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

On the motion of Steve Davis and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 9:00 a.m.  

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Mr. Davis called the meeting to order.  

- Legal Update  

Mr. Dolin stated he did not have a legal update.  

- Administrative and Budget Review/Carri’s List  

  a. Communications Group Update  

Ms. Brown reported the group would be reviewing the Sunshine Review process on September 9th. There are two videos on YouTube. One explains how to use the phone directory, and the other explains county services. Ms. Elsea will put the YouTube platform in next week’s packet for approval from the Commissioners. The website review will be unveiled at the Leadership Conference.  

  b. Conduct of September 10th Meetings/Hearings  

Mr. Davis stated he had had a few meetings with Ms. Brown, and they were tossing around the idea of having two different formats for the meetings. The morning meeting could be more informal with information stations and subject matter experts to answer questions with the evening meeting being more formal to allow everyone an opportunity to address the Commissioners. They want to make sure that everyone has a chance to voice their questions, comments and concerns. Mr. Davis asked Mr. Levacy and Mr. Kiger what they thought.
Mr. Kiger suggested switching the formats to have the informal session in the evening since it would be the larger crowd.

Mr. Davis replied that the larger crowd was part of his thinking in suggesting that the evening session needed to have more structure or formality.

Mr. Levacy stated he thought the concept was good and also believed the evening meeting would have a larger turnout.

Ms. Brown stated they would have paper surveys available for everyone as well. The electronic survey is already posted on the website.

Mr. Davis stated that many stakeholders were involved in previous discussions and with that in mind he had personally reached out to those groups (i.e. the bar association, law enforcement, judicial systems, etc.) to let them know this topic would be brought up again and that it was time to make a decision.

Mr. Kiger stated he agreed.

Ms. Brown stated she would have a breakdown of rural v. downtown jail locations in Ohio to handout at the sessions for reference about trends in the state.

Mr. Davis asked if Mr. Levacy and Mr. Kiger were in support of the proposed formats.

Mr. Levacy and Mr. Kiger stated they were.

c. Leadership Conference – October 17th

Ms. Brown reported they were in the process of getting quotes for food. She has received some suggested agenda items and would to hear from all elected officials and department heads about their thoughts for agenda items. She will send email later in the day asking for input.

Mr. Kiger stated he would like to discuss the AEDs. Ms. Brown suggested that the AEDs be included in an agenda item for 2014 goals for the county.

• Old Business
  
a. Lancaster Public Transit’s request
Mr. Davis stated that last year LPT requested and was given $25,000, and this year, they requested $35,000. He added that Mr. Levacy and Mr. Kiger would need to make a decision soon due to LPT’s fast approaching grant application deadline.

Mr. Levacy stated he liked the idea of giving $25,000 a year for five years with an out clause dependent on financing.

Mr. Kiger stated he agreed.

Mr. Levacy stated they would need something soon.

Mr. Davis suggested sending a letter to LPT with this year’s commitment and care for the next years.

Motion to pledge $25,000 a year for the next five years to Lancaster Public Transit dependent on county financing.

On the motion of Dave Levacy and second of Mike Kiger, the Board voted to pledge $25,000 a year for the next five years to Lancaster Public Transit dependent on county financing.

Roll call on the motion as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy and Mike Kiger
Abstaining: Steve Davis

Ms. Knisley stated she would call Ms. Woody to let her know of the Commissioners’ decision.

b. Count on Coal – Request for resolution of support

Mr. Davis stated this request for a resolution was “a use all of the above and use that we have” strategy and that he had no problem with it.

Mr. Levacy and Mr. Kiger agreed.

Mr. Davis asked that a resolution be put on the agenda for next week.

