## Regular Meeting \#20-2024

Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
May 14, 2024

## Review Meeting

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## Welcome

Commissioner Levacy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance.

## Public Comments

Ray Stemen of Lancaster spoke about honoring parents.
Jeff Williamsen of Greenfield Township provided a letter regarding the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project. He spoke about the urgency he felt regarding industrial solar exclusionary zones in Fairfield County.

## Legal Update

Amy Brown-Thompson spoke about the allegation made regarding the Prosecutor's Office during the May 7, 2024, Commissioners' meeting. Ms. Brown-Thompson clarified that there had not been any communications provided to any townships in the county regarding industrial solar projects and asked that individuals not make false statements concerning the Prosecutor's Office.

## County Administration Update

- The County Administration Update was provided by County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle, unless otherwise noted.

Week in Review
Chamber of Commerce Fairfield Leadership Program
The Chamber's 2024 Fairfield Leadership Program had several graduates from the County. From JFS, Marea Wesney, from the Auditor's Office, Kayla Speakman, from the Health Department, Rachel Moresea, Jamie Ehorn, Sheila Wolfe, and Gale Neville, and from Economic and Workforce Development, Bayley Fields, and Anthony Iachini.

## NACo Leadership Development Academy

Fairfield County had 15 graduates of the National Association of Counties' Leadership Development Academy: Amberly Hannum in HR, Ashton Buckley from CPS, Park Technician Alex Smith, Gina Knight, Molly Thomas, and Miki Erickson with JFS, Jalen Wilson and Lorelie Banks with Juvenile Court, DD Resource Specialist, Kristin Thorne,

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Miranda Cain, an Education Specialist with the Park District, Megan Poling with Major Crimes, IT System Specialist with DD, Robert Lovell, Project Fort Director, Scott Duff, Deputy Director of the Park District, Tommy Springer, and Diversion Case Manager with Juvenile Court, Wendy Hale.

Lancaster Fairfield Chamber of Commerce Annual Award Dinner and Trade Show
At our May $7^{\text {th }}$ Meeting, we celebrated Tiffany Hedrick from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office for being awarded the Brett Markwood First Responder Award. At the banquet, it was announced that Fairfield County Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown, won the 2024 Floyde Wolfe Community Service Award. Congratulations to both of our county employees for these prestigious recognitions.

Fairfield County Announces Application for USDA Grant Supporting Regional Food Systems
Fairfield County is pleased to announce its application submission for the Regional Food System Partnerships Program, a USDA grant through the Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP). The proposed needs assessment earmarks $\$ 100,000$ to identify existing gaps within local food production, including meat and poultry, while addressing issues related to processing, storage, transportation, and fresh food delivery. The grant's coverage encompasses 'Scioto to the Muskingum,' with adjacent counties actively participating in steering committees to contribute their expertise in devising planning strategies and solutions. Aligned with the Fairfield Growing initiative, established in 2011 and updated in 2022, Fairfield County invests in available funding opportunities that benefit local farms, families, businesses, and institutions.

Facing ongoing growth and expansion pressures from the Columbus metropolitan region due to continued development throughout the area, Fairfield County is reinforcing its commitment to agriculture and farming as a core aspect of the region's identity. The grant will benefit a network of food producers and distributors spanning Fairfield County and neighboring communities.

Thank you to Commissioner Fix for suggesting that the County explore this opportunity and Hicks Partners for their assistance with writing and submitting this grant. A special thank you to Holly Mattei for her leadership on the grant committee and to Jonathan Ferbrache for his outreach to the surrounding areas to secure their support of the grant.

## Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals
The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

## Resolution Review

There are 9 resolutions on the agenda for the voting meeting.
Resolutions of note:

- The Engineer's Office has 3 resolutions on the voting agenda, two to approve advertising for pavement markings and for micro surfacing, and one for the bridge load rating.


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- RPC has a resolution for the final plat approval for the second phase of the second section of Meadowmoore Reserve in Violet Township. You also have a mylar to sign for that approval.


## Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- The review of calendar items, invitations received, and correspondence received was provided by the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen.
- Family and Children First Full Council Meeting, May 16, 2024, 8:30 a.m., Fairfield County Agricultural Center, 831 College Ave., Lancaster
- Lancaster Fairfield Community Action Agency Board of Directors Meeting, May 16, 2024, 11:30 a.m., Recycling Center, 1761 E. Main St., Lancaster
- Workforce Center Graduation, May 17, 2024, 11:30 a.m., Fairfield County Workforce Center, 4465 Coonpath Rd., Carroll
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- Fairfield County Sheriff's Office 2023 Annual Recognition Ceremony, May 23, 2024, 12:00 p.m., the Eagles, Forest Rose Aerie, 1936 E. Main St., Lancaster


## Correspondence Received

- Press Release, Regional Planning Commission, May 8, 2024, "Fairfield County Announces Application for USDA Grant Supporting Regional Food Systems"
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- Correspondence Regarding the Village of Amanda and Ed Wolfe Park
- Correspondence Regarding Industrial Solar Projects
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## Old Business

Commissioner Fix spoke about attending calling hours for former Auditor Barbara Curtiss and for former Mayor of Bremen, Mike Henwood. The Commissioner spoke about his appreciation of their performance in their former roles. The Commissioner also spoke about SB 52 and grandfathered industrial solar projects. He stated his support for the agricultural community in Fairfield County and for the need for food production. He stated that the county had submitted a USDA Regional Food Systems Partnership Grant application which required a commitment of matching funds. He reiterated that the Commissioners are supportive of agriculture and the county's farmers.

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Ms. Cordle spoke about the assistance of Hicks Partners with the USDA application process. She also spoke about promoting Hicks Partners services to the villages, townships, and cities in the county and added that it was good to experience their expertise at work.

Ms. Mattei spoke about the twenty-one letters of support that were submitted with the USDA application.

Commissioner Levacy congratulated Dr. Brown for receiving the Floyd Wolfe Award.

## New Business

Commissioner Fix spoke about meeting with additional townships, villages, and the City of Lancaster regarding land use planning. He added that progress with the cities and townships has continued since the presentation of the Land Use Plan.

Mr. Szabrak spoke about Fairfield County's collaboration with townships and villages on land use planning being a model to many other entities.

Commissioner Levacy spoke about the 2024 Workforce Center graduates and the contribution those graduates will make to the future workforce.

Mr. Szabrak stated there should be eighty-four 2024 graduates from the Workforce Center.
Dr. Brown spoke about Barbara Curtiss and working under her leadership and added that Ms. Curtiss started the GIS program in the county. Dr. Brown also spoke about the passing of former County Treasurer, David Jones, who served on two occasions as County Treasurer. She added that there would be an upcoming weights and measures presentation; and spoke about top employer awards and diversity in our economic development base. She also added her appreciation of public service in the county and of her real estate team. Dr. Brown stated that her office will have an evening call center on June $22^{\text {nd }}$ regarding tax bills.

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## Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Levacy asked everyone to rise as able and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Announcements

Clerk Menningen announced that the May $21^{\text {st }}$ meeting would also be held at the Liberty Center, but would begin at 9:00 a.m.

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## Approval of Minutes for May 7, 2024

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, May 7, 2024, meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy

## Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency:

2024-05.14.a A Resolution to Request Appropriations for Receipts for EMA Emergency Management Performance Grant Program 2707, 8300

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy

## Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer:

2024-05.14.b | A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the 2024 Micro Surfacing |
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| Project |

2024-05.14.c $\quad$| A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the 2024 Pavement Markings |
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| Project |

2024-05.14.d $\quad$ A Resolution to Change a Bridge Load Rating (PLE-04)
Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy
Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Job and Family Services
On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to
approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Job and Family Services:

2024-05.14.e A Resolution to Approve a Reimbursement for Share of Costs for Postage as a Memo Expenditure for Fund \#2018

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy

## Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission:

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## 2024-05.14.f <br> A Resolution to Approve the Meadowmoore Reserve, Section 2 - Phase 2, Final Plat

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy

## Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Sheriff:

2024-05.14.g
A Resolution to Approve to Rescind Resolutions 2024-04.23.y and 202405.07.v, Disposal of Vehicles by Internet Auction with GovDeals, Inc.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy

## Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Soil and Water Conservation District

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Soil and Water Conservation District:

2024-05.14.h A Resolution Approving and Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure Object Category for Soil \& Water, Fund \#7026

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy

## Approval of the Payment of Bills

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution for the Payment of Bills:

2024-05.14.i A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Payment of Invoices for Departments that Need Board of Commissioners' Approval

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy

## Adiournment

With no further business, on the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Dave Levacy, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 1:33 p.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix and Dave Levacy
The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the Liberty Center.

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Motion by: Jeff Fix
Seconded by:
that the May 14, 2024, minutes were approved by the following vote:
YEAS: Jeff Fix, Dave Levacy NAYS: None ABSTENTIONS:


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Commissioners:
Steven A. Davis Jeffrey M. Fix
David L. Levacy
Tuesday, May 14, 2024
1:00 p.m.
Liberty Center
951 Liberty Dr., Lancaster

County Administrator
Aundrea N. Cordle

Deputy County Administrator
Jeffrey D. Porter

1. Review

Purpose of Review Meeting: To prepare for formal actions of county business, such as Commission resolutions, and to provide a time for county leadership to connect about matters of county business.

## 2. Welcome

## 3. Public Comments

Purpose of Public Comments: This is a time for voters and taxpayers (members of the public) to provide comments. There is a time limit of 3 minutes. While this is a time for comments to be provided, it is not a time for questions and answers. The Commission has a full agenda of county business.

