

Regular Meeting #50 - 2024
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
November 5, 2024

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 9:00 a.m. 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 Board of Commissioners, Rochelle Menningen; Communications & Information Coordinator, Bennett Niceswanger; Budget Director, Bart Hampson; Director of Job & Family Services, Corey Clark; Facilities & EMA Director, Jon Kochis; IT Director, Dan Neeley; Economic Development Specialist, Anthony Iachini; Utilities Director, Tony Vogel; Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys, Steven Darnell and Austin Lines; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer; FCFC Manager, Tiffany Wilson; Interim RPC Director, Holly Mattei; JFS Deputy Director, Heather O'Keefe; and Sheriff's Deputy, Gary Hummel. Also in attendance: Sherry Pymmer, Ray Stemen, Stephanie Taylor, Melissa Connor, Joe Garrity, Eileen Leuby, William Murdock, and Bryan Everitt.

Virtual attendees: Tony Vogel, Nicole Schultz, Shannon, Greg Forquer, BGM, Deborah, Baylie Blevins, Lynette Barnhart, Joe Ebel, Lisa McKenzie, Stacy Hicks, Jeanie Wears, Belinda Nebbergall, Marcy Fields, Abby King, Abby Watson, Tiffany Daniels, Lori Lovas, Park Russell, Joe, Jim Bahnsen, Brian Wolfe, Lori Hawk, and Daniel Thompson.

Welcome

Commissioner Levacy opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC) Annual Update

MORPC Executive Director, William Murdock, provided the MORPC Annual Update. He spoke on MORPC's Strategic Framework which includes the following four pillars: paying it forward, driving investments, building value for members, and creating an environment for prosperity. MORPC consists of 15 counties and 88 member communities and organizations which focus on mobility, sustainability, and local government. Central Ohio's population is rapidly growing, but that growth is manageable. The growth requires some important changes for economic development, business, and residents such as additions to John Glenn International Airport and transportation planning in both metropolitan and rural areas. MORPC offers community-based planning assistance for local governments and commuting solutions for employers and for the workforce. MORPC is working on trails, water collaboration and planning, air quality, and Central Ohio defense facilities. A grant session is provided every Monday morning for our partners, and we host many events and training sessions. A regional planning session for the southeast area of the region will occur in December. Mr. Murdock's PowerPoint is available in the minutes packet.

Commissioner Davis thanked Mr. Murdock for his presentation and for MORPC's partnership with Fairfield County.

Commissioner Fix spoke about how the support of MORPC had been a huge help in a recent meeting.

Commissioner Levacy spoke about the great relationship Fairfield County has with MORPC, and the importance of that partnership in this period of rapid growth.

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Dan Neeley of Pleasant Township spoke about his support of the Movember movement to draw attention to men's health issues.

Bryan Everitt of Lancaster stated his firm represents the Carnation Solar Project and invited the Commissioners to the upcoming public meeting.

Stephanie Taylor of Habitat for Humanity of Southeast Ohio provided updates on current projects that are underway in Fairfield County.

Legal Update

None.

County Administration Update

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

Week in Review

Energy Aggregation

Mr. Kochis recently attended the CCAO Energy Committee Update and provided an overview of the energy market. Mr. Kochis spoke about the Palmer Energy program for county owned facilities, the statewide and county annual savings in the Aggregation Program, and the amounts of energy generated by the major energy sources. Those sources include petroleum, renewables, nuclear energy, natural gas, and coal. He also spoke about new sources of energy, the storage capacity of energy sources, and trading in the electric and gas markets.

Development Disabilities Board of Directors Vacancy

There will be two vacancies on the Fairfield County Developmental Disabilities board at the end of the year. Thank you to Sharon Scruggs and Bob Competti for their long-time service to the DD board. Candidates must live in Fairfield County. We will be posting to fill the Commissioner appointed positions in the newspaper and on social media.

Engineering Tech Lab Ribbon Cutting

The County will be hosting a ribbon cutting event at The Workforce Center for the new Engineering Tech Lab tomorrow, November 6th, at 4:00 p.m.

Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

Resolution Review

There are 25 resolutions on the agenda for the Regular voting meeting.