• New Business

a. Letter from Gary Mohr, Director of ODRC re: criminal justice reform

Mr. Davis stated he had had discussions with Judge Martin regarding Judge Martin’s concerns. The state is suggesting a credit system in which each county would be allocated a number of credits in the state prison
system. If exceeded, the county would be charged for those prisoners. Prior reforms have not accomplished driving down the state numbers as originally proposed and planned. This would not have a positive impact on local jails. Judge Martin wanted to bring this to the Commissioners’ attention. Mr. Davis added that he expects CCAO to react to these discussions due to other aspects in the state proposal. This is an important initiative to be aware of during the county’s own public safety facility or jail discussions.

- General Correspondence Received

  a. Introduction Letter from TranSystems (representing ODOT) re: Carroll Interchange

  Mr. Davis stated TranSystems is representing ODOT in acquiring right-of-ways.

  Ms. Brown stated it looked like they needed to create a cul-de-sac.

  Mr. Davis asked Ms. Brown to work with Mr. Vogel. He suggested they cooperate with ODOT but at the same time make sure the county gets what it is owed in the acquisition.

  b. CFLP Solid Waste District Draft Minutes from July 26, 2013

  c. Thank you from Ohio Public Safety Director John Born

- Calendar Review/Invitations Received

  a. 2013 United Way Kick-Off Breakfast – Tuesday, September 10, 7:45 a.m.

  Mr. Davis will attend. He added that he thought the hearings about the jail will benefit from this as more people will be downtown during the day.

  b. Project BRIGHT Groundbreaking at FMC – Thursday, September 12th, 2:00 p.m.

  Mr. Kiger and Mr. Levacy will attend.

  c. SWCD 70th Annual Meeting/Banquet – Thursday, September 12th, 5:30 p.m. at Alley Park.

  Mr. Kiger and Mr. Levacy will attend.
FYI

a. County Benefit Fair – Thursday, October 24, 2013 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 – p.m.

Mr. Davis asked Ms. Cordle to provide some background information.

Mrs. Cordle stated that this is an annual event. Employees will have access to benefit providers, wellness information, and free flu shots.

b. SWCD Fairfield Features August Newsletter

c. Thank you letter to Mr. Don Montgomery from BOE re: wi-fi.

Ms. Brown noted that Ms. Bloom asked this be shared with the Commissioners and was pleased with the local partnerships.

Issues Bin

a. Storage Space

Mr. Davis stated this was an ongoing project for Mr. Keller.

Mr. Keller stated he was making progress and had asked for information from elected officials and department heads during the August roundtable.

b. Vending Machines/Square 7

Ms. Brown stated Mr. Keller, Mr. Clark, and she would be meeting with Dr. Uhl with DD later in the week to discuss if this was a possibility for DD.

c. AED Machines

Mr. Kiger stated he had left a message for Mr. Williams and was waiting for a return call. He would then set up a meeting with Mr. Keller to discuss this project in more detail.

Mr. Davis stated that the use of the Clarence Miller building and related small buildings would need added to the Issues Bin. He added that he had received a little feedback but not much. With the length of time the Commission has taken to consider all aspects, he hopes to receive well-thought out concepts. The Commissioners will go into the meetings about the buildings with open minds. He asked Mr. Keller what the current timeline was for the move for the Health Department.
Mr. Keller stated he hoped to be out of the building by mid- to late-October as he wants to shut the building down before winter.

Mr. Davis asked if Ms. Elsea and Mr. Keller were continuing to work with the groups who requested to view the building.

Mr. Keller stated he was keeping those individuals in the loop.

Mr. Davis asked who would be presenting the Land Bank information.

Mr. Dolin replied it would be Mr. Porter and Mr. Kuhn.

Mr. Davis stated at 9:33 a.m. that the Commission would be in recess until to the Regular Meeting.