## 4. Legal Update

## 5. County Administration Update

a. Week in Review
b. Highlights of Resolutions
c. Budget Review
d. Recognitions/Thank-Yous
e. Calendar Review/ Invitations Received
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Re: Eastern Cottontail Solar Public Information Meeting

## 6. Old Business

7. New Business
a. Updates from Elected Officials in Attendance
8. Regular (Voting) Meeting

## 9. Adjourn

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| 12Project/Category |  | As of 5/10/24 Appropriations | As of 5/10/24 Expenditure | As of 5/10/24 Obligation |
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| Public Health |  |  |  |  |
| R15a | Public Health, PPE | 199.90 | 199.90 | 0.00 |
| R16a | Public Health, Medical Expenses | 206,838.33 | 206,838.33 | 0.00 |
| R16b | Public Health, COVID Medial Costs County Benefits Program | 399,949.66 | 399,949.66 | 0.00 |
| R17a | Public Health, Vaccination Clinic and Related Expenses | 66,362.57 | 66,362.57 | 0.00 |
| R17b | Public Health, Capital Investments and Public Facilities of the County | 3,488,618.85 | 3,404,630.19 | 83,988.66 |
| R17c | Public Health, Capital Investment for Air Quality Improvements | 56,674.00 | 56,674.00 | 0.00 |
| R17d | Public Health, Capital Investment for Health Equipment, Mobile Morgue | 49,498.87 | 49,498.87 | 0.00 |
| R17e | Public Health, Capital Investment for Sheriff Cruiser to Respond to Increased Violence | 54,250.98 | 54,250.98 | 0.00 |
| R18a | Professional Communications on Behalf of the Board of Health | 34,577.94 | 34,577.94 | 0.00 |
| R18b | Public Health, Creation of a Community Health Assessment (CHA) | 48,943.10 | 48,943.10 | 0.00 |
| R19a | Public Safety Payroll Support | 1,600,361.39 | 1,430,695.54 | 0.00 |
| R19b | Public Health Payroll Support | 185,406.39 | 185,406.39 | 0.00 |
| R19c | Other Public Sector Payroll Support | 290,060.11 | 233,339.85 | 0.00 |
| R110a | Mental and Behavioral Health | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Public Health |  | 6,481,742.09 | 6,171,367.32 | 83,988.66 |
| Negative Economic Impacts |  |  |  |  |
| R210a | Emergency Assistance for NonProfit Organizations, a Subgrant to the City of Lancaster | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| R210b | Emergency Assistance for NonProfits, Subgrant The Lighthouse | 120,000.00 | 120,000.00 | 0.00 |
| R210c | Salvation Army | 500,000.00 | 500,000.00 | 0.00 |
| R210d | Habitat for Humanity | 610,000.00 | 610,000.00 | 0.00 |

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| R210e | ADAMH/LSS Housing Projects | 3,000,000.00 | 748,622.88 | 2,251,377.12 |
| R210f | Harcum House | 100,000.00 | 100,000.00 | 0.00 |
| R211a | Subgrant for Tourism, Support for the Fairfield County Fair | 499,996.00 | 499,996.00 | 0.00 |
| R211b | Aid to Tourism, Travel, Hospitality | 18,278.01 | 18,278.01 | 0.00 |
| R29a | Emergency Assistance Business Planning | 146,829.87 | 146,829.87 | 0.00 |
| R213a | Support for Agriculture and the Growing Community | 35,000.00 | 35,000.00 | 0.00 |
| R213b | Technical Assistance for Townships \& Others | 400,000.00 | 299,354.84 | 100,000.00 |
| R213c | Contracts for Services to Support Residents Suffering Effects of the Pandemic | 96,700.00 | 96,700.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Negative Economic Impacts |  | 5,526,803.88 | 3,,174,781.60 | 2,351,377.12 |
| R310a | Housing Support, Affordable Housing Strategic Plan | 39,554.00 | 39,554.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Services Disproportionately Impacted Communities |  | 39,554.00 | 39,554.00 | 0.00 |
| Premium Pay |  |  |  |  |
| R41a | Premium Pay, Premium Pay for Emergency Management Agency Workers | 27,907.72 | 27,907.72 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Premium Pay |  | 27,907.72 | 27,907.72 | 0.00 |
| Infrastructure |  |  |  |  |
| R52a | Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Airport | 598,480.00 | 444,480.86 | 105,729.68 |
| R52b | Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Walnut Creek Sewer District | 750,000.00 | 0.00 | 750,000.00 |

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| R52c | Clean Water: Centralized Collection and Conveyance, Regional Lift Station | 2,761,835.85 | 449,751.20 | 2,312,084.65 |
| R56a | Clean Water, Stormwater | 539,895.00 | 539,895.00 | 0.00 |
| R511a | Drinking Water: <br> Transmission/Distribution, Grant Hampton | 894,729.11 | 800,318.61 | 0.00 |
| R511b | Drinking Water: <br> Transmission/Distribution, Airport | 102,000.00 | 100,805.00 | 0.00 |
| R511c | Drinking Water: <br> Transmission/Distribution, Greenfield | 1,900,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| R511d | Drinking Water: <br> Transmission/Distribution, Baltimore | 613,000.00 | 431,557.67 | 181,442.33 |
| R511e | Drinking Water: <br> Transmission/Distribution, Pleasantville | 834,000.00 | 456,309.05 | 377,690.95 |
| R516a | Broadband, "Last Mile" Projects | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Subtotal Infrastructure |  | 7,093,939.99 | 3,223,117.39 | 3,726,947.61 |
| Revenue Loss |  |  |  |  |
| R61a | SaaS and Technological Equipment | 370,646.50 | 369,959.32 | 687.18 |
| R61b | Recorder Document Scanning | 337,984.72 | 337,984.72 | 0.00 |
| R61c | Clerk of Courts Case Management | 375,000.00 | 372,221.42 | 2,778.58 |
| R61d | MARCS Tower Project | 572,433.00 | 537,899.50 | 34,533.50 |
| R61e | Dispatch Consoles | 543,820.85 | 543,820.85 | 0.00 |
| R61f | Fairfield Center Purchase | 2,708,752.85 | 2,708,752.85 | 0.00 |
| R61g | Fairfield Center Renovation | 3,763,530.00 | 2,476,066.32 | 288,084.03 |
| R61h | Community Program School Attendance | 486,110.43 | 285,896.48 | 54,345.77 |

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| R61i | Workforce Center Expansion | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| R61j | Smart Growth | $200,000.00$ | $197,657.97$ | $2,342.03$ |
| R61k | United Way and Dolly Parton's <br> Imagination Library | $25,000.00$ | $25,000.00$ | 0.00 |
| R61I | Auditor Historical Records <br> Scanning | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| R61m | Engineer's Radios | $80,000.00$ | $80,000.00$ | 0.00 |
| R61n | Auditor Printers | $4,357.66$ | $4,357.66$ | 0.00 |
| R610 | Auditor Copiers | $11,893.30$ | $11,983.30$ | 0.00 |
| R61p | Bremen ADA Ramps | $26,954.00$ | $26,954.00$ | 0.00 |
| R61q | Transportation School Education <br> Vehicles | $38,357.90$ | $38,357.90$ | 0.00 |
| R517a | Beavers Field Utilities | $37,346.77$ | $36,606.46$ | 0.00 |
| Revenue Loss |  | $9,582,277.98$ | $8,053,518.75$ | $382,771.09$ |
| Administration |  |  |  | 0.0 |
| R71a |  | $591,798.66$ | $341,608.80$ | 0.0 |
| Subtotal |  |  |  |  |
| Administration |  |  | $591,798.66$ | $341,608.80$ |

## ADMI NI STRATI VE AUTHORITY ITEMS FAI RFI ELD COUNTY COMMI SSI ONERS' OFFI CE MAY 06, 2024 TO May 12, 2024

## Fairfield County Auditor- Real Estate

AA.05.06-2024.d An Administrative Approval Authorizing a Purchase Agreement between Bob-Boyd Ford, Inc., and the Fairfield County Commissioners, for Purchase of a Vehicle for the Fairfield County Auditor (Real Estate Department) and Authorizing a Transfer of Vehicles for Trade-In. [Auditor- Real Estate]

## Fairfield County Commissioners

AA.05.07-2024.a An Administrative Approval for the payment(s) of the United Health Care (UHC) invoice for the Fairfield County Self-Funded Health Benefits Program Fairfield County Board of Commissioners [Commissioners]

AA.05.08-2024.a An Administrative Approval for the payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval and have bills presented that are not more than \$75,000 per invoice. [Commissioners]

AA.05.09-2024.a An Administrative Approval for the payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval and have bills presented that are not more than \$75,000 per invoice. [Commissioners]

## Fairfield County Facilities

AA.05.06-2024.a An Administrative Approval for an Agreement for concrete repair at the Fairfield County Courthouse with Samczuk Masonry. [Facilities]

AA.05.06-2024.b An Administrative Approval for an Agreement for service to the X-Ray Detection system at the Hall of Justice with Smith's Detection. [Facilities]

## Fairfield County Human Resources

AA.05.06-2024.C An administrative approval to amend the Fairfield County Compensation Plan schedule, assign pay ranges and/or amend job titles [Fairfield County Human Resources]

# FAIRFIELD COUNTY TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT 

## OFFICIAL NOTICE

## REGULAR TID BOARD MEETING MAY MEETING RESCHEDULED WITH LOCATION CHANGE

TO: NEWSPAPERS<br>RADIO<br>Buckeye Lake Beacon<br>Business First<br>Columbus Dispatch<br>Lancaster Eagle Gazette<br>Pickerington Times Sun<br>Southeast Messenger<br>FROM: Jeremiah Upp, Fairfield County TID<br>DATE: May 9, 2024<br>SUBJ: TID Board Meeting - May

## MAY MEETING RESCHEDULED WITH A LOCATION CHANGE!

Please be advised that the TID Board Meeting for May has been rescheduled. The May meeting will now be held on May 21, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Fairfield County Engineer's Office; 3026 West Fair Avenue; Lancaster, Ohio.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call 740-652-2300.

## OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF <br> FAIRFIELD COUNTY



Alex W. Lape, Sheriff

Honored Guest,
The Fairfield County Sheriffs Office and Sheriff Lape invites you to join us for the 2023 Annual Recognition Ceremony Luncheon being held on Thursday May 23, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at the Eagles\#2120 (ForestRoseAerie), 1936 East Main Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

Please RVSP to Kelly Daugherty by May 17 at (740) 652-7252 or kelly.daugherty@fairfieldcountyohio.gov.

Your presence will be greatly appreciated!


For Immediate Release: May 8, 2024

# Fairfield County Announces Application for USDA Grant Supporting Regional Food Systems 

LANCASTER, OH - Fairfield County is pleased to announce its application submission for the Regional Food System Partnerships Program, a USDA grant through the Local Agriculture Market Program (LAMP).

Facing ongoing growth and expansion pressures from the Columbus metropolitan region due to continued development throughout the area, Fairfield County is reinforcing its commitment to agriculture and farming as a core aspect of the region's identity. The grant will benefit a network of food producers and distributors spanning Fairfield County and neighboring communities.
"The Regional Planning Committee is excited to announce our application for the Regional Food System Partnerships Program grant, demonstrating Fairfield County's commitment to agriculture amidst ongoing regional growth," said Holly Mattei, Interim Director for the Regional Planning Commission. "This grant will bolster our network of food producers and distributors, benefiting Fairfield County and surrounding communities."

The proposed needs assessment earmarks $\$ 100,000$ to identify existing gaps within local food production, including meat and poultry, while addressing issues related to processing, storage, transportation and fresh food delivery. The grant's coverage encompasses 'Scioto to the Muskingum,' with adjacent counties actively participating in steering committees to contribute their expertise in devising planning strategies and solutions. Aligned with the Fairfield Growing initiative, established in 2011 and updated in 2022, Fairfield County invests in available funding opportunities that benefit local farms, families, businesses and institutions."
"Fairfield County is pleased to announce our application for the Regional Food System Partnerships Program grant," said Commissioner Jeff Fix. "This initiative underscores our ongoing commitment to addressing local food production gaps and engaging neighboring counties in steering committees to ensure all voices and opinions are considered. It coincides with our longstanding dedication to agriculture, as outlined in the Fairfield Growing initiative."

The grant provides Fairfield County with a unique opportunity to connect producers and consumers within a 10county region. The ten counties from the 'Scioto to the Muskingum' include: Athens, Fairfield, Franklin, Hocking, Licking, Morgan, Muskingum, Perry, Pickaway and Ross.

LAMP, created in the 2018 Farm Bill, is an umbrella program supporting direct producer-to-consumer marketing, local food markets, and value-added agricultural products. It aims to connect regional food economies, develop business plans and infrastructure, strengthen community collaboration, create economic opportunities, and streamline program processes.

The current Ohio Farm Bureau Federation policy is to support state government as they work closely with local groups to retain current, and establish new, harvest and meat packing facilities in Ohio communities. This policy was echoed by the unanimous support and response of local farm bureaus.

Founded in 1800 (three years before Ohio became a State), Fairfield County was the 8th county formed in the Northwest Territory. Today, more than 900 employees serve, connect, and protect the more than 158,000 citizens of Fairfield County, providing high quality services and outstanding customer service at exceptional value to taxpayers. Fairfield County fosters economic and fiscal sustainability and works to enhance the County's reputation as a high performing, learning, and caring organization. For more information about the county, its services and employment opportunities, please visit https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/
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Media Contact: Angela Krile, angela@krilecommunications.com, 740-974-3948

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

## Ohio Department of Taxation "The Finder" Tool Provides Various Tax Information

Lancaster, Ohio - Did you know the State of Ohio offers a tool to help citizens seeking tax information about a property in Ohio? "The Finder," a service of the state's Office of Technology, which is part of the Department of Administrative Services, provided information on municipal taxes; school district income taxes; sales and use taxes; as well as tax district summaries.


Welcome to Ohio's Tax Finder

The Fairfield County Auditor's Office is highlighting this service as it is an underutilized or unknown tool that is helpful to many citizens.

The Finder provides information on local taxing jurisdictions and certain tax rates for all addresses in Ohio, including information for Municipal Income Tax, the School District Income Tax, and the Sales and Use Tax.

Tax rates can be searched using:

- Address
- Zip Code (5- or 9-digit)
- Latitude/Longitude

Providing a 5-digit zip code is required for an address or zip code lookup. Providing a 9-digit zip code may produce better results.

At the online service site, there is a phone number (800-750-0750) for persons using TTY or TDD or adaptive equipment.
"The Finder" can also identify a municipality or county for a property.
Give "The Finder" a try here: https://tax.ohio.gov/help-center/the-finder/the-finder.
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Here is an advance copy of a table of principal employers in Fairfield County. The first page shows data for the most recent full year while the second page shows data from nine years ago for comparison.

December 31, 2023

| Employer | Nature of Business | Number of Employees | Rank | Percentage of Total County Employment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Fairfield Medical Center | Health Care-Hospital | 2,004 | 1 | 2.56\% |
| Pickerington Schools | Public School | 1,179 | 2 | 1.51\% |
| Fairfield County | Government | 1,011 | 3 | 1.29\% |
| Lancaster City Schools | Public School | 850 | 4 | 1.09\% |
| Kroger | Grocery | 824 | 5 | 1.05\% |
| Oneida | Manufacturing | 714 | 6 | 0.91\% |
| NIFCO | Manufacturing | 570 | 7 | 0.73\% |
| City of Lancaster | Government | 531 | 8 | 0.68\% |
| Magna | Manufacturing | 496 | 9 | 0.63\% |
| Thompson Concrete | Construction | 400 | 10 | 0.51\% |
|  |  | 8,579 |  | 10.96\% |
| Total Employment Within County |  | 78,300 |  |  |


| December 31, 2014 | Nature of Business | Number of Employees | Rank |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| Employer |  |  |  | Percentage of Total County Employment |
| Fairfield Medical Center | Health Care-Hospital | 1,864 | 1 | 2.60\% |
| Pickerington Schools | Public School | 1,170 | 2 | 1.63\% |
| Anchor Hocking | Manufacturing | 900 | 3 | 1.26\% |
| Fairfield County | Government | 819 | 4 | 1.14\% |
| Lancaster City Schools | Public School | 704 | 5 | 0.98\% |
| Kroger | Retail | 654 | 6 | 0.91\% |
| Southeastern Correctional Institution | Government Jail | 456 | 7 | 0.64\% |
| City of Lancaster | Government | 430 | 8 | 0.60\% |
| Canal Winchester Schools | Public School | 374 | 9 | 0.52\% |
| NIFCO | Manufacturing | 352 | 10 | 0.49\% |
| Total |  | 7,723 |  | 10.77\% |
| Total Employment Within |  |  |  |  |
| County |  | 71,700 |  |  |

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## May 10, 2024

Our brains are wired to respond to rewards. Celebrating the completion of small accomplishments leads to the completion of larger goals. And there is evidence in research to support this...According to research by Teresa Amabile from Harvard Business School, tracking small achievements enhances motivation for larger goals...

On May $9^{\text {th }}$, Carri Brown, Bev Hoskinson, Rachel Elsea, and Michelle Wright joined many others from the Fairfield County community who attended the annual Lancaster - Fairfield County Chamber trade show and dinner. There were multiple civic groups and businesses represented at the event. It was an amazing surprise for Carri to be honored with the Floyd Wolfe community service award! There is a long list of public servants and community volunteers who have earned this honor, and it was humbling and such an honor for Carri. She expressed her thanks to the Chamber and the community members in our area who are always working in support of others. The Chamber does a fabulous job with this event and with all of the award presentations. We previously sent notes to the multiple honorees who were announced prior to the event. We are so thankful to everyone for the community spirit and positivity!

- During our all-team meeting, we reviewed how several departments connect with our department and appreciated the collaboration we are experiencing.
- (We also invited Bev Anders (who recently retired) to our "Siete de Mayo" event and cornhole tournament.)
- Early this week, we reviewed the 2024 and 2025 budget, and all is proceeding as anticipated. We will be making adjustments in level 2 for the 2025 proposal.
- Thanks to the Finance Team for reviewing the COOP procedures and putting those in context for everyday practice.

Thanks to the team for working so hard on the adjustments for the second half tax bill. The adjustments were accomplished on May $6^{\text {th }}$ - and the teamwork was amazing! Thanks to Finance and REA for connecting more than ever on these tasks. Special thanks to Josh Harper, Noel Sodders, Amanda Rollins, and Angel Horn for collaborating.

- The annual MCJDC meetings were held this week, and we were able to provide a financial overview to help their leadership plan for the future.
- Senior leaders are preparing for the next team meeting now. Thanks to everyone for the input on the agenda. Thanks for the teamwork that allows for attendance at the Commissioners' leadership summit.
- This week, we received word that several community partners are going to have a presentation from the Missing in America group with Steven Cicak, who presented with us earlier in the year. We are so glad to spread the word about this amazing program.


## Your Fairfield County Auditor's Office:

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- On Friday, Carri participated in the Supreme Court's Commission on CLE meeting. This has been a tremendous learning experience and informative as we consider our own training requirements, as well.
- Thanks to Nick Dilley for the tips and tricks for GIS users this week. Nick always shares of his knowledge. We appreciate that generosity. Thanks, also, for updating our GIS system for FEMA revised GIS layers found on their website.
- Thanks to Angel Horn for completing multiple requests for information from political subdivisions who are completing their financial reports.
- Thanks for the teamwork provided by Makala Finley to help Linda O'Toole identify sales with multiple parcels for a BOR project.
- Thanks to Bev and the Finance Team for learning more about ODOT grant accounting and Transit plans to help determine a good accounting structure for the new department.
- Thanks to the Payroll Team for modernizing their approaches, saving paper, and working so well together.

