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County Commissioners Reflect on Critical Services Provided During the COVID – 19 Pandemic

Lancaster, Ohio - On Tuesday, April 14th, the Board of County Commissioners reviewed a sample of statistics of critical services provided to the public by Fairfield County employees during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are deeply appreciative of county employees and the innovative, steadfast ways they are providing critical services while taking appropriate precautions for the health and safety of residents,” stated, Commissioner Steve Davis, Board President.

The Commission held three additional public meetings in March 2020, as compared to March 2019. Several workload measures increased during that time. Juvenile Court diversion hearings increased by 79%. The number of families supported by a Job and Family Services program (Prevention, Retention, and Contingency) increased by 108%.

Employees also worked hard to keep the jail population as low as possible (with cooperation of the Courts, Prosecutor, and Sheriff’s Office).

In addition, there are services being provided in new ways. For example, Common Pleas Court scheduled 25 videoconference hearings in March, and there are an additional 32 scheduled for April.

Attached to this press release is a list of workload statistics (not all workload statistics, but a sample of statistics) for Fairfield County.

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Workload at a Glance	Mar-19	Mar-20	+/- %
Commission Meetings	4	7	75.00%
Resolutions	90	89	-1.11%
Administrative Approvals	21	43	104.76%
Checks or EFTs Issued for Accounts Payable	2,521	2,812	11.54%
Building Maintenance Requests	101	65	-35.64%
Special Maintenance Projects	1	3	200.00%
Construction Projects/Site Visits	6	12	100.00%
Response time for public records requests	1 day	1 day	no change
Original Tweets from Commission	14	21	50.00%
New Twitter Followers	11	15	36.36%
Tweet Impressions	2,869	3,839	33.81%
Retweeting Items	8	217	2612.50%
Health Insurance Claims Paid	809,353	871,439	7.67%
Email Portal Activity, Juvenile Court	72	268	272.22%
Marriage Licenses Issued	53	44	-16.98%
Juvenile Diversion Hearings Conducted	19	34	78.95%
New Estates Opened	43	36	-16.28%
New DR Court Cases Opened	94	75	-20.21%
Deeds Filed	348	423	21.55%
Mortgages Filed	405	675	66.67%
Soldiers Discharges Filed	15	4	-73.33%
Coroner Investigations	29	26	-10.34%
Coroner Autopsies	2	3	50.00%
Dogs Arriving in Care at Shelter	40	41	2.50%
Average Number of Dogs in Care at Shelter	25.5	15.5	-39.22%
Dogs at the Shelter today			10
Jail Population Average	299	267	-10.70%
<i>Today's Jail Population</i>			190
PRC Assistance to Families \$	\$4,814	\$19,891	313.19%
PRC Families Supported #	35	73	108.57%
PRC first week of April \$		\$72,881	
PRC number of families first week of April		254	
Number of Medicaid Related Calls	99	355	258.59%
Number of SNAP applications, interviews, est., includes shared services	2401	4956	106.41%
Child Support Collections	\$1,733,933	\$1,978,981	14.13%
On Site Child Support Payments	\$61,690	\$33,588	-45.55%
Child Protective Services Referrals	498	414	-16.87%
Adult Protective Services Referrals	82	62	-24.39%
Gallons of Water Provided, MG	46.311	48.219	4.12%
Gallons of Water Treated, MGD	2.99	3.63	21.40%
Water/Sewer Inspections	19	42	121.05%
Laboratory Samples	220	220	0.00%
Utilities Customers	6,926	7,176	3.61%

Other Measures as of the end of March 2020			
Number of Those on Felony Supervision n Residential Treatment or Sober Living Facilities		18	
Common Pleas Court Employees Teleworking, New Processes		17	
New Felony Criminal Cases Filed		40	
Common Pleas Hearings by Videoconference in March		25 +	
Common Pleas Hearings by Videoconference Scheduled for April		32+	
Number of Students Qualified for Career Readiness Endorsement		155	
Number of Students Working in Career Readiness prior to COVID 19		266	
Number of Students Now Working Remotely		66	