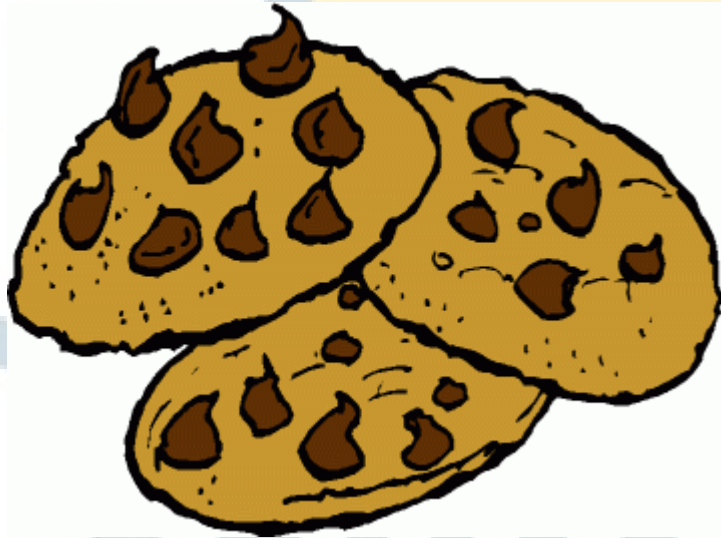




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*Virtual Cookies for a
Virtual Meeting*



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The Fairfield County Commission

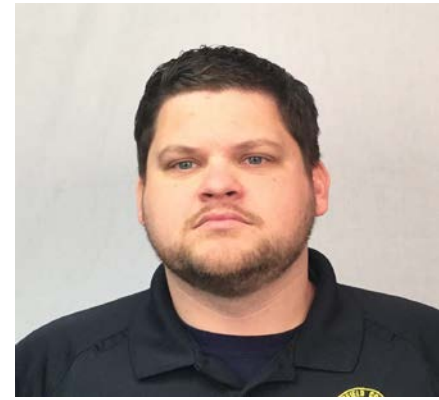
March 24, 2020

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Legal Update

COVID 19 Update

Jon Kochis, EMA Director



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Fairfield Department of Health



Public Well-Being



Update on Responses to the Coronavirus

- The plan communicated on *March 16* is working well and has been updated for the *Stay at Home Order*.
- *Essential staff* were notified that they are essential. Essential services will continue.



Update on Responses to the Coronavirus

- We have a Fairfield County template for *teleworking*.
- Dennis Keller sent out *a summary by email about cleaning supplies*. The buildings are safe, and we have adequate supplies.
- Social distancing is in place.



Update on Responses to the Coronavirus

- BoE needed to confirm they had access to the county “*mailroom*”, and we were able to quickly confirm that. They have locked their entrances, and we updated the March 16th communication (on March 18th).
- Operations at the jail are being managed well. We were able to get them some thermometer strips and thermometers.
- We have been *supporting other departments, agencies, and community groups.*



Update on Responses to the Coronavirus

www.benefits.ohio.gov - This site allows you to apply, renew, or make changes for cash, food, or medical assistance

To report abuse or neglect please call: (740) 652-7887

Call 911 for emergencies

Aunie Cordle and her JFS team have been exceptionally organized and responsive. They are using technology as much as possible.



Update on Responses to the Coronavirus

- Everyone is showing calm, steady leadership.
- We have been in touch with CCAO and have provided multiple tools and templates in case they are helpful for others
- We are encouraging *limited staff, alternate locations, alternate schedules and use of technology* to employ extensive social distancing. All buildings are closed to the general public.



Essential Services

- We are will continue protective services, utilities, and critical support services. Critical services will continue, including but not limited to:
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- Law Enforcement/Jail
- Protective Services
- Courts - CPOs and CSPOs
- Utilities
- JFS benefits - getting benefits to people
- Payroll services
- A/P - getting payments to businesses
- EMA
- Road/Bridge emergency services
- Administration to keep critical services going
- Veteran Services emergency transportation
- Care of dogs at the Shelter



Update on Responses to the Coronavirus

- *HR is available anytime for questions.* They have been very helpful to multiple departments.
- We now have a *drop box* at the Administrative (Historical) Courthouse.
- There is one at JFS, the Government Services Center on Main Street, too.
- The Chestnut Street Payment Center is open to drop off documents, too. We are also able to accept child support payments there.



Update on Responses to the Coronavirus

- For Commission (and RPC Meetings) the meetings are *being streamed live on the Internet*. We invited the public to comment by email or through the regular “ask a question” format. The website is updated regularly.
- *The website has all agendas, minutes, and announcements. The press is invited to attend the meetings as long as we keep good social distancing practices in place.*
- The website includes videos and other helpful materials.



Website

<https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/important-notice.html>



Update on Responses to the Coronavirus

- We will continue protective services, utilities, and critical services. We have checked in daily with department heads & elected officials.
- We sent multiple communications to all employees and will continue to do that regularly.
- We are being as patient as possible.
- We can be as innovative as we are safe, and we will be better for it.