And check out how the Fairfield County Auditor's Office was included on a gratitude wall for national public service recognition week:
https://ourpublicservice.org/our-solutions/recognition/public-service-recognition-week/gratitudewall/
That was very cool! There are many public service officials recognized at this gratitude wall.


# Congratulations on receiving the Floyd Wolfe Community Service Award, Dr. Brown! We are so very proud of you and honored to be a part of your team! 

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Monday, May 13, 2024

## Auditor Brown Receives Floyd Wolfe Community Service Award

Lancaster, Ohio - Dr. Carri L. Brown, Fairfield County Auditor, was honored with the Floyd Wolfe Community Service Award from the Lancaster-Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce on May 9th at the Chamber's annual banquet.

At the banquet, Brown stated, "Thank you so much for this prestigious Floyd Wolfe Community Service Award. I am so humbled and honored. This is such a tremendous surprise. Thank you to Mr. Wolfe for his legacy of service."

She went on to thank the Lancaster-Fairfield County Chamber of Commerce for their recognition of all the awardees, noting that not one of us is as good as all of us. Together, we can lift and help each other to be our best.

She also thanked coworkers and colleagues from Fairfield County, as well as leaders at Ohio University who had encouraged her and helped her to learn and thrive. She thanked mentors, Michael Orlando, Chris Veidt, and Dave Levacy.

Brown stated, "It has been my greatest honor and pleasure to participate on boards, to volunteer, to teach, and to live the life of a public servant as a leader and now, an elected official."

Dear County Commissioners,
Since working for the Village of Amanda for 20 years and raising my kids in this area. I have always had concerns in regards to the location of the only community park. As you know, the only green space for the Village of Amanda and surrounding farmlands is not within the village limits. It resides just outside the village limits along the county road at 6010 Amanda Southern Rd.

As parks contribute to the health and wellness of children, youth, adults, and seniors the need for access to this vital commodity is essential. However, the lack of parking and walking accessibility makes this asset less attainable.

One of the main concerns I have is access. There is no walking access to the park from the municipality. Which mean unless someone walks down the county road or drives to the park it isn't utilized. I believe if a walk path/ sidewalk is installed from the village limits to the park, more residents would make use of the facility. Unfortunately, since the road leading to the park is a county road the village council is not able to put in sidewalks in themselves.

In addition to the access issue, as the county grows more and more people will utilize the facility. Which during ball season the park already overflows with cars and the need for more parking is a necessity. Since the park is landlocked surrounded by farmland and the owners not willing to sell the need for alternative access is needed.

I believe that having a walk path/sidewalk to the park could eliminate the walking access and some of the parking issues. As nearby resident would have the means to walk safely to the park without the need to drive.

As governments provide the parks and recreation to our communities and the overall health and wellness of our county residents are all our concern. I hope that you would consider setting aside some funds to install a walk path/sidewalk from the village limits to the Ed Wolfe Park. I understand there might by other things that might vie for the funds but the need for the well being of our county residents are appreciated.

Sincerely,
Carrie Ayers Fiscal Officer Village of Amanda/Concerned Citizen
740-969-4771

David Levacy, Commissioner
Jeff Fix, Commissioner
Steve Davis, Commissioner
210 East Main Street, Room 301
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Bill Yates, Trustee
Terry Horn, Trustee
Doug Leith, Trustee
11420 Millersport Road
Millersport, Ohio 43046

Dear Commissioners and Walnut Township Trustees,

I want to urge you to approve the permit application for the Eastern Cottontail Solar project being developed in Fairfield County.

The Eastern Cottontail Solar project represents tangible growth and development for Fairfield County. It generates sustaining annual revenues and construction jobs. As a resident of Fairfield, I am always in favor of supporting development within our community.

Easter Cottontail Solar also brings benefits to critical municipal services, including schools and fire departments. These community benefits create opportunities for new businesses and more development in Fairfield County that positively impact our way of life.

In addition to the wonderful benefits our community would receive, Eastern Cottontail would ensure Ohio remains at the forefront of innovation. To maintain our reputation, we must continue to encourage development of all kinds, including diverse energy development such as solar, within our state.

Thank you.
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cc: Ohio Power Siting Board

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Doug Leith, Trustee
11420 Millersport Road
Millersport, Ohio 43046

Dear Commissioners and Walnut Township Trustees,

I am writing today in support of the Eastern Cottontail Solar project in Fairfield County.

We have the ability to create high-wage jobs close to home, adding value to my community and our local economy. Our energy supply should be diverse and provide opportunities for our workforce. Projects such as Eastern Cottontail help facilitate the development of a thriving workforce of local Ohioans.

## Eastern Cottontail Solar will support approximately 450 project development and onsite labor jobs, in addition to 7 long-term jobs for operations and maintenance.

These construction jobs are essential to the health of our economy and development as well. Local small businesses such as restaurants will see a measured increase in traffic through the project building, driving incentives to create more business within the community and further supporting Fairfield County. A project like this is an invaluable way to create economic growth without sacrificing the community.

I urge you to approve this project.

Name:



Address: SKiM Solomon Ave Groveport, ohio 43125
cc: Ohio Power Siting Board

May 8, 2024
Board of Commissioners for Fairfield County
210 East Main Street Lancaster, OH 43130
RE: Exclusionary zones for Solar projects
Dear Commissioners Davis, Fix and Levacy:
Please vote in favor of creating exclusionary zones in the unincorporated areas of Fairfield County to prevent utility scale solar projects.

I am a Fairfield County resident and live within a mile of the proposed Carnation Solar project. It is devastating to think our beautiful countryside landscape and prime farm land could be replaced by solar panels.

My concerns include loss of jobs, loss of farmland, and environmental impact.

## Loss of jobs:

Solar farms provide temporary jobs and when completed, a medium sized solar farm requires 4 people working in two shifts, according to Solair World. Agriculture is one of the largest industries and economic contributors in Ohio. According to the Ohio Farm Bureau Foundation, Ohio Farming accounts for 333,000 jobs and within the next 10 years, there will be a need for 470,000 new workers in agribusiness and 90,000 in direct farming operations.

## Loss of farmland:

Prime farmland is being devoured by industrial solar. Land will never be able to be farmed again due to soil compaction and damage to topsoil.

## Environmental:

The environmental impact of manufacturing and disposal of solar panels. Loss of wildlife habitat, and the creation of a warmer micro-climate.

We must work together to preserve our Fair Fields of Fairfield County. Please support our heritage of a family friendly farming community by creating exclusionary zones in the unincorporated areas of Fairfield County.

Sincerely,
Theresa Andre
Theresa Andre
Cedar Hill Rd SW
Amanda, OH

Patsy A. and Earl W. Cole
4228 Baltimore Somerset Road NE
Pleasantville, Ohio 43148

May 7, 2024

Board Of Commissioners for Fairfield County
210 East Main Street Room 301
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Dear Commissioners Davis, Fix and Levacy,

We have lived in Fairfield County, Walnut Township for 46 years. We enjoy our rural farming community very much.

We are asking you for exclusionary zones in unincorporated areas of Fairfield County to prevent utility scale solar projects. We live approximately 200 feet from one of the properties that is currently leased by Easten Cottontail.

Our concerns are safety and quality of our surface and ground water. Fires, we have a small fire department that is not equipped to handle a fire in an industrial solar field. Also the heavy equipment used to install the panels causing damage to field drainage tiles thus causing flooding and run off. Noise created by these solar projects during and after construction.

We will lose our beautiful and peaceful community. Our property values will decrease.

In closing, thank you for reading our letter of concerns and ask you to oppose industrial Solar projects in rural residential areas as ours.


Patsy A. Cole
Earl W. Cole

Betty and George Bennett
4160 Baltimore Somerset Rd NE
Pleasantville, $\mathrm{OH}, 43148$
May 6, 2024
Board of Commissioners for Fairfield County
210 East Main Street, Room 301
Lancaster, Ohio 43130
Dear Commissioners Fix, Levacy and Davis,
We are sending you this letter as a rural residential homeowner of we are asking you to create exclusionary zones in the unincorporated areas of Fairfield County to prevent utility scale solar projects. We live in Walnut Township, Fairfield County, approximately 200 ft . away from one of the properties that is currently leased by Eastern Cottontail.

Our concerns include the safety and quality of our surface and ground water, that it will be contaminated due to the toxic chemicals that could potentially runoff of the solar panels.

Due to the heavy equipment used to install the solar panels, and the support stakes that are put into the ground, we expect that there will be significant damage to the field drainage tiles, causing flooding and runoff.

Without question, surrounding property values will decrease, due to the environmental damage and loss of natural and rural aesthetics of country life.

Another big concern are fires. We have a small fire department that is not equipped to fight a fire in an industial solar field. With all the noise created by these projects during construction and after we will lose our peaceful rural community.

In closing, thank you for taking the time to read our letter and ask you to oppose the industrial solar projects in rural residential areas.


## May 6, 2024

Board of Commissioners for Fairfield County
210 E. Main St.

Lancaster, Ohio 43130

## Re: Exclusionary zone for Industrial Solar Projects

## Dear Commissioners Davis, Fix, and Levacy:

I am sending this letter as a resident of Amanda Township asking you to create exclusionary zones in the unincorporated areas of Fairfield to prevent utility scale solar projects.

My family has lived in Amanda Township for over 50 years. We built our home here because we valued the rural community and peaceful, vibrant environment surrounding us. I am concerned about the proposed industrial solar project because of many changes that will impact the wildlife, the loss of productive farmland, and the road damage and construction traffic that our rural roads are not suited for.

I feel strongly that there must be better locations for solar projects than to sacrifice productive farmland. With all the new construction of warehouses, why are not the rooftops of these huge buildings being considered.

Please consider my concerns and create exclusionary zones in unincorporated areas of Fairfield County as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration.


