lane, Ray Stemen, and Bob Clark.

- Legal Update

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

- Administration and Budget Updates/Carri's List

- a. Highlights of Resolutions for the Voting Agenda

Ms. Brown reported that there were financial resolutions relating to advances, account to account transfers, and appropriations, both for special revenue funds and the general fund. There was a contract approval proposed for soil borings at the existing jail site. The funds are reserved in the jail capital project fund, and the content of the contract has been reviewed and analyzed by our environmental consultant, the project management team, and legal counsel. Further, there was a resolution to document potential enterprise fund debt issuances. (Dennis Schwallie was at the regular meeting for any questions that were to arise.)

Reappointments for the Regional Planning Commission were proposed. Regional also Planning proposed the approval of the Pleasantville Dollar General project, and the Engineer proposed the approval of preliminary signal upgrades.

- b. Public Safety Facility/Jail Financing and Project Reporting

As consistently reported, the plan is to conduct a bond rating meeting with Moody's on November 20 and 21. Ms. Brown has the room charges and meeting room charges taken care of with a County Auditor's warrant. Food charges will be made individually and reimbursed in accordance with county policy. If anyone needs the policy or the form resent, please let Carri Brown know. There have been a series of meetings held to prepare for the presentation, and Ms. Brown expressed her appreciation for the review, analysis, and hard work from the team.

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c. Budget Hearings

Most departments have been very cooperative with the communicated parameters. There is a follow up hearing scheduled with the County Prosecutor on November 25, and it is possible that additional hearings could be needed. HR and the County Auditor's Office will coordinate on the communication regarding the planned insurance rate change (approximately 6.2% for the year). The plan is to pass the 2015 budget on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Kiger complimented the scheduling of the hearings and added that the Commissioners received more information at the hearings this year. He stated he was very pleased with the conduct of the hearings and information presented.

Mr. Davis stated the hearings have gone very well thus far and added that he was very impressed with the JFS hearing for the depth of programmatic information provided. The information received was very important to the overall operations of the county as it shows a direct relationship between JFS and the Commissioners, as well as the general fund and special revenue funds.

d. Legislative Update

Ms. Brown reported that the review packet contains a legislative update from the County Commissioners Association of Ohio. Of interest are several bills introduced. HB 661 relates to the compensation schedules for elected officials. Sponsor testimony is scheduled for today, Tuesday, November 17.

Mr. Davis stated that he received information from CCAO asking the Commissioners to contact Representative Stebelton in support of House Bill 661. He spoke with Mr. Stebelton earlier in the day. The bill would include 3% cost of living adjustments in the out years. Mr. Davis shared with Mr. Stebelton that the county would be better off with a 2% COLA in the out years as it would allow them to stick with their parameters. Mr. Stebelton was to testify later that day. Mr. Davis also met with Ms. Knisley earlier in the morning regarding the budgetary impact of the COLAs. The impact would be minimal until 2017 when most elected officials are up for re-election.

Mr. Levacy mentioned there were currently several interesting bills pending at the State House. SB 243 regarding the sale tax holiday for back to school shopping is pending. HB594 regarding crystalline alcohol is also pending. Crystalline alcohol is a major problem, especially for

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minors, and this topic has been discussed at many of the Prevention Works meetings. HB 223 is regarding expediting abandon homes already in foreclosure. This would be very helpful.

- Old Business
- New Business
- General Correspondence Received
  - a. Notice from Department of Commerce re: Permit Renewal Objections  
  
Ms. Elsea will forward to the Sheriff's Office to see if there are any businesses of concern.
- Calendar Review/Invitations Received
  - a. Bremen Chamber Lunch – Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 11:30 a.m.  
  
Mr. Clark will attend.
  - b. Lou Ross Community Appreciation Party – Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Lancaster Eagles
- FYI
  - a. Thank you from Fairfield County 4-H
- Issues Bin
- Open Items
  - a. New Dog Shelter Phone Number  
  
Mr. McCullough reported that a new number for the Dog Shelter had been acquired. The new number, (740) 687-DOGS, should be a great tool in helping people remember the Dog Shelter's number especially when a phone directory is not available.

Commissioner Kiger stated at 9:15 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until the Public Hearing.

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**Commissioners' Regular Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 beginning at 10:00 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, Dennis Schwallie, Jeff Camechis, Tony Vogel, Joshua Horacek, Ray Stemen, Todd McCullough, Amy Presnell, Aunie Cordle, Dennis Keller, Mary Beth Lane, Jon Slater, and Bob Clark.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**Announcements**

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

**Public Comments**

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

Mr. Ray Stemen of 2444 West Point Drive in Lancaster encouraged everyone to keep a watchful eye on their US Representatives as they seem to be taking the path to make agreements with Democrats in Congress as well as the President. He encouraged everyone to contact their representatives to remind them that they are there for their conservative values - not to make agreements with the other side.