Commissioners’ Regular Meeting

A regular meeting of the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners was held on Tuesday, August 27, 2013 beginning at 10:00 a.m., with the following Commissioners present: Steve Davis, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Jason Dolin, Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Jason Dolin, David Miller, Ursula Laveck, Ray Stemen, Dennis Keller, Jeff Barron, Mary Beth Lane, Jeremiah Upp, Todd McCullough, Ed Laramee, Bob Clark, Aunie Cordle, Staci Knisley, Kathleen Young, and Branden Meyer.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Announcements

Commissioner Davis asked Ms. Elsea if there were any announcements. Ms. Elsea stated that there were no announcements.

Public Comment

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

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, August 20, 2013.

On the motion of Mike Kiger and second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for Tuesday, August 20, 2013.
Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Dave Levacy, and Steve Davis

Approval of the Clerk of Courts – Legal Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Clerk of Courts – Legal resolution authorizing an account to account transfer into a major object expense category for personal services; see resolution 2013-08.27.a.

Discussion: Ms. Brown stated the Commissioners’ Office and Auditor’s Office had worked with the Clerk of Courts staff on this resolution which was a simple reclassification.

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 Mike Kiger and second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners’ Office resolutions:

2013-08.27.b A Resolution to Approve the Contract for Electric Supply, amending resolution 2013-8.15.a. [Commissioners]

2013-08.27.c A resolution authorizing the Fairfield County Commissioners to sign Termination of Assignments and Memorandums and Termination of Agreements of Lease pursuant to resolution 2013-05.21.e. [Commissioners]

2013-08.27.d A resolution to approve the annexation of 14.6833+/- Acres, more or less, of Bloom Township into the Village of Lithopolis, Pursuant to ORC 709.022, Expedited Type 2 Petition, Annexation of Land by the Village of Lithopolis, Ohio. [Commissioners]

2013-08.27.e A resolution to approve the annexation of 5.887+/- Acres, more or less, of Walnut Township into the Village of Pleasantville, Pursuant to ORC 709.022, Expedited Type 1 Petition, Annexation of Land by Pleasantville Marathon, Inc., k.n.a. Marathon Rushville, [Commissioners]

2013-08.27.f A resolution authorizing the approval of a request for payment and status of funds report – FY2012 CDBG & Home Funds – Drawdown for $8,325 [Commissioners]
A resolution authorizing certifying Drainage Maintenance Districts to the Fairfield County Auditor’s Office [Commissioners]

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

A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category – Fairfield County Commissioners/Human Resources [Commissioners]

A resolution authorizing the approval of an contract between Hillyard General Contractors, and the Fairfield County Commissioners. [Commissioners]

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

Approval of the Commissioners’ Office – CFLP Application Resolutions

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Commissioners’ Office – CFLP Application resolutions:

A resolution approving the final report for the Fiscal Year 2014 CFLP Solid Waste District Recycling Services Contract for Fairfield County. [Commissioners]

A resolution approving the final report for the Fiscal Year 2014 CFLP Solid Waste District Recycling and Litter Prevention Grant Application. [Commissioners]

A resolution approving the final report for the Fiscal Year 2014 CFLP Solid Waste District Health Department Solid Waste Enforcement Grant Application. [Commissioners]

A resolution approving the final report for the Fiscal Year 2014 CFLP Solid Waste District Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office Litter Law Enforcement Grant Application. [Commissioners]

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Dave Levacy, Mike Kiger and Steve Davis
Approval of the Board of Developmental Disabilities’ Resolution

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Board of Developmental Disabilities’ resolution authorizing an account to account transfer; see resolution 2013-08.27.o.

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

Approval of the Dog Shelter's Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Dog Shelter’s resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category; see resolution 2013-08.27.p.

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

Approval of the Emergency Management Agency’s Resolutions

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Emergency Management Agency’s resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category EMA Fund 2090 General EMA Fund (8053) Siren Subfund; see resolution 2013-08.27.q.