10850 Winter Rd.SW

Amanda, Ohio 43102

614-273-5296

Nang4080@gmail.com

Sirs, I am contacting you as a resident of Fairfield County Ohio. I am concerned about the proposed Amanda Township solar project. Farm land is too valuable an asset to squander on a short-term money grab endeavor. There are better locations for these types of industrial operations. There are also long-term environmental concerns which are not being addressed. The current wind turbine farms are a prime example of corporate indifference to local complaints of poor maintenance and upkeep of the facilities. I am opposed to the project and urge you all to vote YES on exclusionary zones. Thanks Douglas P England

115 ½ W. Market St.,

Baltimore, OH 43105

May 8, 2024
The Fairfield County Commissioners
210 E. Main Street
Lancaster, OH 43130

RE: Eastern Cottontail Solar Public Information Meeting

Dear Fairfield County Commissioners,
We are contacting you to invite you to a Public Information Meeting for the Eastern Cottontail Solar Project, which will be held on Wednesday, May 29, 2024 from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the cafeteria of the Fairfield Union High School, 6675 Cincinnati Zanesville Road NE, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. The purpose of this meeting is to notify the public about the Project and solicit input on the scope of the Project.

The Public Information Meeting will be held in an open house format. Representatives from the Project, including a variety of subject matter experts, will be available for one-on-one conversation. Information about the Project developer, facility location, construction process, environmental studies, and economic benefits of the project will be provided at various stations throughout the meeting room. Similar to the Public Informational Open House held by the project on August 2, 2023, at the Pleasantville Community Center, solar energy educational information will also be available. Written comments from the public will be collected at the meeting and considered in the preparation of the application to the Ohio Power Siting Board ("OPSB"). In addition, Staff from the OPSB will be present to answer questions about the OPSB permitting process.

## About the Project

The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project is a proposed up to 220 megawatt (MW) solar energy project under development in Walnut Township in Fairfield County. The Project will maximize energy production from solar resources to deliver electricity to the regional transmission system to serve the needs of electric utilities and their customers. The Project is being developed by Eastern Cottontail Solar LLC, a subsidiary of EDF Renewables. More information about the Project is located here: https://www.edf-re.com/project/eastern-cottontail-solar-project/. A map of the Project is provided below. solar project

115 ½ W. Market St.,
Baltimore, OH 43105

## Ohio Power Siting Board Process

Under Ohio Law, electric generating facilities capable of producing 50 MW or more must apply for a certificate of environmental compatibility and public need from the OPSB. The OPSB provides for a single unified process by which applicants can obtain a certificate to construct and operate an electric generating facility.

The OPSB certification process includes public information meetings, submittal of a certificate application (R.C. 4906.06), 60-day staff completeness review, application acceptance, OPSB staff review and recommendation, a public hearing (R.C. 4905.07), an adjudicatory hearing, and certificate issuance or denial (R.C. 4906.10). There are various avenues for public participation throughout the permitting process. This includes commenting on the docket and attending public hearings. Additionally, persons who desire to intervene in the OPSB proceeding may do so in accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4906-2-12.

As required by the OPSB, property owners and tenants receiving this letter will also receive written notice of the public hearing. In addition, you can sign up to receive electronic notification directly from the OPSB, by either subscribing to OPSB news releases, or subscribing to the OPSB case (Case No. 24-495-EL-BGN) at dis.puc.state.oh.us.

You are also welcome to contact the OPSB directly for more information at:

Ohio Power Siting Board<br>180 E Broad St<br>Columbus, OH 43215<br>Phone: (866) 270-6772<br>opsb.ohio.gov<br>contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov

We look forward to continuing our conversation about our Eastern Cottontail Solar Project and solar energy with you and your community! Should you have any additional questions, wish to speak to a member of our staff, or would like to stop by our local office, please contact us directly by emailing info@easterncottontailsolar.com or calling us at: 740-467-6162.

115 ½ W. Market St.,
Baltimore, OH 43105

Sincerely,
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Nicholas Lucania
Senior Project Developer
EDF Renewables

## EASTERN COTTONTAIL

solar project
115 ½ W. Market St.
Baltimore, OH 43105


REGULAR MEETING \#19-2024
FAI RFIELD COUNTY COMMI SSI ONERS' OFFICE
MAY 14, 2024

## AGENDA FOR TUESDAY, MAY 14, 2024

| 1:00 PM | Review |
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|  | Regular Meeting |
|  | Pledge of Allegiance |
|  | Announcements |$\quad$| Approval of Minutes for May 7, 2024 |
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## Payment of Bills

2024-05.14.i A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Payment of Invoices for Departments that Need Board of Commissioners' Approval [Commissioners]

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2024, 9:00 a.m., The Liberty Center, 951 Liberty Dr., Lancaster

## Adjourn

# Regular Meeting \#18-2024 

Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
May 7, 2024

## Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room located at 210 E. Main St., Lancaster, OH. Commissioner Levacy called the meeting to order, and the following Commissioners were present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy. County employees present: County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle; Deputy County Administrator, Jeff Porter; Clerk to the Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen; Communications \& Information Coordinator, Bennett Niceswanger; Budget Director, Bart Hampson; JFS Director, Corey Clark; Facilities \& EMA Director, Jon Kochis; Utilities Director, Tony Vogel; JFS Budget Director, Josh Crawford; ADAMH Executive Director, Marcy Fields; IT Tech Support, Xavier Smith; IT Service Desk Supervisor, Jimmie Gordon; CPS Program Administrator, Sarah Fortner; Social Service Worker, Dave Henwood; Deputy Director of Economic \& Workforce Development, DeShawn Toney; Recorder Lisa McKenzie; Treasurer, Jim Bahnsen; Sheriff’s Deputy, Tiffany Hedrick; Sheriff, Alex Lape; Deputy Director of Operations, Jason Grubb; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; Planner, Joshua Hillberry; Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys, Amy Brown-Thompson and Steven Darnell; IT Director, Dan Neeley; Economic Development Coordinator, Anthony Iachini; Prevention Coordinator, Toni Ashton; JFS Community Services Program Administrator, Krista Humphries, and also from JFS, Alice Shay, Stephanie Carson, Emily Sampson, and Heather Shields. Also present: Jonett Haberfield, Chris Schmelzer, Lindel Jackson, Ray Stemen, Chris Snider, Bryan Everitt, Mary Cullison, Sherry Pymer, Francis Martin, Sherry Pymer, Janet Haberfield, and Betty Bennett.

Virtual attendees: Josh Horacek, Tyler Monk, Tony Howard, Austin Lines, Joe Ebel, Greg Forquer, Melissa Connor, BGM, Lori Hawk, Shelby Hunt, Tiffany Daniels, Aubrey Ward, Park Russell, Jeff Barron, Deborah, Abby King, Belinda Nebbergall, Joe, Jeanie Wears, Nicole S., Jennifer Morgan, Andrea Spires, and Jerry Starner.

## Welcome

Commissioner Levacy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and spoke about the passing of former County Auditor, Barbara Curtiss Stiles.

## Presentation of a Certificate and Proclamations

A Certificate was presented to Corporal Tiffany Hedrick for being selected to receive the 2024 Brett Markwood First Responder Award at the Lancaster Fairfield Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner and Trade Show. Corporal Hedrick thanked the Commissioners for the certificate and spoke about the important interaction her position has with the community.

All veterans in attendance were asked to receive the proclamation for Military Awareness Month and Commissioner Levacy spoke about being born on the day the Germans surrendered in World War II.

Staff from Fairfield County ADAMH received the proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month and the Director of ADAMH, Marcy Fields, spoke about the importance of supporting mental health awareness.

Anna Tobin, Director of Meals on Wheels for Fairfield County, accepted the proclamation recognizing May as Older Americans Month. Ms. Tobin thanked the Commissioners for their support and spoke about the variety of programs available to county residents 60 years and older.

Jonet Haberfield from Visit Fairfield County accepted the proclamation for National Travel and Tourism month and thanked the commissioners for their support in promoting tourism across the entire county.

Sheriff Lape and Corporal Hedrick accepted a proclamation for Peace Officers Memorial Day. Sheriff Lape thanked the Commissioners for their support of the Sheriff's department and thanked the men and women of the Sheriff's Office for keeping the community safe.

JFS Director, Corey Clark, along with Krista Humphries and Heather Shields, and staff from the fraud team, accepted the proclamation recognizing May as Public Assistance Fraud Awareness Month. Ms. Shields introduced the fraud investigators and Mr. Clark stated he will be giving an update on fraud investigations at an upcoming Commissioners' meeting.

Mr. Clark, Sarah Fortner, and Dave Henwood accepted the proclamation recognizing May as Foster Care and Adoption Recognition and Recruitment Month. Ms. Fortner and Mr. Henwood spoke about the number of children in foster care, and the difficult task the team has placing children in short and long term foster homes.

## Listen \& Learn - Hunter's Run Conservancy District

Director of the Hunter's Run Conservancy District, Lindell Jackson, stated that the Hunter's Run conservancy was formed in 1952, and in 1958 the Conservancy determined the dollar amount people in the area would pay to maintain the dams. There has not been a reappraisal done since 1958. Money was needed for a study and Fairfield County ARP money made it possible to get an assessment completed. There were 13,119 parcels within the watershed that were assessed. The indirect benefits are hard to explain, but everyone in the watershed area receives some benefit, even if their property does not flood. There is an economic benefit to all in the area. An H\&H engineering study was done that shows what would happen if the dams were not in place and a lot of businesses are within the zone that have never been assessed. The ORC provides for a court hearing. Mr. Jackson thanked Jon Kochis and Garrett Blevins for helping with the May $6^{\text {th }}$ open house meeting.

Commissioner Fix asked about the 21 dams in the conservancy and what the possible issues would be for Lancaster if the dams are not in place and maintained. He thanked Mr. Jackson and spoke about the improvements in the Conservancy District under his management.

Mr. Jackson spoke about the conservancy district covering where Hunter's Run joins the Hocking River and how the river could rise.

Mr. Kochis stated that before this conservancy district's creation of a board, EMA was responding to calls and the dive team was performing cleaning up duties.

