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County Completed Renovations for Emergency and Facilities Management Complex

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Lancaster, Ohio - The Fairfield County Commissioners are pleased to announce major completion of the renovation of the Emergency and Facilities Management Complex located at 240 Baldwin Drive in Lancaster, Ohio. The complex will house the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency Offices, Facilities Offices, and County Coroner's Office.

"The Baldwin Emergency and Facilities Center will include a state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center and training space. With the existing garage facility all Emergency Management resources are at one location for the first time. The outdoor space available at the center allows for large vehicle training such as needed for our Hazardous Materials Team. We look forward to this amazing space provided by the County Commissioners and their support to serve, connect and protect the citizens of Fairfield County." stated Jon Kochis, EMA Director.

Dr. Brian Varney, Fairfield County Coroner is also excited for his office to move into the space, "Our office is anticipating the move to the Baldwin property and extends a thank you to the Commissioners for including our office in this newly refurbished space."

The Baldwin property was purchased in 2016 and will provide roughly 10,750 square feet of office space for the EMA and Coroner. There are additional spaces for facilities management. The total cost of the project, including the purchase of the building, the construction of the EMA garage, and renovations, was approximately \$3.1 Million. The cost to build such a facility would exceed \$10.75 Million.

Construction of the main area was completed by Walsh Construction Group in Dublin, Ohio, and the project design by VPL Architects, Inc., Lancaster, Ohio.

The Emergency Management Agency and Coroner's Offices are expected to move in by the end of the year.

The Facilities department has been utilizing the space since 2018.

Tours of the Emergency and Facilities Management Complex will be conducted on February 6, 2020.

For more information please contact Carri Brown, County Administrator, at <u>carri.brown@fairfieldcountyohio.gov</u> at (740) 652-7096.

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By the Numbers

Purchase of the building (2016)	\$ 490,000
Design, Technical, and Other Services	\$ 170,000
Construction of the Garage Area (2018)	\$ 715,000
Construction and Renovations of the Main Areas (2019)	\$ 1,570,000
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment (estimated)	\$ 155,000
Total Cost to Restore	\$ 3.1 M
Estimated Cost for a Comparable New Building	\$ 10.75 M

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