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

Approval of the Engineer’s Office Resolution

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:

2013-08.27.r  A Resolution authorizing Jeremiah D. Upp, Fairfield County Engineer, to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program and to execute contracts as required. [Engineer]

2013-08.27.s  A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for overtime payouts [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 Council Resolutions

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Family, Adult, and Children First Council resolutions:

2013-08.27.t  A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Family Adult & Children First Council and Fairfield County Juvenile Court. [Family, Adult and Children First Council]

2013-08.27.u  A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement for Childhood Injury Prevention by and between Fairfield County Family Adult & Children First Council and the Fairfield Department of Health. [Family, Adult and Children First Council]

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

Approval of the Human Resources Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Human Resources resolution to approve the appointment of Todd McCullough as Fairfield County Dog Warden/Shelter Administrator; see resolution 2013-08.27.v.

Discussion: Mr. Davis asked Mr. McCullough if he would accept the position. Mr. McCullough stated he would.

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

Approval of the Juvenile/Probate Court’s Resolution

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Juvenile/Probate Court’s resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category – Juvenile Court Fund # 2481 Juvenile Recovery Fund; see resolution 2013-08.27.w.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Dave Levacy, and Steve Davis
Approval of the Prosecutor – Victim/Witness Division’s Resolution

On the motion of Dave Levacy and the second of Mike Kiger, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following Prosecutor – Victim/Witness Division’s resolutions:

2013-08.27.x A resolution authorizing the approval of an advance from the General Fund to Fund 8016 Victims of Crime Act Grant 2012/13.Prosecuting Attorney [Prosecutor- Victim/Witness Division]

2013-08.27.y A resolution approving an account to account transfer, Fund 8017 Prosecuting Attorney Victim Assistance [Prosecutor- Victim/Witness Division]

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 Resolution

On the motion of Mike Kiger and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Sheriff’s Office resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Sheriff’s Office and Canal Winchester Local Schools; see resolution 2013-08.27.z.

Discussion: Mr. Kiger asked Mr. Dolin if he had approved the contract. Mr. Dolin stated he had. Mr. Kiger asked if there was a change in mileage. Mr. Dolin stated he was not sure. Mr. Kiger suggested that topic be reviewed and looked at in the future.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Mike Kiger, Dave Levacy, 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 Payment of Bills resolutions:

2013-08.27.aa A resolution to approve the payment of a vouchers without appropriate carry-over purchase orders for all Departments that are approved by the Commissioners [Auditor- Finance]

2013-08.27.bb A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners’ approval [Commissioners]
Discussion: Mr. Davis asked Ms. Brown if she had looked at the bill list. Ms. Brown stated that she had.

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

Ms. Elsea announced that the next regular scheduled meeting for the Board of Commissioners will be Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Commissioner Davis announced at 10:09 a.m. that a two minute recess would be held followed by a brief unexpected Executive Session to discuss Personnel. The session would be held in Commissioner Kiger’s Office.

Review Continued

The Commissioners met at 10:12 a.m. to continue 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, Mike Kiger and Dave Levacy. Also present were Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Ed Laramee, Aunie Cordle, and Jason Dolin.

Executive Session to discuss Personnel

On the motion of Steve Davis and second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 10:13 a.m.

Discussion: Commissioner Davis stated that the following be present: Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Levacy and Commissioner Kiger, Carri Brown, Rachel Elsea, Staci Knisley, Ed Laramee, Aunie Cordle, and Jason Dolin.

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

On the motion of Steve Davis and second of Dave Levacy, the Board voted to exit Executive Session at 10:29 a.m.

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

BWC Methodology Meeting

The Commissioners met at 10:33 a.m. to discuss the BWC Methodology. Commissioner Davis 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, Beth Seifert, Cindy Hillbery, Jeremiah Upp, David Miller,
Jay Shepard, Aunie Cordle, Ed Laramee, Rhonda Myers, Dennis Keller, Nadine Carroll, Ray Stemen, Bob Clark, Kathleen Young, Sherry Shaw, Jason Dolin, Jeff Barron, and Jon Slater.

Mr. Levacy called the meeting to order.