Mr. Jackson added that the conservancy district's website contains a video, and the video was shown during the meeting. The video contains information about floods in 1913 and 1918 that resulted in the creation of conservancy districts

## Public Comments

Ray Stemen of Lancaster spoke about the loss of his wife of 63 years and the battle between good and evil in our world. He read a prayer poem written by his late wife, Judy Stemen.

Sherry Pymer of Walnut Township spoke about the May $21^{\text {st }}$ meeting that is scheduled to have a resolution regarding industrial solar exclusionary zones in Fairfield County.

## Legal Update

None.

## County Administration Update

- The County Administration Update was provided by County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle, unless otherwise noted.


## $\underline{\text { Week in Review }}$

Leadership Conference
The Fairfield County Leadership Conference will be held at the Liberty Center, next Tuesday, May $14^{\text {th }}$, from 8 a.m. to noon. Elected Officials, Department Heads, and Supervisors will meet to increase the organizational knowledge base of the county.

Board of Commissioners' May 14 $4^{\text {th }}$ Meeting
Next week's meeting will be at the Liberty Center, at 1:00 p.m., following the Leadership Conference.

## Foster Parent Banquet

Fairfield County JFS, Protective Services hosted their annual Foster Parent Banquet last week. Thank you to all who choose to serve in this incredibly important and impactful way.

## Highlights of Resolutions

## Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

## Resolution Review

There are 22 resolutions on the agenda for the voting meeting.
Resolutions of note:

- A resolution authorizing the approval of proclamations. We have seven proclamations on the agenda for the Commissioners to approve. We are honored to have individuals from the Air Force, the Navy, JFS, ADAMH, Meals on ,a Wheels, the Sheriff's Office, and Visit Fairfield County to receive proclamations.
- A resolution to appropriate funds for a grant match for a grant from the Ohio Airport Grant Program/Ohio Department of Transportation.
- A resolution to approve and adopt the Fairfield County Road Design Manual for un-incorporated areas of the county. The hearing for the manual was held during the April 23, 2024, Board of Commissioners' meeting.
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## Regular Meeting \#18-2024

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- A resolution from the Engineer's Office to approve an agreement with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for construction inspection and testing services.


## Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- The review of calendar items, invitations received, and correspondence received was provided by the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen.
- Light Ohio Blue Ceremony, May 8, 2024, 5:30 p.m., The Tree Church, 721 N. Memorial Dr., Lancaster
- Lancaster Fairfield Chamber Awards and Annual Trade Show, May 9, 2024, 4:30 p.m., Fisher Catholic High School, 1803 Granville Pike, Lancaster
- Governor's Holocaust Commemoration, May 8, 2024, 2:00 p.m., Statehouse Atrium, 1 Capital Sq., Columbus


## Correspondence Received

- Violet Township Zoning Office, Variance Application Case VAR-24-06, 13052 Ault Rd., Pickerington
- Correspondence Regarding Industrial Solar Projects
- Memo, Dr. Carri Brown, County Auditor, Subjects: The Finder Reference Tool; Internal Control Manual; \& GIS Projects
- The Fairfield County Auditor's Map of the Month
- The Auditor's Wins of the Week
- Memo, Dr. Carri Brown, May 3, 2024, Subject: Financial Leadership Academy
- Lancaster Eagle Gazette, May 2, 2024, Jeff Barron, "Tiffany Hedrick Says She is Honored to be the First Female to Win the Brett Markwood Award"
- Lancaster Eagle Gazette, May 3, 2024, Jeff Barron, "Emily Cordle Honored to Receive Chamber of Commerce Young Professional Award for 2024"
- Lancaster Eagle Gazette, May 5, 2024, USA Today Network, "Chillicothe Transit System Director Takes Position with Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit"
- Federal Emergency Management Agency, April 18, 2024, Case No. 14-054454V, Letter of Map Change
- Auditor's Ledger: News from the County Auditor’s Office, April 2024


## Old Business

Commissioner Davis spoke on the CCAO Regional meeting held the prior week and how he enjoyed the opportunity to present on things happening in Fairfield County.

Commissioner Fix stated Fairfield County is in the Central Region for CCAO. He commended Commissioners Davis and Levacy for their content rich presentations. He added that he received a lot of positive feedback from attendees.

Commissioner Levacy stated he is always interested in hearing more from his colleagues and from county officials around Ohio.

# Regular Meeting \#18-2024 

Fairfield County Commissioners' Office

## New Business

Commissioner Davis expressed his condolences for Ray Stemen's loss.
Sheriff Lape stated his office continues to work to provide the best services to county residents.
Treasurer Bahnsen spoke about reaching out to Senator Schaffer to voice support for SB 186 which helps the ongoing problem of delinquent taxes.

Auditor Brown congratulated all the Chamber award winners and highlighted her Map of the Month. She mentioned upcoming volunteer opportunities. Two of her staff recently were certified in CPR and she thanked everyone for meeting financial reporting deadlines.

Director Vogel thanked the real estate office for their help with tax exemptions. He also thanked Sheriff Lape for helping to locate the owner of an abandoned car located on Utility Office property.

Commissioner Levacy stated Fairfield County is fortunate to have an abundance of water.
Anthony Iachini spoke about the Workforce Center's graduation and added that there are several different trades with graduating students.

DeShawn Toney stated the summer camps at the Workforce Center will be starting soon.
Director Kochis stated the county will host Luke Bryan again this year and he will be assisting in preparations for the large scale event. He mentioned that the Records Center parking lot will be closed for repaving.

Director Clark stated the Annual Family Fun Fest is coming up which is open to everyone at no charge.

## Regular (Voting) Meeting

The Commissioners continued to their voting portion of the meeting and the following Commissioners were present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy. County employees present: County Administrator, Aundrea Cordle; Deputy County Administrator, Jeff Porter; Clerk to the Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen; Communications \& Information Coordinator, Bennett Niceswanger; Budget Director, Bart Hampson; JFS Director, Corey Clark; Facilities \& EMA Director, Jon Kochis; Utilities Director, Tony Vogel; JFS Budget Director, Josh Crawford; ADAMH Executive Director, Marcy Fields; IT Tech Support, Xavier Smith; IT Service Desk Supervisor, Jimmie Gordon; CPS Program Administrator, Sarah Fortner; Social Service Worker, Dave Henwood; Deputy Director of Economic \& Workforce Development, DeShawn Toney; Recorder Lisa McKenzie; Treasurer, Jim Bahnsen; Sheriff’s Deputy, Tiffany Hedrick; Sheriff, Alex Lape; Deputy Director of Operations, Jason Grubb; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; Planner, Joshua Hillberry; Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys, Amy Brown-Thompson and Steven Darnell; IT Director, Dan Neeley; Economic Development Coordinator, Anthony Iachini; Prevention Coordinator, Toni Ashton; JFS Community Services Program Administrator, Krista Humphries, and also from JFS, Alice Shay, Stephanie Carson, Emily Sampson, and Heather Shields. Also present: Jonett Haberfield, Chris Schmelzer, Lindel Jackson, Ray Stemen, Chris Snider, Bryan Everitt, Mary Cullison, Sherry Pymer, Francis Martin, Sherry Pymer, Janet Haberfield, and Betty Bennett.

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Virtual attendees: Josh Horacek, Tyler Monk, Tony Howard, Austin Lines, Joe Ebel, Greg Forquer, Melissa Connor, BGM, Lori Hawk, Shelby Hunt, Tiffany Daniels, Aubrey Ward, Park Russell, Jeff Barron, Deborah, Abby King, Belinda Nebbergall, Joe, Jeanie Wears, Nicole S., Jennifer Morgan, Andrea Spires, and Jerry Starner.

## Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Levacy asked everyone to rise as able and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Announcements

Ms. Menningen stated that the Regional Planning Commission had been contacted by the contractor of the bid award on the agenda regarding concerns, therefore, resolution 2024-05.07.r would be removed from the agenda.

## Approval of Minutes for April 30, 2024

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for the Tuesday, April 30, 2024, meeting.

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

## Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners:

| 2024-05.07.a | A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Proclamations |
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| 2024-05.07.b | A resolution approving to Appropriate from Unappropriated into a major <br> expense category for Grant Fund\# 3034, subfund\#8350 for the FY2024 <br> Ohio Airport Grant Program/Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), <br> Grant match transfer from the General Fund \# 1001 \& Advance from the <br> General fund. |
| 2024-05.07.c | A resolution authorizing a fund to fund transfer for Fairfield County Job <br> and Family Services (JFS) for the 2nd Quarter 2024 Allocation. |
| 2024-05.07.d | A resolution authorizing the approval of repayment of advances to the <br> General Fund from the CHIP PY2021 grants. |

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

## Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Engineer:

| 2024-05.07.e | A Resolution to Approve and Adopt the Fairfield County, Ohio, Road <br> Design Manual, for Unincorporated Areas of Fairfield County, Ohio, Final <br> Version Effective April 23, 2024 |
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| 2024-05.07.f | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure <br> object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for general office <br> supplies |
| 2024-05.07.g | A Resolution to Approve an Agreement between Fairfield County and <br> Terracon Consultants, Inc. |
| 2024-05.07.h | A Resolution to Approve a Change Order for the FAI-CR7-1.94 Refugee <br> Road Intersection Safety Improvement Project |
| 2024-05.07.i | A Resolution to Approve the Contract with Russell Standard Corporation <br> for the 2024 Crack Sealing Project |
| 2024-05.07.j | A Resolution to Approve the Contract with Asphalt Materials, Inc. for the <br> Purchase of Liquid Asphalt |
| 2024-05.07.k | A resolution to request for appropriations for additional unanticipated <br> receipts of Memo receipts and memo expenses for fund 2050 for annual <br> inspections in various subdivisions as of 04/29/2024. |
| $2024-05.07 .1$ | A resolution to request for appropriations for additional unanticipated <br> receipts of memo receipts and memo expenses for fund 3445 BLO-36 <br> bridge replacement |
| 2024-05.07.n | A resolution to approve a reimbursement for REA/GIS services as a memo <br> expenditure for fund 2024 - Motor Vehicle |
| A Resolution to Approve the Notice to Commence for the 2024 Crack |  |
| Sealing Project |  |