Date Reminders

- April 8 – Wear Blue for Child Abuse Prevention Awareness
- April 10 – Good Friday – Close at Noon



Highlights of Resolutions

30 resolutions for the voting meeting - 2 Contracts/1 Grant Agreements

- Contract for salt for 2020
- Contract for Cooper Concrete Services LLC Notice and notice of commencement for the Village of Pleasantville FY2018 CDBG Main Street Improvement Project
- MCU proposed authorization to sign the Fairfield-Hocking Athens Major Crimes Unit Subgrant Award Agreement



Highlights of Resolutions

27 financial resolutions to approve, such as:

- Debt resolutions and a consolidation resolution for refunding debt and issuing new debt for the energy conservation project – phase II, good for a calendar year – 8 resolutions



Highlights of Resolutions

Other financial resolutions:

- A fund to fund transfer of appropriations for debt and three for the County Engineer;
- An account to account transfer of appropriations to properly classify expenditures for Economic and Workforce Development;
- Four reimbursements by operation of law for JFS and one for WIOA;
- Repayment of an advance for an Airport related grant;
- Appropriations from unappropriated funds for JFS, MCU and Economic & Workforce Development (six resolutions);
- A reduction in appropriations at the Dog Shelter (the Dog and Kennel Fund) based on restructuring; &
- The payment of bills over \$50,000.

In queue: Multiple contracts and financial resolutions



Administrative Approvals



- 11 Administrative Approvals – in packet
- CDBG Reallocation



Sunshine Week

7 press releases

- Fairfield County to Celebrate Sunshine Week
- Fairfield County Announces First Recipient of its Entrepreneurial Support Grant
- Fairfield County to Hold Emergency Meeting re: COVID - 19 Pandemic
- Fairfield County Cancels Emergency Weather Spotter Training
- Fairfield33.com Providing Information for Businesses During Pandemic
- Fairfield County Encourages Complete Count for the US Census
- Circus Night and Child Abuse Prevention Breakfast Canceled

During Sunshine Week, we also updated our website and created a new page for information about the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Previously, on March 5, we held a leadership conference which included a session about public records request procedures.



US Census 2020

Call the **Census Bureau Customer Service Center** at 1-800-923-8282 or 301-763-INFO (4636.)

<https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/surveyhelp/contact.html>



US Census 2020

- The 2020 Census sent out letters (asking households to respond online) March 12-20 to each home in the country
- There will be reminders
- There will be in-person visits May-August
- Each home can respond online (at 2020Census.gov), by phone, or by mail



Flooding from Storm

3 19 2020 pm

- Northwestern portion of the county was hit by some storms & flooding
- Utilities has been working to help customers
- Dog Adoption Center & Shelter is ready to support Licking County, who suffered more flooding
- EMA sent some “boat teams” (a boat & three individuals) to help Licking County, for some rescues
- Tussing Road Government Services Center was flooded - building is generally ok
- Flooding thought to be isolated in Fairfield



Tussing Road



Budget Update

We will monitor the revenue and expenditure activity as much as possible in the coming days.

The pandemic will have an impact, but we are uncertain about the magnitude of the impact.



Budget Update

Communication to elected officials and department heads:

- restrict new hires to those needed for the emergency
- delay an expenditure if it can be delayed
- use caution to meet the needs of the emergency and current operations



Planning for 2021 – First Level

The parameters envisioned now are flat parameters in all categories, with the exception of insurance, for which a 2% increase is anticipated.



BRAVO!

- Thanks to everyone for the extremely cooperative spirit during this challenging time. It is a time to encourage one another and offer support.
- **Congratulations to Jon Slater, Jr.** and all of the team for earning the GFOA Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the year ended 12.31.2018. We sent a note of congratulations! Thanks to all departments for their support with financial reporting.



Quick FYIs

- Jail Population
- Thank you from Community Action
- GFOA letter – 2018 Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting
- Thank you from The Beards – Drew Shoe



Great job to the Fairfield County
Community!

thank
you!



Thank You – Elected Officials

- Commissioner Steve Davis
- Commissioner Jeff Fix
- Commissioner Dave Levacy
- Auditor Jon Slater
- Clerk of Courts Branden Meyer
- Coroner Dr. Varney
- Engineer Jeremiah Upp
- Judge Richard Berens
- Judge David Trimmer
- Judge Terre Vandervoort
- Judge Laura Smith
- Prosecutor Kyle Witt
- Recorder Gene Wood
- Sheriff Dave Phalen
- Treasurer Jim Bahnsen



Thank You – Appointed Officials & Department Heads

- County Administrator-
Dr. Carri Brown
- Human Resources –Jeff Porter
- JFS – Aunie Cordle
- Facilities – Dennis Keller
- Economic/Workforce
Development – Rick Szabrak
- IT – Mark Conrad
- GIS – Dave Burgei
- Dog Shelter – Todd
McCullough
- EMA – Jon Kochis
- Board of Elections – Jane
Hanley
- Utilities – Tony Vogel
- ADAMH – Rhonda Myers
- Board of DD – Jon Pekar
- Veterans Services – Park Russell
- Airport Board –Dr. Glenn Burns
- Visitation Center – Mandi Crist



Commissioners' Administration Team

- **Rachel Elsea** – *Clerk to the Board of Commissioners*
- **Staci Knisley** – *Budget Officer*
- **Christina Foster** – *Payroll Officer*
- **Shar Bails** – *Account Clerk*
- **Christy Barker** – *Mail Clerk*



Have a Public Records Request?



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