Ms. Brown reviewed the purpose of the meeting (to gather input and feedback relating to a proposed methodology for county administrative charges relating to BWC) as well as the agenda (see attached). She added there would be smaller meetings with DD and ADAMH due to how their approval process differs slightly, with a request for their boards' approval. A draft resolution is prepared for November. She pointed out the spreadsheet shared by Sherry Smart, which is a draft of estimates, and stated that there would be plenty of time to ask questions. Initially, there were no questions posed. Ms. Brown asked Ms. Cordle to describe the estimates she had provided.

Ms. Cordle stated that this year's rebate is an anomaly as the state was correcting their actuarial analysis. The county does usually receive refunds, but not nearly this large. The proposed administrative charges include personnel (Mr. Shepard), capital outlay, claims administration fees (which are already charged) and possibly in the future, employee training. For the current year, there were some training materials located without charge.

Ms. Seifert asked Ms. Cordle to elaborate what the safety programs would be.

Ms. Cordle stated it would be for all facilities and as an example stated it would include items such as safety ladders with no large equipment yet.

Mr. Laramee asked how the safety ladders differed from what maintenance already provides.

Ms. Cordle stated that proper safety rating ladders do not exist in the county and this program would allow for that. The ladders would be used in the buildings where they were needed.

Ms. Brown added that the administrative costs include costs for the safety program, such as ladders.

Mr. Laramee asked if this should be part of the day to day Commissioners' duties.

Mr. Davis stated the Commissioners are moving away from a "free for all" approach to more "detailed support" from the Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Brown stated that the estimated charges were in the packet and were consistent with the proposed resolution. It is broken down by organization and can be compared to what was rebated, for a current year review of how a fund may experience the
change. Right now, there is no request for budget changes. The estimates may change, but we wanted to have a place in which to begin. In addition, a bulletin from the State Auditor was received, relating to the rebate. The bulleting includes guidance on the matter of crediting funds. There will be adjustments made to the previous credit based on the bulletin, but the adjustments are not expected to be significant.

Ms. Brown asked if there were any more questions.

No additional questions were raised.

Ms. Smart stated there would be a resolution next Tuesday making the corrections suggested by the State Auditor.

Mr. Davis added that the resolution being drafted for the methodology is for November, allowing plenty of time for input.

Mr. Upp stated he would like time to look at the packet and give feedback. He didn’t feel prepared for the meeting as he was just given the information.

Mr. Davis stated that was completely fair. He added that he appreciated Ms. Cordle, Mr. Shepard, and everyone else’s work on this project.

Commissioner Davis announced at 10:46 a.m. that a ten minute recess would be held followed by the Land Bank presentation in the Commissioners’ Hearing Room.

**Land Bank Presentation**

The Commissioners met at 11:00 a.m. to discuss the Land Bank. Commissioner Davis 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, Jeff Porter, Brian Kuhn, Bob Clark, Jason Dolin, Jon Slater, Holly Mattei, Ed Laramee, Ray Stemen, Kathleen Young, David Miller, Jeff Barron, Annie Cordle, and Dennis Keller.

Mr. Porter presented a packet of information (see attached) and slide show of potential properties (also attached). The purpose of the meeting was to receive feedback and answer questions. While presenting the potential properties Mr. Porter explained why each property would be a good acquisition.

Mr. Davis asked if the properties were identified by the purchases or the lien, that if they were to sell the property they couldn’t get the money out of it needed.

Mr. Porter stated that was correct and that the current owner of the lien does not believe the property is saleable and also not worth going through the foreclosure process.
Mr. Porter added that the properties the Land Bank would go after are properties in which the owners have neglected to show fundamental property ownership (upkeep and paying taxes). These properties have become public safety concerns.

Mr. Laramee asked if any problems would be created with the program run by the Lancaster Fairfield Community Action.