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

## Approval of Resolutions from Fairfield County Job and Family Services

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from Fairfield County Job and Family Services:

| 2024-05.07.p | A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Birth <br> Certificates paid to Fairfield County Health Departments as a memo <br> expenditure for fund\# 2072 Public Children's Services |
| :---: | :--- |
| $2024-05.07 . \mathrm{q}$ | A Resolution Regarding a Purchase of Services Contract between <br> TeenWorks and Job \& Family Services |

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

## Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Sheriff

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the Fairfield County Sheriff:

| 2024-05.07.s | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure <br> object category for Sheriff's Office Fund 2027, Weights. |
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| 2024-05.07.t | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure <br> object category for Sheriff's Office Fund 2394, Litter. |
| 2024-05.07.u | A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure <br> object category for Sheriff's Office Fund 2442, Commissary. |
| 2024-05.07.v | A Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Vehicles by Internet Auction <br> with Gov Deals, Inc. |

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

## Approval of the Payment of Bills

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution for the Payment of Bills:

> 2024-05.07.w A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Payment of Invoices for Departments that Need Board of Commissioners' Approval

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

## Adjournment

With no further business, on the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to adjourn at 10:10 a.m.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:
Voting aye thereon: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy
The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at the Liberty Center.

Motion by: Jeff Fix Seconded by: Steve Davis
that the May 7, 2024, minutes were approved by the following vote:
YEAS: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and Dave Levacy NAYS: None
ABSTENTIONS: None
*Approved on May 14, 2024

| Dave Levacy | Jeff Fix | Steve Davis |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Commissioner | Commissioner | Commissioner |

Rochelle Menningen, Clerk

A resolution to request for appropriations for receipts for EMA Emergency Management Performance Grant Program 2707 (8300)

WHEREAS, the EMA received an unanticipated supplemental grant award for the FY22 Emergency Management Performance Grant; and

WHEREAS, funds total amount of $\$ 20,913.00$; and
WHEREAS, monies are being reimbursed for grant approved purchases.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1. Request that the Fairfield County Commissioners Appropriate from Unappropriated funds in the amount of:

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\begin{array}{lll}
\$ 10,913.00 & 12270722 \text { Capital Outlay } \\
\$ 10,000.00 & 12270722 \text { Contractual Services }
\end{array}
$$

## For Auditor's Office Use Only:

Section 1. 12270722574000 Equipment
\$10,913.00
12270722530000 Contract Services \$10,000.00

Section 2. Issue an Amended Certificate in the amount $\$ 20,913.00$ to credit of (2707) 8300.

Section 3. Request that the Fairfield County Auditor, on behalf of the Budget Commission, update receipt line 12270722433100 Federal Grants in the amount of $\$ 20,913.00$.

Prepared by: Christy Noland cc: EMA

# A Resolution to Request Appropriations for Receipts for EMA Emergency Management Performance Grant Program 2707, 8300 

(Fairfield County Emergency Management Agency)
This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK
It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the 2024 Microsurfacing Project.

WHEREAS, the County Engineer is requesting approval to advertise for bids for the 2024 Microsurfacing Project.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: that this Board of County Commissioners does hereby grant approval for the County Engineer to advertise for the 2024 Microsurfacing Project.

SECTION 2: that the Clerk of this Board return the signed copy of this Resolution to the County Engineer for further action.

Prepared by: Randy Carter cc: Engineering Office

Resolution No. 2024-05.14.b

## A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the 2024 Micro Surfacing Project

(Fairfield County Engineer)
This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK
It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the 2024 Pavement Markings Project.

WHEREAS, the County Engineer is requesting approval to advertise for bids for the 2024 Pavement Markings Project.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: that this Board of County Commissioners does hereby grant approval for the County Engineer to advertise for the 2024 Pavement Markings Project.

SECTION 2: that the Clerk of this Board return the signed copy of this Resolution to the County Engineer for further action.

Prepared by: Randy Carter
cc: Engineering Office

Resolution No. 2024-05.14.c

## A Resolution to Approve Advertising for the 2024 Pavement Markings Project

(Fairfield County Engineer)
This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK
It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A resolution to change a bridge load rating (PLE-04).

WHEREAS, as a result of an engineering analysis based on Ohio Legal Load Limits, the Fairfield County Engineer is recommending the load limit on the PLE-04 Elder Road Bridge be restricted per the attached Exhibit A.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: that this Board of Commissioners resolves to, and does hereby approve and order the load rating restriction to the PLE-04 Elder Road Bridge per the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION 2: that the Clerk of this Board return one signed copy of this resolution to the County Engineer for further processing.

Prepared by: Cheryl Downour cc: Engineering Office


Resolution No. 2024-05.14.d

## A Resolution to Change a Bridge Load Rating (PLE-04)

(Fairfield County Engineer)
This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK
It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

## A Resolution to Approve a Reimbursement for Share of Costs for Postage as a Memo Expenditure for Fund\# 2018

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners pay postage costs for Fairfield County Job and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, Fairfield County Job and Family Services is responsible for reimbursing the General Fund for their share of costs; and

WHEREAS, Fairfield County Job and Family Services needs to reimburse the General Fund by using 00100110 438017, Postage Reimbursement.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1: That the Fairfield County Auditor reflect the following memo receipt:

00100110438017, Postage Reimbursement: $\$ 10,131.07$
This amount represents monies owed to the General Fund for Fairfield County Job and Family Service's share of postage costs originally paid by the Board of Commissioners as denoted in the attached documentation.

Section 2: That the Fairfield County Board of Commissioners approves the following expenditure and requests that the Fairfield County Auditor accomplish the transaction as if a regular County Auditor warrant reimbursing the General Fund for Fairfield County Job and Family Service's share of costs.

Memo expenditure as referenced in supporting documentation:
Vendor \# 2280 Fairfield County Commissioners
12201807561010 Postage: $\$ 10,131.07$

Prepared by: Morgan Fox, Fiscal Officer

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Make all checks payable to Fairfield County Commissioners

## Account Summary Report

Date Range: Jan 1, 2024 to Mar 31, 2024
Meter Group: All Meters
You have 4 meters in the selected group

## Meter Details

| Location | Meter Name | Model | Serial Number | PbP Account Number | Status | Last transaction | Status Flag |
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| LANCASTER, OH | 1A00-4357872 | 1A00 | 4357872 |  | Inactive |  |  |
| LANCASTER, OH | 1A00-4371008 | 1A00 | 4371008 |  | Inactive |  |  |
| LANCASTER, OH | 1M00-4290921 | 1M00 | 4290921 | 35425578 | Inactive |  |  |
| LANCASTER, OH | 1W00-1402449 | 1W00 | 1402449 | 35425578 | Active | May 3, 2024 |  |

## Account Summary

| Account | Sub Account | Pieces | Total Charged |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| JFS | - | 13,770 | \$10,131.070 |
|  | Sub Total | 13,770 | \$10,131.070 |
|  | Total Amount | 13,770 | \$10,131.070 |
|  | Grand Total | 13,770 | \$10,131.070 |

# A Resolution to Approve a Reimbursement for Share of Costs for Postage as a Memo Expenditure for Fund \#2018 

(Fairfield County Job and Family Services)
This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK
It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

## A resolution to approve the Meadowmoore Reserve, Section 2 Phase 2, Final Plat [Regional Planning]

WHEREAS, the Meadowmoore Reserve, Section 2 - Phase 2, subdivision located in Violet Township, was approved by the Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS the developer has submitted a final plat as required by Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS the developer has submitted a development agreement as required by the Fairfield County Subdivision Regulations; and

WHEREAS the developer has furnished acceptable improvement assurances; and

WHEREAS the developer has furnished all required fees.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That this Board hereby approves and authorizes itself to execute the final plat for the Meadowmoore Reserve, Section 2 - Phase 2, subdivision.

Prepared by: Joshua Hillberry
cc: Regional Planning

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OFFICIAL RECORD 1169 , PAGE 2197. TRACT 1 . ALL REFERENCES BEING TO THE RECORDS OF THE RECORDER'S OFFICE FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO
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SIGNED AND ACKNOWLEDGED IN
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$\overline{\text { WITNESS }}$
JOHNE. DONLEY
OWNER
$\overline{\text { WITNESS }}$

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FARFILLD COUNTY, OHIO

## MEADOWMOORE RESERVE

## SECTION 2, PHASE 2

SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 16, RANGE 20 REFUGEE LANDS,

## VIOLET TOWNSHIP, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO





MEADOWMOORE RESERVE

## SECTION 2, PHASE 2

SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 16, RANGE 20
REFUGEE LANDS,
VIOLET TOWNSHIP, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, OHIO


