

Regular Meeting #21 - 2025
Fairfield County Commissioners' Office
May 13, 2025

Review Meeting

The Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. at the Wigwam Event Center, 10190 Blacklick-Eastern Rd., Pickerington, OH. Commissioner Fix called the meeting to order, and the following Commissioners were present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and David 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; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; JFS Director, Corey Clark; Budget Director, Bart Hampson; Facilities & EMA Director, Jon Kochis; Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer; Economic Development Specialist, Anthony Iachini; Utilities Director, Tony Vogel; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Austin Lines; FCFC Manager, Tiffany Wilson; Planner, Josh Hillberry; IT Director, Dan Neeley; and Sheriff's Deputy, Andy Robberts. Also in attendance: Elizabeth Moe, Jaclyn Rohaly, Jill Tangeman, David Coe, Erica Kaple, Lance Meyer, and Bobby Fagrell.

Welcome

Commissioner Fix opened the meeting by welcoming everyone in attendance and explained the difference between the Review and Voting portions of the meeting.

Public Comments

None.

Legal Update

Austin Lines summarized the process for Expedited Type II Annexations. He stated that if neither the township nor municipality have made an objection, then O.R.C. 709.023 dictates that the Commissioners are to approve the annexation.

County Administration Update

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

Week in Review

Updates on Upcoming BOC Meetings

The following BOC meetings will be in the Commissioners' Hearing Room of the Administrative Courthouse at 9:00 a.m.:

- May 20, 2025 - Commissioner Fix Out
- June 10, 2025 - Commissioner Fix Out
- June 17, 2025 - Commissioner Davis Out
- June 24, 2025 - Commissioner Fix Out, I will be out also.

There is no BOC meeting scheduled for the following Tuesdays:

- May 27, 2025 - No Meeting
- June 3, 2025 - No Meeting
- July 1, 2025 - No Meeting

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Highlights of Resolutions

Administrative Approvals

The review packet contains a list of administrative approvals.

Resolution Review

There are 20 resolutions on the agenda for the Regular voting meeting.

Resolutions of note:

- The first two resolutions on the agenda are for Expedited Type II Annexations. The first is from petitioner Catherine Cunningham for 4.38 acres from Violet Township to the City of Canal Winchester. The second is from petitioner Elizabeth Seedorf for 496.232 acres from Walnut Township to the Village of Millersport. I believe we have Elizabeth Seedorf here and a representative for Catherine Cunningham.
- We have a resolution for two proclamations. The first proclamation is for the May 7th Fallen Officers Memorial Service, and the second is for the May 22nd dedication of the Corporal David A. Johnston Memorial Highway in front of American Legion Post 283 in Pickerington.
- There is a resolution to appropriate \$111,541.02 for Change Order 1 for the Airport Hangar Project. Jon Kochis presented information on this change order in the Commissioners' May 6, 2025, meeting.
- The Clerk of Courts has a resolution to approve the contract with Legal Aid of Southeast and Central for Ohio for legal aid services. This is a two year contract for a total of \$200,000 for the contract. Of Justice.

Branden thanked the Prosecutors office for reviewing the contract and added his excitement that the legal aid office is finally coming to fruition.

- Economic Development has a resolution to approve the WOIA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) Area 20 Subgrant Agreement.
- Regional Planning has a resolution to approve a development agreement with American Barbell who wishes to develop nine acres in Violet Township.
- MCU has five resolutions on the agenda. One for a memo expense, two to appropriate funds, one to approve the Ohio 25 Subgrant Agreement, and one to approve an advance for the grant match to be repaid by December 15, 2026.

Budget Review

- None.

Calendar Review/Invitations Received

- *The review of the calendar, invitations received, and correspondence received was provided by the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners, Ms. Menningen.*

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- Family and Children First Council Meeting, May 15, 2025, 8:30 a.m., Fairfield County Agricultural Center, 831 College Ave., Lancaster
- Workforce Center Graduation, May 15, 2025, 11:30 a.m., Fairfield County Workforce Center, 4465 Coonpath Rd. NW, Carroll
- 2025 PACC Annual Awards & Athena Celebration Dinner & Silent Auction, May 15, 2025, 5:00 p.m., The Wigwam Event Center, 10190 Blacklick Eastern Rd. NW, Pickerington
- Olivedale Veterans Group Meeting, May 19, 2025, 1:00 p.m., Olivedale Senior Citizens Center, 253 Boving Rd., Lancaster
- Venture Place Groundbreaking Ceremony, May 29, 2025, 10:30 a.m., Venture Place Site, Lancaster
- MORPC Transportation Innovation Forum, June 4, 2025, 12:00 p.m., Vitria on the Square, 14 E. 15th Ave, 2nd Floor, Columbus
- Village of Rushville's Recognition of Historic Underground Railroad, June 14, 2025, 10:30 a.m., Masonic Townhall, 3198 Market St., Rushville
- Village of Baltimore's Dedication of Bicentennial Park, June 22, 2025, 1:00 p.m., 1314 W. Market St., Baltimore