Mr. Porter stated that the Moving Ohio Forward program was a voluntary program and is considering changing their funding requirements. He added that the Land Bank would be taking the property through the delinquent tax process. The Land Bank allows Fairfield County to do the things it wants to do to blighted properties without being tethered to grant regulations (like Moving Ohio Forward).

Mr. Porter went on to say that the properties the Land Bank acquires are not wanted by land owners or banks. The only thing the owner has to do to stop the process is show up to the Board of Revision hearing and object to the acquisition. At that point the BOR automatically kicks the property into the regular foreclosure process. The owner’s rights are completely protected. Mr. Porter added that many townships do not use Moving Ohio Forward due to the hoops they have to jump through. The goal of the Land Bank is to keep regulations low.

Mr. Levacy stated he liked the expeditious manner of the Land Bank as they can get the job done quickly.

Mr. Davis asked what the timeline would be if it was passed on September 10th.

Mr. Porter said they would move quickly and ideally have it ready to go this fall in order to access the Hardest Hit funding.

Mr. Davis asked who would be leading the initiative after the 10th.

Mr. Porter stated it would be the Land Bank board. Currently, due to the size of the county, they are not suggesting a separated entity, but would use the Treasurer and Prosecutor’s Office as the leaders.

Mr. Kuhn stated that was correct.

Mr. Dolin stated the Board of Commissioners would need to think about the composition of the board.

Mr. Laramee stated it would take a while to accumulate funding to use for demolitions and asked where the initial funding would come from.

Mr. Levacy replied that the GRF could loan money.
Mr. Porter stated that was correct, the GRF can loan money with the agreement from the Land Bank that it would be paid back. They would like to get some of the Hardest Hit funding ($60 million) on top of the DTAC funds. The county can provide office space and the Land Bank is able to receive donations as it if a not-for-profit. They already have an individual interested in donating a property as well as indication from other political subdivisions that they are interested in donating money.

Ms. Mattei expressed her support of the Land Bank and asked if the Land Bank could make sure to allow for easements and right of ways when reutilizing properties.

Mr. Porter stated that could be done as the Land Bank is very flexible and can be set up to do anything that is legal.

Mr. Slater stated that the Boar of Revision is not familiar with the legal foreclosure process and asked if there could be education on that.

Mr. Porter stated the foreclosures would be filed through the Clerk of Courts and education would be provided to those who needed it.

Mr. Slater asked how long the process takes.

Mr. Porter stated they would lump all the properties into one BOR hearing and without objections it is a very administrative oriented process.

Mr. Dolin stated he didn’t expect a large number of hearings.

Mr. Laramee asked why another bureaucracy needed to be created when it could be ran through the Port Authority.

Mr. Porter responded that it is a separate not-for-profit that can only have government involved through contractual means. It also offers a shield from liability for commercial properties.

Mr. Laramee stated that the Port Authority could also do all of that.

Mr. Porter stated that the Port Authority could contract but couldn’t run as a separate organization.

Mr. Levacy asked if they would be outside of the prevailing wage.

Mr. Porter replied that was correct.

Mr. Clark asked if the $60 million was directly from HUD.

Mr. Porter stated it was through the Ohio Housing Financing Agency.
Mr. Levacy stated that the Cleveland Land Bank recently tore down Ariel Castro’s home the day he went to prison and that is a great example of how quickly the Land Bank is able to move.

**Adjournment**

With no further business, on the motion of Mike Kiger and a second of Dave Levacy the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn 11:35 a.m.

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

The next regular meeting for the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 10:00 a.m., with review session at 9:00 a.m. on the same day.

Motion by: __________________________  Seconded by: __________________________

that the August 27, 2013, minutes were approved by the following vote:

YEAS: __________________________
NAYS: None

ABSTENTIONS: None

*Approved on September 3, 2013

Steven A. Davis
Commissioner

Dave Levacy
Commissioner

Mike Kiger
Commissioner

Rachel Elsea, Clerk