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**Fairfield County Commissioners Attend Utility and Financial Management Training to Further Water Project**

**Lancaster, Ohio**- Fairfield County Commissioners Dave Levacy, Fairfield County Board of Commissioners President, and Steve Davis, Board Vice-President, recently attended technical training for County utility management and financial capacity. Leaders of the Ohio Rural Community Assistance Program developed the training, which covered technical, managerial, and financial aspects of utility operations and management. A requirement for participation in certain state funding programs, the training furthers a project for a water line along Allen Road. Additional training will be conducted in 2016.

For the project, Fairfield County is seeking a loan through Ohio EPA to construct a water line along Allen Road toward the Fairfield County Developmental Disabilities location in Pickerington. The $4,100,000 million project qualifies for 50% principal forgiveness, with the balance being financed with low interest. Commissioner Davis stated, “In loaning Fairfield County money for this project, the Ohio EPA wants to make certain that the investment is sound and that county leadership understands the commitment that goes with accepting a loan. From that perspective, the technical training was important to further the project.” Commissioner Levacy added, “The training was interesting and while reiterative of concepts previously reviewed, it was beneficial to move the Allen Road project ahead.” The water line is expected to be completed in 2016. If there are questions about the project, contact the Fairfield County Utilities Department at (740) 652-7120 or the Fairfield County Commissioners at (740) 652-7096.

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