Correspondence

- Expedited Type II Annexation Petition Filed May 12, 2025, .605 +/- Acres from Pleasant Township to the City of Lancaster, Agent for the Petitioner – Chris Tumblin of Casto
- Ohio Division of Liquor Control, Liquor Permit Transfer of Permit #46185510015, 13607 Shell Beach Rd., Thornville
- CFLP Solid Waste District, 1st Quarter Financial Statement
- Correspondence Regarding Large Solar Facilities

Updates from Elected Officials and Department Heads

Auditor Brown introduced Bobby Fagrell as the new GIS Specialist working in her office.

Mr. Fagrell stated he has wanted to work in Ohio and is glad to be in Fairfield County.

Auditor Brown continued with financial stats and reported that the fact sheet for real estate appraisals is available. Her office will be sending out information about the appraisal. She also reported on her excitement to be serving on the National Editorial Board for Government Accountants.

Commissioner Fix congratulated Dr. Brown on her appointment with the national board.

Mr. Vogel stated the Pickerington Road interchange RFP was delayed. He has been approached by several companies wishing to lease land to perform work in that area.

Ms. Wilson encouraged people to join the upcoming Family and Children First Council meeting.

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Mr. Iachini stated the upcoming apprenticeship graduation would graduate 69 students. One of the students will be speaking and they have some past students coming back to speak as well.

Ms. Cordle added that Commissioner Levacy and Bobbie Carpenter would be speaking at the graduation.

Clerk of Courts Meyer stated he will be sending out communications about the legal help center and their assistance with family law.

Mr. Neeley spoke about his appreciation of Mr. Meyer and his teamwork.

Mr. Hillberry stated Ms. Mattei would be one of the speakers at the MORPC meeting on June 4, 2025.

Mr. Kochis said repairs have been made to the Pickerington BMV and added that insurance will cover the repair costs.

Mr. Clark stated there are additional financial institutions assisting with the APS service to seniors who are potential victims of exploitation.

Ms. Cordle thanked Deputy Robberts for attending the meeting.

Old Business

Commissioner Davis stated the Board of Commissioners is receiving documentation regarding the application of Carnation Solar in Amanda Township and as a result will have to select an ad hoc member to the Ohio Power Siting Board (OPSB) for that project. The last few years the Commissioners have operated on a certain set of protocols and have learned a lot about the process. He recommended that the Commission give some thought on whether they should take a stance on the project before it gets to the hearing.

Commissioner Levacy stated he had the privilege to attend the Fallen Officers memorial in Lancaster and spoke about the men and women who put their lives on the line every day. He also spoke about the very deserving recipients of the Lancaster-Fairfield Chamber Awards.

Commissioner Fix reported he attended a legislative meeting with school administrators. He also talked about the county's development project and about presenting at a MORPC panel on housing. He attended an Autism Speaks event and was moved by those affected. He added that in regard to the Commissioners' position on solar, the first time we went through this the Commissioners learned a couple of things, that a lot of people are not paying attention to the facts and as challenging as it was, HB 52 put us in the position.

New Business

Commissioner Levacy stated he is excited to attend the workforce graduation and that many of the graduates did not have a career path, and now they do. He will attend the Pickerington Chamber Awards and is excited to attend both the Workforce Center graduation and the Forest Rose graduation.

Commissioner Fix thanked Commissioner Levacy for pushing the Workforce Center forward.

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Commissioner Davis stated that he met with Uber management regarding transit concepts. The potential partnership may allow Fairfield County to get to its goal quicker of providing transit services around the clock.

Regular (Voting) Meeting

The Commissioners continued to the voting portion of the meeting with the following Commissioners present: Jeff Fix, Steve Davis, and David 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; Auditor, Dr. Carri Brown; JFS Director, Corey Clark; Budget Director, Bart Hampson; Facilities & EMA Director, Jon Kochis; Clerk of Courts, Branden Meyer; Economic Development Specialist, Anthony Iachini; Utilities Director, Tony Vogel; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Austin Lines; FCFC Manager, Tiffany Wilson; Planner, Josh Hillberry; IT Director, Dan Neeley; and Sheriff's Deputy, Andy Robberts. Also in attendance: Elizabeth Moe, Jaclyn Rohaly, Jill Tangeman, David Coe, Erica Kaple, Lance Meyer, and Bobby Fagrell.