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- Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Induction Festivities, Dinner - November 6, 2024, 6:00 p.m., Marriott Columbus Northwest, Dublin Ballroom, 5605 Dublin Blazar Pkwy., Dublin; Breakfast and Induction Ceremony – November 7, 2024, 9:00 a.m., Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus
- MCJDC Board of Trustees Meeting, November 8, 2024, 9:00 a.m., MCJDC, 923 Liberty Dr., Lancaster
- MCJDC Joint Board of Commissioners Meeting, November 8, 2024, 10:30 a.m., MCJDC, 923 Liberty Dr., Lancaster
- Invitation, MCJDC Holiday Happenings Party, December 13, 2024, 10:30 a.m., 923 Liberty Dr., Lancaster

Correspondence

- Thank You Card from United Church Homes
- Press Release, Office of the County Auditor, November 4, 2024, “Fairfield County Auditor Recognizes National Notary Public Day”
- Memo, Dr. Carri Brown, County Auditor, October 31, 2024, Subjects: Fact Sheet about the Hotel/Motel Lodging Tax and DACO History
- Fairfield County Auditor’s “Wins of the Week”, October 31, 2024
- Fairfield County Auditor’s Map of the Month, November 2024, “Coronet Awards”
- Correspondence Regarding Industrial Solar Projects
- R. Kyle Witt, Fairfield County Prosecuting Attorney, October 31, 2024, DETAC Report
- Newsletter, Auditor’s Ledger: News from the County Auditor’s Office, October 2024

Old Business

Commissioner Fix has held a series of meetings with Education Service Center Director Marie Ward and Representative Jeff LaRe to find ways to remove childcare barriers for those parents in the workforce. He also met with MORPC and state officials regarding the US Route 33/ I-70 Connector.

Commissioner Levacy mentioned the United Way fundraiser held last week and sponsored by the Commissioners’ staff, which raised over \$2453.00.

New Business

Auditor Brown continues to learn more about how to integrate AI technology to aid in the functions of her office. Next week she will have a resolution to accept Perry Associates as the accounting firm for the 2025 Audit. Lastly, she spoke on the Map of the Month.

Director Kochis thanked everyone who donated to Dolly’s Imagination Library in memory of his mother.

Director Neeley spoke on the election security support County IT provides to the Board of

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- 2024-11.05.b A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category for the Commissioners' Office, General Fund# 1001.
- 2024-11.05.c A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in major expenditure object categories for the General Fund# 1001.
- 2024-11.05.d A Resolution Approving an Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure Object Category – Fund # 2876, American Rescue Plan
- 2024-11.05.e A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense category for the Facilities Budget, General Fund# 1001.
- 2024-11.05.f A resolution to approve the collection of fees for the County Recorder Equipment Fund from January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2030, pursuant to Section 317.321 of the Ohio Revised Code

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Auditor - Payroll

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

- 2024-11.05.g A resolution authorizing a memo expense memo receipt for the General Fund 2% administration fee for managing the county self-insurance program, Fund # 5376 TO GENERAL #1001 - Fairfield County Auditor

Auditor Brown stated this is a traditional process to recover costs.

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Auditor – Real Estate

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Auditor – Real Estate:

- 2024-11.05.h A resolution authorizing a memo expense memo receipt for the 2024 Reimbursement of agency share of Fairfield County Base Mapping Program 2020-2025 for fund 2443 – REA Department

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Court of Common Pleas

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

- 2024-11.05.i A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure

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Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Family and Children First Council

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 Family and Children First Council:

- 2024-11.05.q A resolution authorizing the approval of partial repayment of an advance to the General Fund from Fund# 7521 Family and Children First Council
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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:

- 2024-11.05.t A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the costs of Birth Certificates paid to Fairfield County Health Departments as a memo expenditure for fund# 2072 Public Children's Services
- 2024-11.05.u A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for Fairfield County JFS; Fund # 2072, Children Services Fund

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

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission

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

- 2024-11.05.v A resolution authorizing the contract, notice to proceed and notice of commencement to Hickory Valley Sod Farm, LLC for CDBG PY2023 - Village of Sugar Grove, Rocket Way Sewer Improvements project.

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

Approval of a Resolution from the South Central Major Crimes Unit

On the motion of Jeff Fix and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the South Central Major Crimes Unit:

- 2024-11.05.w A resolution to request for appropriations for receipts for South Central