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| No. | delta | Radius | LENGTH | Chord bearing | CHORD DIS |
| C1 | 56.10'50" | 250.00' | 245.13' | S66.02'54"W | 235.43 ' |
| C2 | 32'23'05" | 365.00' | 206.31 ${ }^{\prime}$ | N6940'09"W | $203.57^{\prime}$ |
| C3 | 20'25'39" | 340.00' | 121.22' | N54*25'33"W | $120.58{ }^{\prime}$ |
| C4 | 20'44'22" | 340.00' | 123.07' | N7500'34"W | 122.40' |
| C5 | 0'28'56" | 340.00' | 2.86' | N85 ${ }^{\circ} 7^{\prime 1} 13^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W}$ | $2.86{ }^{\prime}$ |
| C6 | 90'00'00" | 25.00' | 39.27 ${ }^{\prime}$ | S49 ${ }^{\circ} 8^{\prime} 19^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W}$ | $35.36{ }^{\prime}$ |
| C7 | 90*00'00" | 25.00' | $39.27^{\prime}$ | N40.51'41"W | $35.36{ }^{\prime}$ |
| C8 | 31'20'38" | 225.00' | 123.09' | S78.28'00" W | 121.56' |
| c9 | 38'50'41" | 225.00' | 152.54' | S43'22'20"w | 149.64' |
| C10 | 90'00'00" | 25.00' | $39.27^{\prime}$ | N40 $511^{\prime} 41^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W}$ | 35.36' |
| C11 | 18*52'14" | 275.00' | 90.57' | N47'23'36"E | $90.16^{\prime}$ |
| C12 | 18852'14" | 275.00' | 90.57' | N66"15'51"E | $90.16^{\prime}$ |
| C13 | 18'26'21" | 275.00' | 88.50' | N84*55'08"E | 88.12' |
| C14 | 5'39'46" | 390.00' | 38.54' | S83'01'49"E | 38.53' |
| C15 | $130^{\prime} 0^{\prime} 27^{\prime \prime}$ | 390.00' | 93.08' | S73'21'42"E | $92.86{ }^{\prime}$ |
| C16 | 13*02'52" | 390.00' | 88.81' | S6000'02"E | 88.62' |
| C17 | 9.15'52" | 340.00' | 54.98' | N48.50'40"W | 54.92' |
| C18 | 14*00'30" | 225.00' | 55.01 | S30.57'14"W | 54.87' |
| C19 | 12.01'06" | 315.00' | 66.07' | S58'37'50"E | $65.95{ }^{\prime}$ |
| C20 | 24'50'12" | 225.00' | 97.53' | S50 $22^{\prime} 35^{\prime \prime} \mathrm{W}$ | $96.77{ }^{\prime}$ |
| C21 | 1109'47" | 340.00' | 66.24' | N5903'29"W | $66.14{ }^{\prime}$ |
| C22 | $8^{\prime} 24^{\prime} 33^{\prime \prime}$ | 332.00' | 48.73' | S48'25'00"E | 48.68' |



## A Resolution to Approve the Meadowmoore Reserve, Section 2 - Phase 2, Final Plat

 (Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission)This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK
It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A Resolution to Approve to Rescind Resolutions \# 2024-04.23.y and \# 2024-05.07.v, disposal of vehicles by internet auction with GovDeals, Inc.

WHEREAS, The Sheriff's Office asks that Resolutions \# 2024-04.23.y and \# 2024-05.07.v be rescinded due to vehicles not being in adequate condition for selling at auction;

WHEREAS, The vehicles will now be sent for destruction.(Administrative Approval will be submitted.)

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Fairfield County Board of County Commissioners approves to rescind Resolution \# 2024-04.23.y and \# 2024-05.07.v.

Prepared by: Elisa Dowdy
cc: Lt. Jason Hodder / Sheriff
Sgt. John Warner / Sheriff
Christina Foster / Commissioners

A Resolution to Approve to Rescind Resolutions 2024-04.23.y and 2024-05.07.v, disposal of vehicles by internet auction with GovDeals, Inc.
(Fairfield County Sheriff)
This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK
It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A Resolution Approving an Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure Object Category for Soil \& Water, Fund\#7026

WHEREAS, appropriations are needed to cover expenses for 2024; and
WHEREAS, an account-to-account transfer will allow proper classification of major expenditure object categories.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the transfer of appropriations in the amount of $\$ 15,500.00$ is hereby authorized as follows:
\$4,500.00
From: 61702600 Personal Services
To: 61702600 Capital Outlay
\$11,000.00
From: 61702600 Personal Services
To: 61702600 Contractual Services

Prepared by: Christina Holt
cc: Soil \& Water

2024-05.14.h

## Account-to-Account Transfer

 For Auditor's Office Use Only:Total Transfer of Appropriations \$15,500.00
FROM: 61702600511010
TO: $\quad 61702600574000(\$ 4,500.00)$
FROM: 61702600511010
TO: $\quad 61702600530000(\$ 11,000.00)$

# A Resolution Approving an Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure Object Category for Soil \& Water, Fund\#7026 

(Fairfield County Soil and Water Conservation District)
This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK
It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

A resolution authorizing the approval of payment of invoices for departments that need Board of Commissioners' approval.

WHEREAS, departments that need the Board of Commissioners' approval for payment of their invoices have submitted their invoices to the County Auditor; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor has submitted the cash disbursement journal for payment of invoices for the check date of May 16, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, FAIRFIELD COUNTY, STATE OF OHIO:

Section 1. That the Fairfield County Board of County Commissioners approves the attached cash disbursement journal.

Prepared by: Auditor/Finance
cc: Finance Office

| Check \# | Check Date | Vendor \# | Vendor Name | Invoice \# | Invoice Date | PO \# | Warrant | Line Item Description | Amount |
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| 1200 | COMMISSIONERS ADMIN <br> Fund: 1001 - GENERAL FUND |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1584797 | 05/16/2024 | 80132 | AUNDREA N CORDLE | 4/27/24-5/3/24 | 04/30/2024 | 24000059 | C 0514 | TRAVEL REIMB COMM | 42.88 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | MEETING, CCAO |  |
| 5400877 | 05/16/2024 | 7112 | FRIENDS OF ADAMH COMMITTEE | 2024-REG-002 | 05/01/2024 | 24004378 | C0514 | ANNUAL DINNER - LEVACY, FIX, CORDLE, PORTER | 120.00 |
| Fund: 2876 - FISCAL RECOVERY (ARP) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5400878 | 05/16/2024 | 12841 | LAW GENERAL CONTRACTTING INC | 1 | 04/01/2024 | 24004048 | C0514 | Valley Force Main 4/2024 | 449,751.20 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | TOTAL: COMMISSIONERS ADMIN |  | 449,914.08 |

Department
Check \# Check Date Vendor \# Vendor Name

## Commissioner Steven A. Davis

Commissioner Jeffrey M. Fix

## Commissioner David L. Levacy

# A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Payment of I nvoices for Departments that Need Board of Commissioners' Approval 

(Fairfield County Commissioners)
This resolution has not yet been voted on.

CERTIFICATE OF CLERK
It is hereby certified that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of a resolution acted upon by the Board of County Commissioners, Fairfield County, Ohio on the date noted above.

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## Eastern Cottontail Solar Project

## About the Project

The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project is a proposed 220-megawatt (AC) solar powered electric generating facility on approximately up to 1,550 acres of privately-owned land in Fairfield County, Ohio. Located within Walnut Township, the purpose of this Project will be to generate and deliver electricity to the bulk transmission system. The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project would include various equipment, including, without limitation, solar panels, inverters, and a project substation, all of sufficient size and capacity to achieve up to the proposed nameplate capacity set forth above.

The Applicant anticipates requesting waivers, in part, from Ohio Adm. Code 4906-408(D)(2) (reduced study area for cultural resources and landmarks) and Ohio Adm. Code 4906-4-08(D)(4) (reduced study area for visual impacts). These are commonly sought waivers in solar project proceedings. The Applicant may request additional waivers, if necessary.

The Project anticipates that in the summer of 2024, an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need (Certificate) will be submitted to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB). There will be two Public Information Meetings (PIM) held by the Project prior to submitting the application. Following a decision by the OPSB (anticipated in 2025), the Project will begin construction. Operations are anticipated to begin as early as 2026.

## Public Information Meetings

Prior to applying for a Certificate with the OPSB, the Applicant may request a preapplication conference with OPSB Staff and the applicant must hold a PIM. The Eastern Cottontail Solar Project, in accordance with proposed OPSB rule changes that are currently pending finalization, will hold two such PIMs.

The purpose of the first PIM is to notify the public about the Project and solicit input on the scope of the Project. The PIM will be held in an open house format.

- Representatives from the Project, including a variety of subject matter experts, will be available for one-on-one conversations.
- Information about the Project developer, facility location, construction process, environmental studies, and economic benefits will be provided at various stations throughout the meeting room.
- Similar to the Public Informational Open House held by the project on August 2, 2023, at the Pleasantville Community Center, solar energy educational information will also be available.

Written comments from the public will be collected at the meeting and considered in the preparation of the application to the OPSB. In addition, staff from the OPSB will be present to answer questions about the OPSB permitting process.

## Ohio Power Siting Board Process

Under Ohio law, electric generating facilities capable of producing 50 MW or more must apply for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need from the OPSB. The OPSB provides for a single unified process by which applicants can obtain a certificate to construct and operate an electric generating facility.

Generally speaking, the OPSB certification process includes:

- Public Information Meetings,
- Submittal of certificate application (R.C. 4906.06),
- 60-day staff completeness review,
- Application acceptance,
- OPSB staff review and recommendation,
- A public hearing (R.C. 4905.07),
- An adjudicatory hearing, and
- Certificate issuance or denial (R.C. 4906.10)

There are various avenues for public participation throughout the permitting process. This includes commenting on the docket and attending public hearings. Additionally, persons who desire to intervene in the OPSB proceeding may do so in accordance with Ohio Adm. Code 4906-2-12.

As required by the OPSB, property owners adjacent or participating in the Project (and tenants) will also receive written notice of the public hearing. In addition, you can sign up to receive electronic notification directly from the OPSB by subscribing to OPSB news releases or to the OPSB case (Case No. 24-495-EL-BGN) at dis.puc.state.oh.us.

Contact the OPSB directly for more information:
Ohio Power Siting Board
180 E. Broad St.,
Columbus, Ohio 43215
Website: opsb.ohio.gov
Email: contactopsb@puco.ohio.gov

## Project Site Map



## Public Information Meetings

PIM \#1: Wednesday, May 29, 2024<br>5-7 p.m.<br>Location: Fairfield Union High School 6675 Cincinnati Zanesville Rd NE, Lancaster, OH 43130

PIM \#2: Tuesday, July 2, 2024
5-7 p.m.
Location: TBD

Project Newsletter Sign Up

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