Announcements

None

Approval of Minutes for May 6, 2025

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the Minutes for Tuesday, May 6, 2025, meeting.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

Approval of Resolutions from the Fairfield County Commissioners

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

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| 2025-05.13.a | A Resolution to Approve the Expedited Type II Annexation of 4.38 +/- Acres from Violet Township to the City of Canal Winchester, Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 709.023, Agent for the Petitioners, Catherine Cunningham. |
| 2025-05.13.b | A Resolution to Approve the Expedited Type II Annexation of 496.232 +/- Acres from Walnut Township to the Village of Millersport, Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code (R.C.) 709.023, Agent for the Petitioners, Elizabeth Seedorf |
| 2025-05.13.c | A Resolution Authorizing the Approval of Proclamations |
| 2025-05.13.d | A resolution authorizing appropriations from unappropriated into major expense categories for the General Fund# 1001, Fund to Fund Transfer to the Hangar 2023 Capital Projects Fund # 3896, & appropriations from unappropriated into major expense categories for the Hangar 2023 Capital Projects Fund# 3896. |

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2025-05.13.e A resolution approving an account to account transfer in a major object expense categories for the Facilities Budget, General Fund# 1001.

Ms. Tangeman stated she was working for the company that is bringing the data center to the county and stated her appreciation for those who have helped with the process.

Commissioner Davis asked about the next milestone for the project.

Ms. Tangeman stated Millersport is working on agreements that will ensure everything is in place before the data center breaks ground.

Commissioner Levacy stated his appreciation for everyone who is working on development issues in the county.

Commissioner Fix stated the data center team adhered to the non-disclosure agreement and that he has only heard positive comments from his team about working with the developers.

Erica Kaple, on behalf of the first annexation, had nothing to add.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Auditor - Finance

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Auditor - Finance:

2025-05.13.f A Resolution Approving an Account-to-Account Transfer into a Major Expenditure Object Category – 1001-General Fund

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities:

2025-05.13.g A resolution to approve a memo exp./ memo receipt for the cost of transportation for individuals paid to Lancaster-Fairfield Public Transit as a memo expenditure for fund# 2060 - Fairfield County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Board of Elections

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Board of Elections:

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2025-05.13.h A Resolution to Appropriate from Unappropriated in a Major Expenditure Object Category for Board of Elections; Fund # 2884 SOS 2025 Primary Election Funding

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Clerk of Courts - Legal

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Clerk of Courts - Legal:

2025-05.13.i A Resolution to Approve the Contract with Legal Aid of Southeast and Central Ohio for Legal Aid Services.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from Fairfield County Economic & Workforce Development:

2025-05.13.j A resolution to approve the Area 20/21 WIOA Subgrant Agreement.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Engineer

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolution from the Fairfield County Engineer:

2025-05.13.k A resolution to appropriate from unappropriated in a major expenditure object category County Engineer 2024-Motor Vehicle for construction in progress

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

Approval of Resolutions from Fairfield County Job and Family Services

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

2025-05.13.l A resolution to approve a subgrant agreement between the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Ohio Department of Medicaid, the Ohio Department of Children and Youth, and the Fairfield County Department of Job and Family Services.

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2025-05.13.m A resolution authorizing the approval of a service agreement by and between Fairfield County Job & Family Services, Child Protective Services Division and Oasis Therapeutic Foster Care Network, Inc.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

Approval of a Resolution from the Fairfield County Regional Planning Commission

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

2025-05.13.n A resolution to approve a Development Agreement for the American Barbell subdivision

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

Approval of Resolutions from the South Central Major Crimes Unit

On the motion of David Levacy and the second of Steve Davis, the Board of Commissioners voted to approve the following resolutions from the South Central Major Crimes Unit:

2025-05.13.o A resolution to approve a reimbursement for share of costs for Rent paid to Fairfield County Commissioners as a memo expenditure for fund #7864/8313 Major Crimes Unit

2025-05.13.p A resolution to request for appropriations for Major Crimes COSSAP Fund 7858/8360

2025-05.13.q A resolution to request for appropriations for Major Crimes Recovery Ohio 2025 Fund 7864/8371

2025-05.13.r A resolution to authorize the Fairfield County Commissioners to sign the South Central Ohio Major Crimes Unit Subgrant Award Agreement for Recovery Ohio 2025

2025-05.13.s A resolution to advance match funds to the South Central Ohio Major Crimes Unit Subgrant Award for Recovery Ohio 2025

Commissioner Davis stated the MCU operating board meeting was productive and improvements in the operations at MCU have been noted. There were discussions about promoting interim commander Duff to permanent commander Duff and the Commissioner would like the Bylaws to be in order before that happens.

Ms. Cordle stated that the agenda draft includes the appointment of Commander Duff and the MCU By-Laws.

Roll call vote of the motion resulted as follows:

Voting aye thereon: David Levacy, Steve Davis, and Jeff Fix

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