**Approval of Minutes for Thursday, November 13, 2014**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for Thursday, November 13, 2014.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of the Commissioners' Office Resolutions**

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

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- 2014-11.18.a      A resolution authorizing the approval of a contract between Geotechnical Consultants Inc. and the Fairfield County Commissioners. [Commissioners]
- 2014-11.18.b      A resolution authorizing the approval of a request for payment and status of funds report–FY2012 HOME, CDBG & OHTF Funds – Drawdown for \$21,193 [Commissioners]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

- 2014-11.18.c      A resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$2,675,000 of bonds for the purpose of paying part of the cost of improvements to the county's sanitary sewer collection, treatment and disposal system, and matters related to such bonds. [Commissioners]
- 2014-11.18.d      A resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$1,740,000 of bonds for the purpose of paying part of the cost of improvements to the county's water supply, treatment, storage and distribution system, and matters related to such bonds. [Commissioners]
- 2014-11.18.e      A resolution consolidating up to three bond issues of the County of Fairfield, Ohio into a consolidated bond issue, and establishing the terms of such consolidated bond issue. [Commissioners]

Discussion: Mr. Schwallie reviewed the purpose of resolutions c, d, and e. The first two resolutions would authorize public safety facility bonds while the third would consolidate these bonds as well as the public safety facility bonds previously passed allowing for one issuance. Mr. Davis asked if the Utilities bonds fit within the current debt structure discussed in the planning meetings. Mr. Vogel replied that they did and that Mr. Schwallie used Mr. Vogel's current information to calculate the amounts.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of the Dog Shelter Resolution**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Dog Shelter resolution authorizing an account to account transfer; see resolution 2014-11.18.f.

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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 Emergency Management Agency Resolution**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Emergency Management Agency resolution authorizing the approval to extend the due date for an advance repayment for EMA Fund 2091 (Subfund 8051) Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant; see resolution 2014-11.18.g.

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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| 2014-11.18.h | A resolution to authorize the County Engineer to close a road or bridge in an emergency situation. [Engineer]                              |
| 2014-11.18.i | A resolution to execute License Agreements with various Boards of Township Trustees. [Engineer]  |
| 2014-11.18.j | A resolution to approve a Change Order for the 2014 Pavement Markings Project (Item 642). [Engineer]                                       |
| 2014-11.18.k | A resolution to approve Preliminary Legislation with the Ohio Department of Transportation in order to upgrade traffic signals. [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 to authorize signature waiver for the Major Crimes Unit for grant adjustments and reporting; see resolution 2014-11.18.l.

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 Resolution**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the JFS resolution regarding approval of a Purchase of Service Contract by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, and Carealot, Inc., d.b.a. Carealot Transport; see resolution 2014-11.18.M.

Discussion: Ms. Cordle stated this resolution was an updated transportation contract.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

**Approval of the Regional Planning Commission Resolutions**

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

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| 2014-11.18.n | A resolution to approve the reappointment of Mary Snider to the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission [Regional Planning Commission]  |
| 2014-11.18.o | A resolution to approve the reappointment of Jerry Rainey to the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission [Regional Planning Commission] |
| 2014-11.18.p | A resolution to approve a Development Agreement for the Pleasantville Dollar General [Regional Planning Commission]                           |
| 2014-11.18.q | A resolution to approve the reappointment of Ira Weiss to the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission [Regional Planning Commission]    |

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

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

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Sheriff's Office resolution approving an account to account transfer Fund 2442; see resolution 2014-11.18.r.

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 Payment of Bills Resolution**

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Payment of Bills resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval; see resolution 2014-11.18.s.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

Commissioner Kiger stated at 10:07 that the Commission would take a short recess followed by review.

**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, Ray Stemen, and Jeff Barron.

Ms. Brown stated that throughout the day she would be working to update the 5 year projection and continuing to review Friday's presentation elements. She would also continue budget review and analysis to plan for the 2015 approval on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Davis mentioned that the report received from Rockmill on Monday look incredibly encouraging.

The Commissioners reviewed additional information regarding the bond issuance documents and Friday's Bond Rating Meeting.

Ms. Brown distributed itineraries for the trip. She thanked everyone for their hard work in preparing for the meeting.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, on the motion of Dave Levacy and a second of Steve Davis the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn 10:45 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

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

The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, November 25, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.



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Motion by:

Seconded by:

that the November 18, 2014, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS:

NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

\*Approved on November 25, 2014

 _____ Steven A. Davis Commissioner	 _____ Dave Levacy Commissioner	 _____ Mike Kiger Commissioner
 _____ Rachel Elsea, Clerk		